

# MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 14, 2023



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Easter 6

May 14, 2023

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

David Cherwien

GATHERING HYMN

This Joyful Easter Tide

#391 ELW



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

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 -  
**II**



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 and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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: Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For 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



**HYMN**

**Loving Spirit**

#683 WOV



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—  
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,  
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,  
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:  
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

Offering Music

Let Us Pray For Peace

Thomas Keesecker

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 HYMN

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

#398 ELW

- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;

breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
 by your will I strong-ly live, brave-ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

# SENDING BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

We Know That Christ is Raised

#449 ELW



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

## DISMISSAL

Go in Peace! Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

Christ is Arisen

J.S. Bach

## Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

### Assisting Minister

May 21 — Noah Wittner

May 28 — Thom Eaton

### Lector

May 21 — Jeanne Moussette

May 28 — Thom Eaton

### Altar Preparation

May 21 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

May 28 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

### Counters

May 21 — John Valiton

May 28 — Noah Wittner

### Coffee Hour Hosts

May 21 — Watson and Baker families

May 28 — TBD

### Ushers

May 21 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

May 28 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

## This Week at MLC

### Sunday, May 14

8:15am          Worship Service

9:00am          Atrium

10am            Worship Service

### Tuesday, May 16

9am             Bible Study, Zoom

7pm             Magnolia Big Band

### Wednesday, May 17

7pm             Choir Rehearsal (last one)

### Thursday, May 18

7-9pm          AA, Fireside Room

### Friday, May 19

4:30-6:30pm   Tai Chi, Luther Hall,  
Fireside Room

8pm             AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

### Saturday, May 20

9am-4pm      Tai Chi, Luther Hall  
Fireside Room

### Sunday, May 21, MaaSae Sunday

8:15am          Worship Service

10am            Worship Service



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

**MAGNOLIA VILLAGE**

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Hosting coffee hour may sound ominous, but it's really not! It doesn't have to be anything elaborate. You don't even have to get the coffee ready thanks to Chris Backman! Grab or make some cookies, pick up some cheese and crackers or donuts whatever looks good! MLC is not a picky bunch!! You may sign up on the sheet outside the office door! Thank you!! Thank you to those who have signed up—we're getting there! **Need May 28th!**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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

10am — 50



# MAASAE GIRLS LUTHERAN SECONDARY SCHOOL MONDULI, ARUSHA, TANZANIA

NEW!

LOOK!

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.



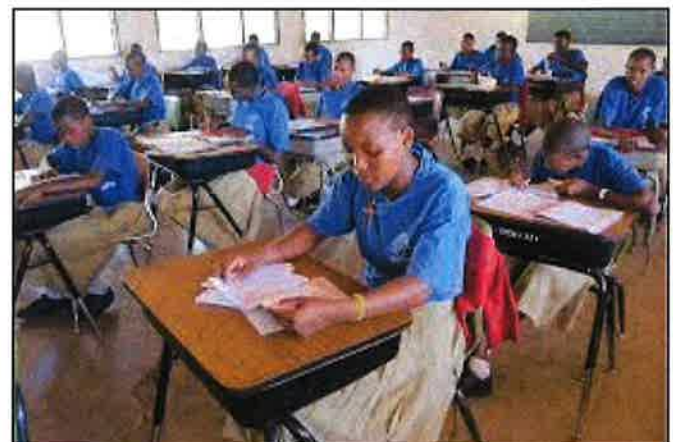
Paulina



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 April 30, 2023—\*corrected

\*Income — \$ 113,976

Expenses—\$ 127,552

\*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.

## SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Serena Severance  
**Lector** — Serena Severance  
**Ushers** — Rob Rowan  
**Altar Guild** — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh  
**Counters** — Ralph Hendrickson  
**Audio** — Johnny Searle  
**Live Stream** — Evan Kelly  
**Coffee Hour Host(s)** — Ruegamer family

**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.

