

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 7, 2023



**Do Not Let Your Hearts  
be Troubled**

—John 14:1

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Easter 5

May 7, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

Wilbur Held

GATHERING HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

#389 ELW



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## 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

WOV Setting 4

woman sing part 1, men sing part 2



**☐** 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

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



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



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



I 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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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:** John 14:1-14

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

[[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

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1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a  
 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a  
 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys in love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music, *Bell Choir*

This is my Father's World

Anna Laura Page

Offertory Hymn

Let the Vineyards

WOV Setting 4



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,

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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.

## 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.**

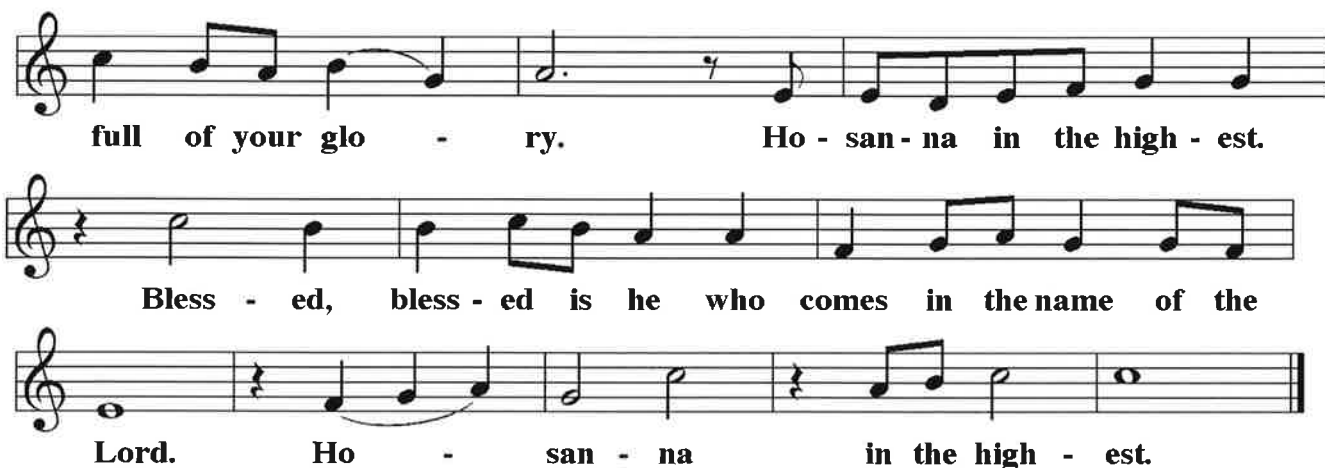
*Preface:* It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**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,  
 forever and ever. 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

- All are invited and all are welcome to come to the Lord's Table. All who wish to taste God's grace and forgiveness are welcome here.
- 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 visit and conversation about communion. Children who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to receive a blessing.

Distribution

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 MUSIC — *Choir*

The Call

K. Lee Scott

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah, Jesus Lives!

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- 1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
- 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
- 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
- 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
- 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.

from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.  
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in Peace! **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Jonathan Reuss

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

May 14 — Serena Severance

May 21 — Noah Wittner

### Lector

May 14 — Serena Severance

May 21 — Jeanne Moussette

### Altar Preparation

May 14 — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

May 21 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

### Counters

May 14 — Ralph Hendrickson

May 21 — John Valition

### Coffee Hour Hosts

May 14 — Jenny & Shane Ruegamer

May 21 — The Watson & Baker families

### Ushers

May 14 — Rob Rowan (switched weeks)

May 21 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, May 7

8:15am      Worship Service

9:00am      Atrium

10am        Worship Service

#### Tuesday, May 9

9am          Bible Study, Zoom

#### Thursday, May 11

7-9pm       AA, Fireside Room

#### Friday, May 12

8pm          AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

#### Sunday, May 14

8:15am      Worship Service

10am        Worship Service



**SATURDAYS**  
**June 3rd—October 14th**  
**10am—2pm**

**MAGNOLIA VILLAGE**

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



**SPRING CLEANUP**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 13TH**  
**AT 10AM**

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 10am.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**LOOK!**

The Seattle Seafarers Center is seeking volunteer drivers for the 2023 cruise ship season.

Each year during the cruise ship season (May to September), the Seattle Seafarers Center offers a daily shuttle service for cruise ship crews that runs between Terminal 91 and downtown Seattle. Staff and volunteers greet seafarers and offer transportation to the downtown shopping district in exchange for donations that help us maintain our vans and pay for fuel.

Cruise ship crew members come from all over the world and work in areas ranging from house-keeping to navigation to entertainment. When a cruise ship comes into port, all of the guests disembark, and then some of the workers are given time to leave the ship while others remain on board to prepare the ship for the next group of passengers. It is important that those leaving the ship can accomplish everything on their to do list and return to the ship in time for it to leave the port.

### **Interested in being a volunteer driver?**

Driving shifts are approximately from 8am-3pm, every day that there are cruise ships in port. Generally this means every Thursday through Tuesday from May – September. You can help by driving every week, or even just once a month.

The driving route is from Pier 91 Cruise Ship Terminal to two drop off/pick up locations. One at the Seattle Center and downtown at the Target store on second avenue.

We provide basic training and will work with you to accommodate your schedule.

Seattle Seafarers Center 206-935-3439 (office phone)

[www.mts-seattle.org](http://www.mts-seattle.org)

**Any questions? Please see Chris Backman.**



## **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  
Rick Dagg (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  
Janice Stepp (friend of Irene Long)  
Family of Fred McBride (friend of Irene and Russ Long)  
Family of Carolyn Simonson (Ann Simonson's mother-in-law)  
Karen Jones (Lance Grimsby's future sister in law.)

*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 — 21 plus 2 lambs  
10am — 42**

## MAASAE GIRLS LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL MONDULI, ARUSHA, TANZANIA

The name MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School comes partially from an acronym. Maa is the language of the Maasai tribe...S is for Speakers; A for Advanced and E for Education...MaaSae

The School is located on the outskirts of a Monduli, Tanzania, a village about 45 kilometers from Arusha. It is a project of The Diocese in Arusha Region of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. The school opened in 1995 with its' first class of Pre Form One students. It is a boarding school and students come from surrounding villages in the region which are often located in distant isolated areas. The students depend on sponsorship to pay for their education. Each year a class of around 45 students enter the school. At the end of form IV (equivalent to grade 10) students sit for national exams. Some students then continue their education further into Forms V and VI.

### **An old African expression which directly applies to the Maasai:**

"Educate our women and they will educate the entire village"

As most of you know, we have been sponsoring three young women in Tanzania so that they may get an education which would otherwise be impossible. To the right are some pictures of the school and of the three girls whom we sponsor. All three, Eveline, Paulina and Udamhindi have excelled in their school work. Our continued support will allow other girls the same opportunity. It is \$1,200 for each girl for an entire year. Because of your generosity, we have been able to meet our goal every year since we started this sponsorship. If you would like to help with this very important mission, please make a check out payable to Magnolia Lutheran Church with a note "MaaSae Girls School" on the check. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.



Paulina



Eveline



Udamhindi



## 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 March 31, 2023

\*Income — \$ 75,658

Expenses—\$ 90,250

\*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** today are given to the Glory of God  
by Ronnie Beckerleg.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Thom Eaton

**Lector** — Thom Eaton

**Ushers** — Amy and Thor Sigmar

**Altar Guild** — Nancy Searle

**Counters** — Noah Wittner

**Audio**— Johnny Searle

**Live Stream**—Aaron Stevens

**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Mike Olden

**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.

