

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lent 1

February 18, 2024

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagio

Hector Fiocco

GATHERING HYMN

Come to Us, Creative Spirit

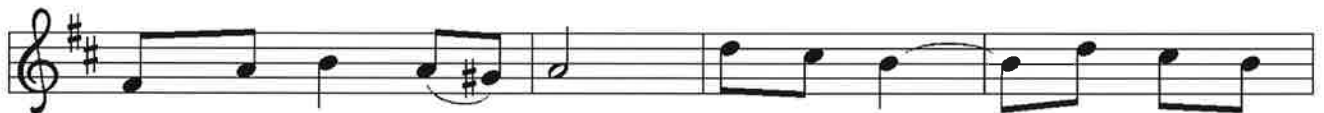
#687 ELW



1 Come to us, cre - a - tive Spir - it, in this ho - ly  
2 Po - et, paint - er, mu - sic - mak - er, all your trea - sures  
3 Word from God e - ter - nal spring - ing, fill our minds, we  
4 In all plac - es and for - ev - er glo - ry be ex -



house; ev - 'ry hu - man tal - ent hal - low,  
bring; crafts - man, ac - tor, grace - ful danc - er,  
pray; and in all ar - tis - tic vi - sion  
pressed to the Son, with God the Fa - ther



hid - den skills a - rouse, that with - in your earth - ly  
make your of - fer - ing; join your hands in cel - e -  
give in - teg - ri - ty: may the flame with - in us  
and the Spir - it blest: in our wor - ship and our



tem - ple, wise and sim - ple may re - joice.  
bra - tion: let cre - a - tion shout and sing!  
burn - ing kin - dle yearn - ing day by day.  
liv - ing keep us striv - ing for the best.

## 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.**

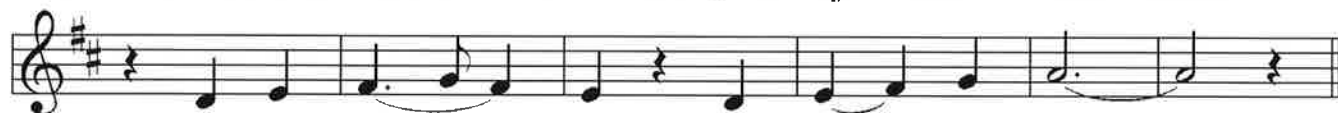
# THIS IS THE FEAST

I: Women II: Men

Setting 4, WOV



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. ☐ Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: ☐ Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men

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This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 For the Lamb, the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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:** Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God

said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

*Before the reading:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### SERMON

### HYMN

As Your Spirit in the Desert

#923 ACS



1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to  
2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to  
3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may  
4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's  
5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us



dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to  
Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your  
sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing  
pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the  
jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the



cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the  
man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the  
for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the  
thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the  
ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the

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wil - der - ness            so    to    walk    where    Christ    has    gone.  
wil - der - ness            with God's    man - na    as    our    bread.  
wil - der - ness            to    the    wa - ters    of    the    spring.  
wil - der - ness            to    the    thresh - old    of    new    life.  
wil - der - ness            to    the    ris - ing    of    the    dawn.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Music

O Innocent Lamb of God

J.S. Bach

Offertory singing

Let the Vineyards

Setting 4, WOV



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord,            fill to the brim our



cup of bless-ing.            Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,



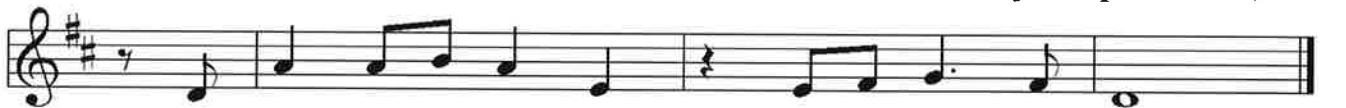
that we may be fed,            we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all;            u-nite them with the



prayers we of-fer now.            Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,



and give us a fore-taste            of the feast to come.

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on Earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.

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

Singing during Communion

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

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- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

## WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

### SENDING BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#545 ELW



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

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let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace! Serve your neighbor! **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

Tocatta in e Minor

Johann Pachelbel

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

Feb 25 — Thom Eaton

March 3 — Anne Prouty

### Lector

Feb 25 — Thom Eaton

March 3 — Anne Prouty

### Altar Preparation

Feb 25 — Monica Scheiber

March 3 — Amy Sigmar

### Counters

Feb 25 — Noah Wittner

March 3 — Ralph Hendrickson

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Feb 25 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

March 3 — Valinda & Lyle Morse

### Ushers

Feb 25 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

March 3 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner



### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, February 18

8:15am      Worship Service

8:30am      Atrium

10am        Worship Service

#### Tuesday, February 20

9am         Bible Study, Zoom

9am         Quilting

7pm         Magnolia Big Band

#### Thursday, February 22

7-9pm      AA, Fireside Room

#### Friday, February 23

8pm         AA Speakers Meeting,

#### Sunday, February 25

8:15am      Worship Service

8:30am      Atrium

10am        Worship Service



### SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

For today's coffee hour, the Lloyd W. Nordstrom Guild for Children's Orthopedic Hospital will be hosting the coffee hour after the 10am service. This is their way of thanking us for hosting the event they held last December, the Winterfest Marketplace. Bring your appetites! These are some serious bakers!! They've asked that two 8' tables be set up for everything that they're making. Rumor has it that among the delectable treats being provided, there will be homemade cinnamon scones which will be warm, right out of the oven!!



### QUILTING IS BACK!!



Tuesday is quilting day at MLC. We meet from 9:00 - 12:00, but come when you can and leave when you must. Most Tuesdays are spent matching tops to back covers. On the last Tuesday of each month we bring them all together to be hand tied. If you can thread a needle and use a pair of scissors you will be welcomed with open arms and a cup of coffee. If you have questions, please talk to Susan Dively or Valinda Morse. You may also contact the church office.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT MLC

There are many volunteer opportunities at Magnolia Lutheran. If you are interested in helping with any of the following, please contact Pastor Kevin or MLC's parish administrator, Nancy.

**Usher/Closing**—Hand out bulletins, direct people to the front for communion and pass the offering plate. Two weeks in a row, approximately every 4 weeks or so. Locking down the building after the coffee hour is also the usher's responsibility.

**Counter**—Work with the parish administrator to count and document the incoming cash and checks after the 10am service. Generally you would be needed one or two times a month.

**Altar Guild**—Prepare the altar for communion before and after the 8:15am services. Help with holiday decorations and help polish the brass once or twice a year.

**Lector**—Read the lessons on Sundays at the 10am service.

**Assisting Minister**—Assist Pastor Kevin with running the service. Help with communion, read the prayers of the people, etc. PK will guide you.

**Sound**—Running the sound board and getting the mics out for Pastor Kevin and the assisting minister. Monitor the sound during the 10am service.

**Live Stream**—MLC live streams the 10am service. This is probably the most pressing volunteer position to fill. **We currently only have one person to do the sound and the live stream so we really need volunteers for these two jobs.**



### **Please Remember In Prayer**

Donna Hegstrom  
Dave Larson  
Family of Don Goertzen  
Family of Bob McIntosh  
Family of Pauline McIntosh  
Gail Hendrickson  
Kelly and Linda Kellenberger  
Heidi Carpine  
Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)  
Family of Susan Engquist (sister of Jennifer Kroeger, aunt to Katherine and Kasey Kroeger).  
Sandy Bennis  
Frank Edmondson  
Karla Lefferson  
Merlin Cavander  
Kathleen Rowan  
Josh Kelly  
Andrew Tucker  
Bryce Yerkes (friend of the Longs)

*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 — 20  
10:00AM — 37



## SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN

### INNER CALM

- A Christian Meditation for Health and Well-Being
- An online experience of prayer
- Tuesdays at 7pm
- Weekly meetings every Tuesday

### LIFE IN THE HOLY LAND

- The Complex Backstory of our Jewish, Muslim and Christian Neighbors in Israel and Palestine
- A Three Week Class and Discussion beginning on Sunday, February 11.
- We will gather on Sunday at 11:45am in the new church library.

### OUR PLAN FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Council is working on defining the scope of the job description for the new musician. Once the job description is approved, it will be posted and circulated. A task force from our church will interview musicians and make a recommendation to the Council. The Council will then extend an offer letter to the identified candidate.

### ART AND FAITH: OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**Come along and let your faith encounter art** – and let art encounter your faith. Discussions will happen online on Wednesday evenings. Field Trips will happen in person at local art museums. Be sure to catch the class: The Art at Magnolia Lutheran Church. Look at your weekly updates for a schedule of events!

## FROM LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dear Pastor Kevin & Friends at Magnolia Lutheran Church,

**LOOK!**

Thank you for transforming lives through your congregation's generous gift from the proceeds of your annual Swedish pancake breakfast supporting health, justice, and hope for LCS Northwest clients. Pancakes are prosperous!! As we reflect back on last year, we are so grateful for your commitment to serving your neighbors. Thanks to gifts like this, around the Puget Sound area in 2023:

- Over 12,000 families needing diapers, bus vouchers, school supplies, clothing, and nutritious food were served by our three Community Resource Centers
- At least 8,000 isolated seniors found connection and joy through our Aging and Independent Living programs across 12 counties
- 3,000+ immigrants and refugees received critical support building new lives, connecting to resources, and finding legal pathways to citizenship

That's a HUGE impact! Thank you for generating the gift of opportunity for your neighbors across Washington (and Oregon & Idaho).

Wishing your congregation a wonderful year ahead. Thank you for making 2024 brighter for so many.

In gratitude, Kelly, Senior Regional Advancement Manager, Lutheran Community Services

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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:

**TumbleRibs398**

## Financial Update

As of January 31, 2024

\*Income — \$ 35,896

Expenses—\$ 32,636

\*Includes some prepaid pledges

## Congregation Council 2022-2023

### Council Officers:

President -- Lyle Morse  
Vice President -- Megan Hamshar  
Secretary -- Robert Bergeron  
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

TBD

#### Finance Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

#### Nominating Committee

TBD

#### Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Property Committee

Johnny Searle (2025)

#### Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

Lyle Morse (2025)

#### Stewardship Committee

All Council

#### Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2024)

#### Faith Formation

Cynthia Ubilla

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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

**Musician** — Martin Olson  
**Assisting Minister** — Mark Johnson  
**Lector** — Mark Johnson  
**Ushers** — Amy & Thor Sigmar  
**Altar Guild** — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette  
**Counter** — John Valiton  
**Audio**— Johnny Searle  
**Live Stream**—Aaron Stevens  
**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Lloyd Nordstrom Orthopedic Guild

**Pastor** — Kevin Bates  
**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.

