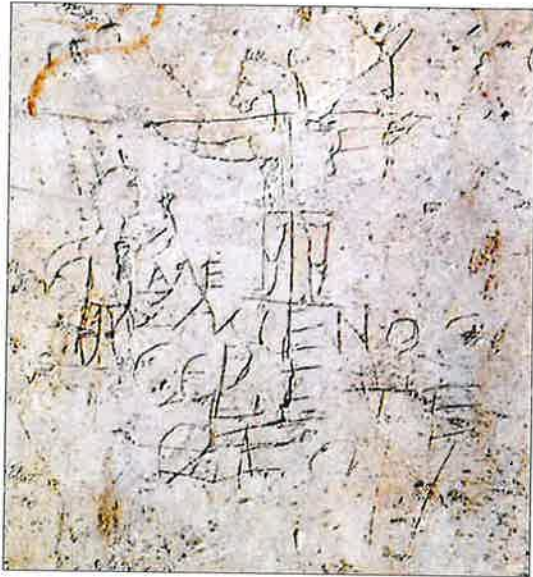


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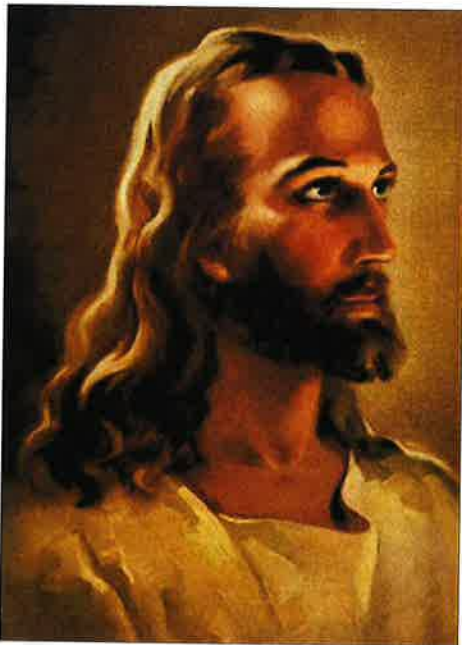
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Alexamenos graffito, 1st century
(carved into plaster on a wall in
Rome)



Christ Pantocrator (6th Century) "he
who has authority over everything"



"Head of Christ" Warner
Sallman, 1940



The "real" face of Jesus, according to
Richard Neave, a British medical
artist, which went viral in 2015

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Pentecost 4

June 25, 2023

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God

Flor Peeters

GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

#796 ELW



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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.**

NOW THE FEAST

Marty Haugen

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre -



a - tion sings for joy to the God of



life and love and free-dom; praise and glo - ry for -



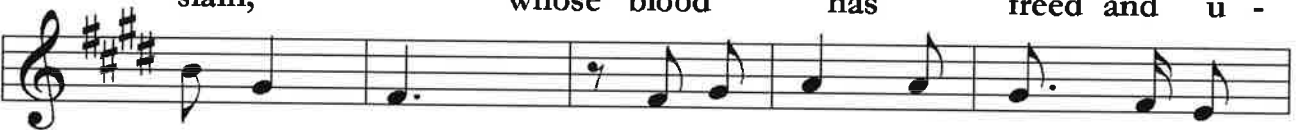
ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



ni - ted us to be one great peo - ple of



God.



2 Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

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glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Marty Haugen



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

#722 ELW



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Offering Music

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Mark Sedio

Offertory Hymn

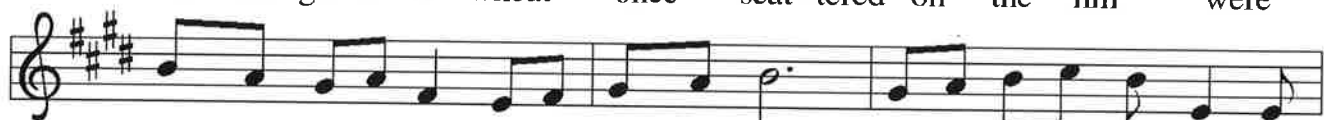
As the Grains of Wheat

465 ELW

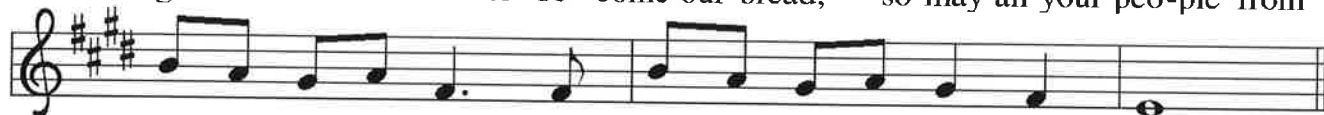
Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from



all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

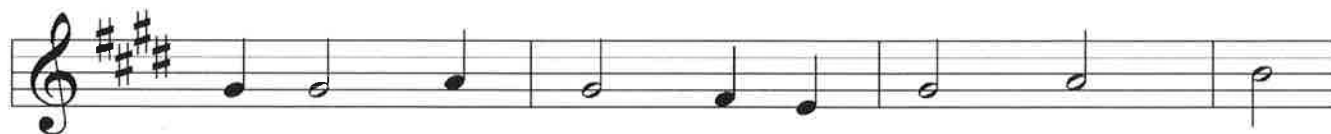
CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION



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 God 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 are you, God of pow - er and might;



Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the



high - est! Bless - èd is the One who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, Creator of heaven and earth...

... Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death and glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry:

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

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

Singing during Communion:
Lamb of God



☉ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
☉ Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear:
☉ Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
☉ Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:
☉ Lamb of God, you pour the Ho - ly Spi - rit on us:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

#781 ELW



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

#876 ELW



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D

William Croft

Servants Schedule for Upcoming Dates

Assisting Minister

July 2 — Valinda Morse

July 9 — Mark Johnson

Lector

July 2 — Valinda Morse

July 9 — Mark Johnson

Altar Preparation

July 2 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

July 9 — Caroline Alabach & Jeanne Moussette

Counters

July 2 — John Valiton

July 9 — Noah Wittner

Coffee Hour Hosts

July 2 — TBD

July 9 — Jeanne & David Moussette

Ushers

July 2 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

July 9 — Cliff Kurtzweg & Mike Olden

Progressive Dinner



Due to a shortage of hosts, the dinner has been postponed until further notice. Thank you to those who signed up to host or bring something. You will get another chance!!

This Week at MLC

Sunday, June 25

8:15am Worship Service
 9am “Telling the Story”, Luther Hall
 10am Worship Service

Tuesday, June 27

9am Bible Study—Zoom
 7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, June 28

7pm Council Meeting—Zoom
 7pm Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, June 29

7-9pm AA, Fireside Room

Friday, June 30

8pm AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Sunday, July 2

8:15am Worship Service
 10am Worship Service



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

MAGNOLIA VILLAGE

WE REALLY NEED HOSTS!!

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Hosting coffee hour may sound ominous, but it's really not! It doesn't have to be anything fancy. 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 whatever looks good! MLC is not a picky bunch!! You may sign up on the sheet outside the office door! Thank you!! **We need hosts for July!**

**SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES
SUNDAYS AT 9AM IN LUTHER HALL**

TODAY Telling the Story: An Informal History of Sexual Identity and the Lutheran Church. Together, we will tell and hear the story of God-with-us, and the twisting process that eventually led the ELCA to becoming an open and affirming denomination. As always, all are welcome.

July 2 No Class

July 9 The Atrium: Come, See the Wonder. It is unlike any kind of Sunday School you have ever seen. The goal is not to entertain the child with memory work or biblical facts. The goal is to invite the child into



wonder—and in that wonder connect with the mystery of God. This method requires a different kind of teaching style—and a different kind of curriculum. The results are children that are profoundly formed in faith. Come and see.

July 16 Commuting Tales: Life Lessons Learned while on the Road. This class is both a presentation and a discussion. Commuting is more than getting from one place to another -- it is a place to be in the moment, This class is for anyone who has ever been stuck -- in gridlock or in life. As always, all are welcome.



**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
- Barb Thiessen (friend of Irene Long)
- Family of Carolyn Simonson (Ann Simonson's mother-in-law)
- Karen Jones (Lance Grimsby's future sister in law.)
- Rob Rowan
- Vern Lindquist

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..

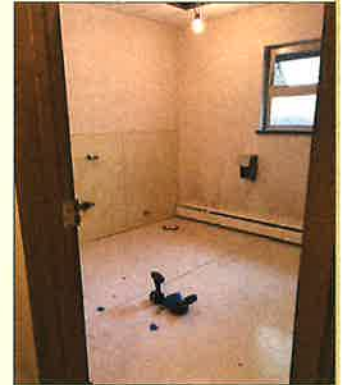
Last Week's Attendance

**8:15am — 16
10am — 53**

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KEVIN

There is no longer a toilet on the main floor.

It has been removed. Along with the sinks. And some dry wall. The crew started the demolition this week. It is fascinating what lurks beneath. The steps beneath the carpeting are concrete. In a couple of places there is tile glued to tile. Mike is our in-house contractor. He has a small office in what used to be the nursery. Well, its not an office. It is a small table. Just big enough for his laptop.



I have been through a couple of church remodeling projects. I have learned a few things. One is this: it is good to have one person from the church be our contact with the contractor. That way the contractor does not communicate with 20 people. Only one. Our person is Donna Bergeron. She serves on the Enhancement Committee. She knows the construction trade.



So, we are off. And our remodeling project has begun. Yesterday, there was a sign on the outside door. Construction Zone! It shouted. Then added these words: Keep Out. Hmm... I thought to myself. This is not the message we want to give to the neighborhood.

A short time later, I bumped into Mike. I told him how grateful we were. How good it is to have one person from our committee to talk to him—instead of a bunch of us. Then I brought up the sign on the door. And how it said, Keep Out. And if there was any chance we could have a different message on our outside door.

He smiled at me.

And in that moment, I realized what I had done. Immediately after I told Mike how good that we have appointed Donna talk to him—instead of a bunch of us—I broke the very guideline we had set. I did not go to Donna.

I owned my faux pas. Look at me, I said to Mike. I just did the very thing I said we did not want to do. He laughed. I laughed, too. More importantly, I learned. And once again, I learned that the fullness of life is not lived by avoiding mistakes, but by embracing them when they come, and learn what they have to teach.

So, we are in a construction zone. There is not a toilet on the main floor. But there is a nice, BIG, clean porta potty just off the alley. And there are restrooms in the basement and another one upstairs near the classrooms.



And there is a new sign up on the external door. Danger, it says. Hard Hat Area! Which I suppose is a sign that every church should have. After all, God is at work here. And our lives will never be the same. My work is about hearing how God is at work remodeling our lives. But if you have a thought that might mean a change-order, it is best to go to Donna.

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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- Estate planning, stock/bond gifts
- Online banking through your financial institution

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- Computer or smartphone
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Set up online giving on our website
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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 May 31, 2023

*Income — \$ 130,595

Expenses—\$ 157,134

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2022-2023

NEW OFFICER LIST COMING SOON!

Council Officers:

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

NEW MEMBER LIST COMING SOON!

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 — Kimberly Milham

Lector — Jeanne Moussette

Ushers — Amy & Thor Sigmar

Altar Guild — Monica Sheiber

Counters — Ralph Hendrickson

Audio— Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Evan Kelly

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Marcia & Pastor Kevin

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.

