MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 26, 2023



LAZARUS... COME OUT!!!

— John 11:43

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 5

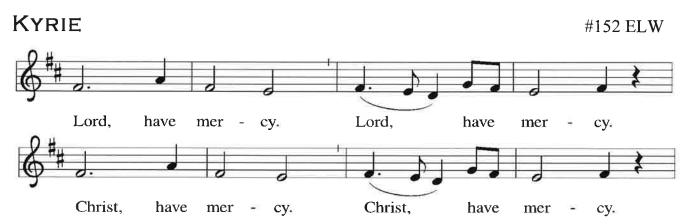
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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

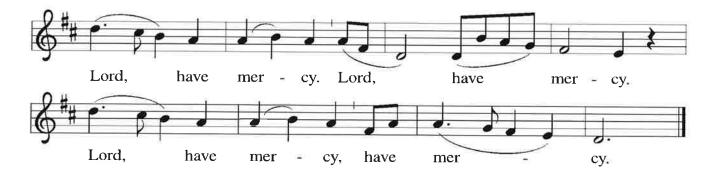
PRELUDE Wondrous Love Dale Wood GATHERING HYMN You Are the Way #758 ELW You are the way; to sin and death we 1 you a - lone from You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part; You are the life; the rend-ing tomb pro-claims your con-qu'ring arm; are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know. those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free. on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy vou the heart. and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm. that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.



Continued



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place

you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 130 *Please see insert* (After this page for online viewers)

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared. R

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning, more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plen- teous redemption.

⁸For the Lord shall redeem Israel

from | all their sins. R

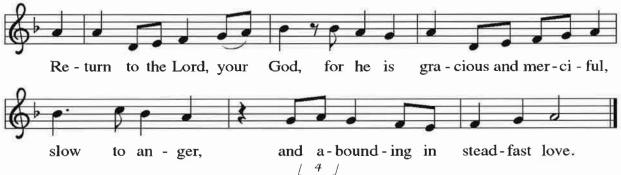
SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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O Lord, I Call to You

Choir

1 O Lord, I call to you; look upon me with compassion. Calm my disquiet within; hear my voice when I call to you.



Choir

- 2 O Lord, I wait for you; my spirit longs for your coming. Turn darkest night into day; comfort me as I wait for you. Refrain
- ³ O Lord, I hope in you, undying source of assurance; your word is faithful and sure, so I place all my hope in you. Refrain

Full redemption and unfailing love. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Sesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the

blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did,

believed in him.

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Neither Death nor Life

#622 ELW

Please refer to the red hymnals located in the pew in front of you. This hymn appears right after this page for the online viewers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Neither Death nor Life





OFFERING

Offering Music—Anthem, Bell Choir

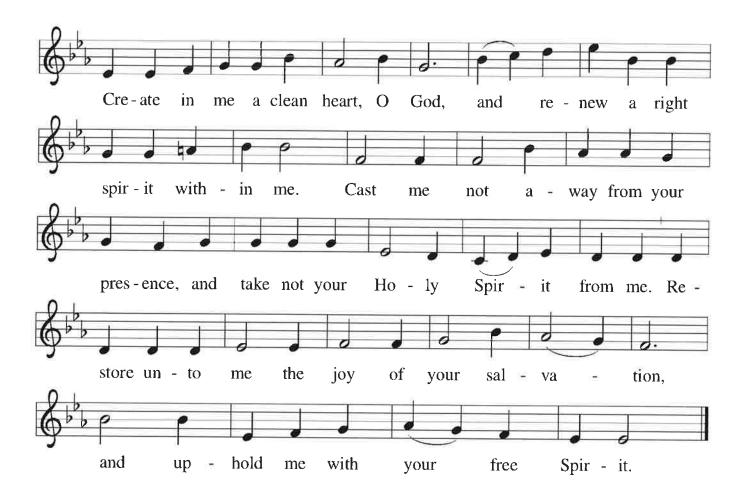
Blessed Assurance

Sandra Eithun

Offertory Hymn

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#188 ELW



CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

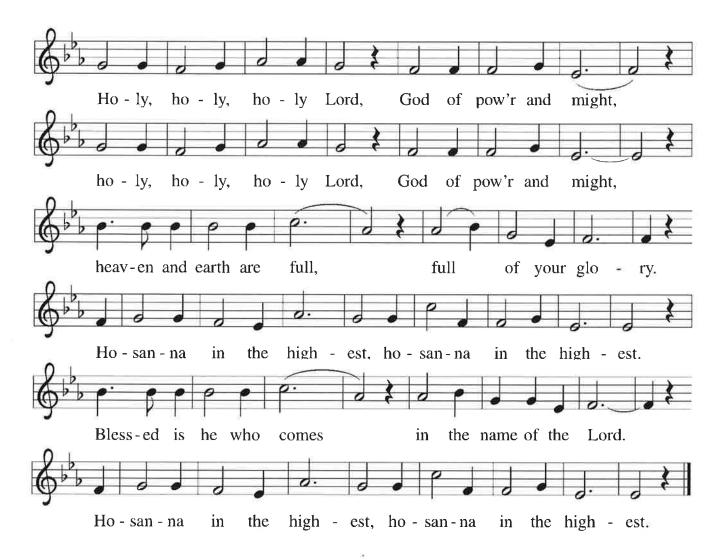
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Preface: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution (In the night he was betrayed...)

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Distribution

- We trust in Christ's love and that Christ is present in this meal. All are invited to the Table. Come as you wish. The ushers will guide you by row.
- The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. At Magnolia Lutheran Church, we receive communion by intinction, which is the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice.
- Children are welcome at the Table. We invite parents to decide the best time for their children to receive communion. The pastor is available for a home visits and conversation about communion. Children who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to receive a blessing.

Distribution Lamb of God sus, Lamb God, of Je have mer - cy us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us. Je sus, re - deem - er, re deem-er of the world. grant us peace, grant us peace.



SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#886 ELW



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem er's praise,
- 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
- 3 The name of Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



glo - ries of my God and king, the the tri-umphs of his grace! spread through all the earth a - broad the to hon - ors your name. of sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. bro-ken hearts re - joice, the mourn - ful, hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

To Thee, Lord Jesus, Thanks We Give

J.S. Bach

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister Counters

April 2 — Mark Johnson April 2 — Ralph Hendrickson

April 9 — Serena Severance April 9 — John Valiton **Coffee Hour Hosts**

Lector

Altar Preparation

April 2 — Mark Johnson April 9 — Serena Severance April 2 — Ronnie Beckerleg

April 9 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Ushers

April 2 — Amy Sigmar April 2 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

April 9 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg April 9 — Easter—Fellowship

SPRING CLEANUP SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST AT 9AM

Spring is just around the corner!! A perfect time to work outside! Come join the property committee in helping to beautify the outside grounds of Magnolia Lutheran Church. Just bring any gardening equipment you may find useful such as rakes, spades, etc. And don't forget your gloves!! Please meet at MLC at 9am.

This Week at MLC

Sunday, March 26, Puppet Show

8:15am Worship Service

9am Atrium

Worship Service 10am

Tuesday, March 28

9am NO Bible Study, Zoom 7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, March 29

Quilt tying for graduates 10am

Thursday, March 30

11am **NO** Bible Study, In Person

AA, Fireside Room 7-9pm

Friday, March 31

4pm-6:45pm Tai Chi, Luther Hall

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, April 2

8:15am Worship Service

9:00am Atrium

10am Worship Service Tai Chi, Luther Hall 12:30pm-4pm

FORTY DAYS OF GIVING

Once again this year we are asking for hygiene kits for both West Side Baby and Compass Housing Alliance. As you are able, please bring the following items (listed below) and place them in the bins in the Narthex. These items are so minor, but they are needed and appreciated by those who struggle for the basic hygiene necessities.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE KITS:

Compass Housing Alliance

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Deodorant

Shampoo & Conditioner (unscented if possible)

Socks (calf-height or thick wool) Men's Underwear (sizes XL - 4X)

WestSide Baby

Infant tooth brushes & Toothpaste

Baby Shampoo Baby wipes

Diapers and/or Pull Ups (all sizes)

Thank you in advance for your generosity! The Social Action Committee





BELL CHOIR IS REHEARSING AGAIN!

INFO ON CHOIR AND SINGING WITH ANN

Choir practice meets every other Wednesday at 7pm.

Bell Choir has begun meeting and will continue to meet every Wednesday at 5:15pm.

If you like to make music but can't sing—give the bell choir a try! They play 4 or 5 times a year, practices happen a few weeks leading up to a performance.

Interested? Please contact MLC's music director, Ann Simonson, at ajsimo@comcast.net.



THE QUILTERS NEED YOUR HELP!!

Come and Quilt on Wednesday, March 29. We start at 10am. Stay for a bit or stay for a while. We will be putting a tie in the quilts--so quilting experience is not necessary.

We are looking forward to gifting our graduates with a quilt. Help is needed to tie these together. Come to serve. Stay for fellowship.



EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—Sunday, April 2nd Regular service times

Maundy Thursday—Thursday, April 6 Services at noon and 7pm

> Good Friday—Friday, April 7 Services at noon and 7pm

EASTER SUNDAY-Sunday, April 9th Services at 8am and 10am please note that it's 8am, not 8:15am



Please Remember In Prayer

Donna Hegstrom

Dave Larson

Family of Don Goertzen

Family of Bob McIntosh

Pauline McIntosh

Gail Hendrickson

Kelly and Linda Kellenberger

Heidi Carpine

Maxwell Penn and family (relative of the Ramseys)

Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)

Family of Dennis Branstetter (friend of the Nagys)

Long Pham (friend of the Nagys)

Family of Susan Engquist (sister of

Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and

Kasey Kroeger).

Sandy Bennis

Matt Becker (friend of Lance Grimsby)

Russ Long

Edna Grolla (friend of Irene Long)

Janice Stepp (friend of Irene Long)

If we have inadvertently removed someone whom you wish to remain on the list or if you wish to add someone new, please contact the church office.

Last Week's Attendance

8:15am — 15 10am — 46





EASTER DECORATIONS

Members and friends of Magnolia Lutheran Church are invited to give donations to support decorating the sanctuary during our Easter season. The suggested donation is \$12, and may be given in memory of or in honor of loved ones, or to the honor and glory of God. These memorials will be printed in our Easter Sunday bulletin if received by next Sunday, April 2nd.

You will find an insert in your bulletin beginning this Sunday. Please complete the form and return it with your check to the church office, or place it in the offering plate Please make the check payable to Magnolia Lutheran Church.



The Progressive Dinner is scheduled for June 24th this year. We've received enough surveys back to determine that **the dinner will go on!!**

You should have received a survey in your inbox asking a few questions about the dinner. Please take a few minutes to fill it out so we know exactly what everyone's plans are and who will and will not be attending.

Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex in April but we would still like your surveys! Thank you to all who have returned theirs!!

THE LENTEN THEME THIS YEAR IS: LESSONS FROM THE WILDERNESS

As the pandemic is slowly lifting, it is good to consider what we have learned and what good things we should hold onto.

Join Pastor Kevin via Zoom for the last Wednesday evening discussion on what you may have learned. It is on Wednesday, March 29th. You will receive a reminder with a link to the zoom meeting one hour before the discussion.

MLC IS STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!

READERS: Palm Sunday, April 2. We are looking for readers to lead us for the dramatic reading of Christ's final hours. Eight parts. Some parts are larger than others. Readers of all ages are welcome. Contact the church office.

PHOTOGRAPHER. Easter Morning. Before and after the 10am worship service, Consider it a keepsake photograph from 2023. You pick the location (on our campus, inside or outside). You choose or create the backdrop. Contact the church office.

PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSISTANT. Easter Morning. Before and after the 10am worship. Assist in set up and tear down. Record name and contact information of the person/group for follow up. Contact the church office.

KITCHEN ORGANIZER. Task completed by Thanksgiving 2023. Organize both the "big" and the "small" kitchen in the basement. Label drawers and cabinets. Declutter. Willing to have a person organize only one kitchen if the task is too big. Contact the church office.

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

Options for sharing God's gifts:

- Sunday offering
- Estate planning, stock/bond gifts
- Online banking through your financial institution
 Payee Magnolia Lutheran Church
 2414 31st Ave W, Seattle, WA 98199
 Telephone 206-284-0155
- Computer or smartphone online giving:
- ⇒Credit, Debit, Checking account
- ⇒One-time or recurring gifts

Set up online giving on our website www.MagnoliaLutheranChurch.com/give

MLC Has WiFi!

For those of you who may not know, MLC has wifi available for all who wish to use it! Select "MLC Guest" on your device, the password is:

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Financial Update

As of February 28, 2023

*Income — \$ 57,529

Expenses—\$ 60,807

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2021-2022

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron Vice President -- Victoria Watson Secretary -- Serena Severance Treasurer -- Dwight Dively Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Council members:

The year listed is when the member's term ends, in June.

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2024)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2025)

Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Nominating Committee

Serena Severance (2023)

Outreach Committee

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

Property Committee

Johnny Searle (2025)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

Stewardship Committee

All Council

Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Serena Severance (2023)

Worship & Music Committee Kay Thoreson (2024)

Faith Formation

Olivia Massimiano (2023)

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OUR CORE VALUES

- All are welcome here.
- Everybody does something.
- There is no minimum, or maximum, age for ministry.
- This is a safe place for all God's children.
- We are good stewards of God's creation.

Altar flowers: There will be no flowers during Lent.

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Kimberly Milham
Lector — Jeanne Moussette
Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmar
Altar Guild — Monica Scheiber
Counters — TBD
Audio— Johnny Searle
Live Stream—Aaron Stevens
Coffee Hour Host(s) — Georgia Backman & the 8:15 crew

Pastor — Kevin Bates
Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson
Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle
Caretaker — Mara Meloy
Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Affirmation of Welcome

Magnolia Lutheran Church is a place where everyone can find a welcoming, caring, friendly home. Here is a sanctuary filled with the love and grace of our Lord and modeled by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We believe God's love is for everyone and so commit to provide inclusive acceptance, spiritual nourishment, inspiring kindness and a gracious and loving faith community.

We believe all of God's creations are holy and welcome to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service here. All people of every ability, race, family or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition and background belong here, **Reconciling In Christ**, as children of God.

All are beautiful as they are.
All are part of God's
masterpiece.
All are loved as they are.
All are welcome here.

