## Magnolia Lutheran Church

May 5, 2024



### TODAY IS MAASAE SUNDAY

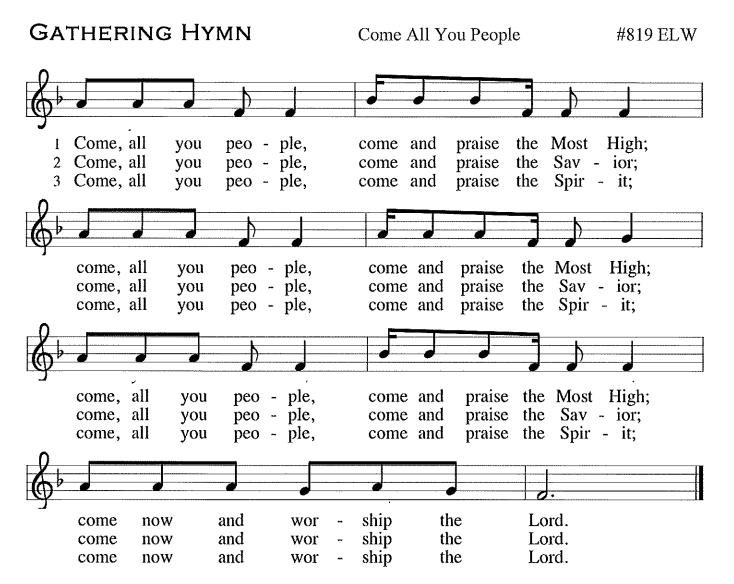
### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Easter 6

May 5, 2024

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

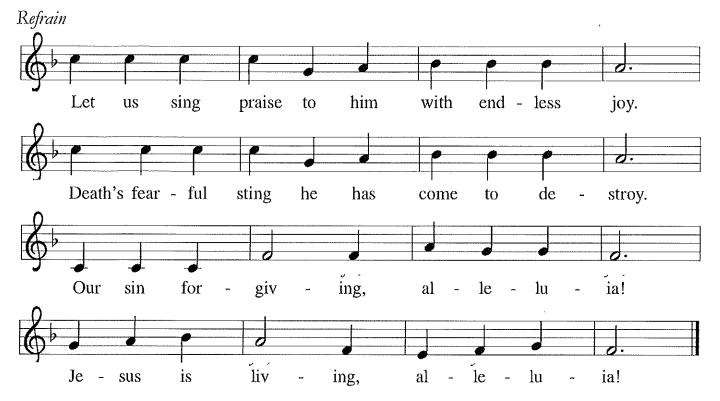
#### PRELUDE



#### GREETING

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





- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
  Alleluia, to him praises be.
  Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
  he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
  Refrain

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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: 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM: Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done <sup>|</sup> marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>|</sup> won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, you have made fknown your victory,

you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, <sup>1</sup> all you lands; lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing. R

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,

with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it, the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers | clap their hands,

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peo-ples with equity. **R** 

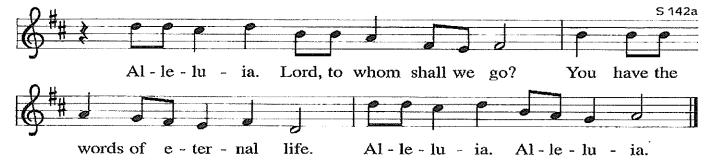
#### SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



#### GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

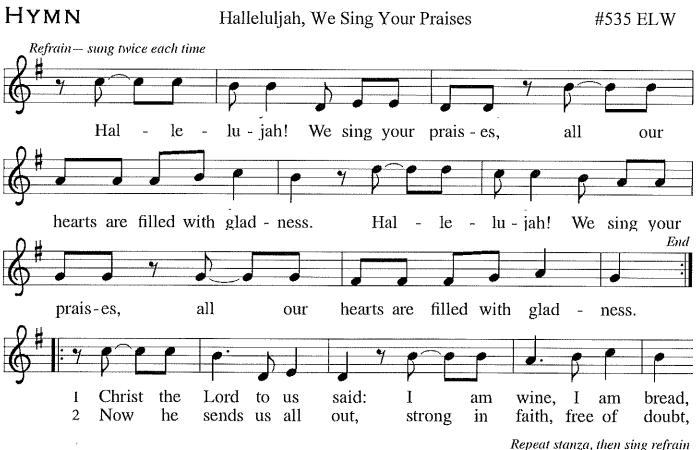
[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

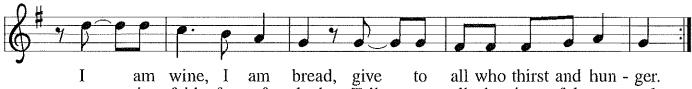
12"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### SERMON





faith, free of all the joy - ful gos - pel. strong in doubt. Tell to

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace. Hear our prayer.

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

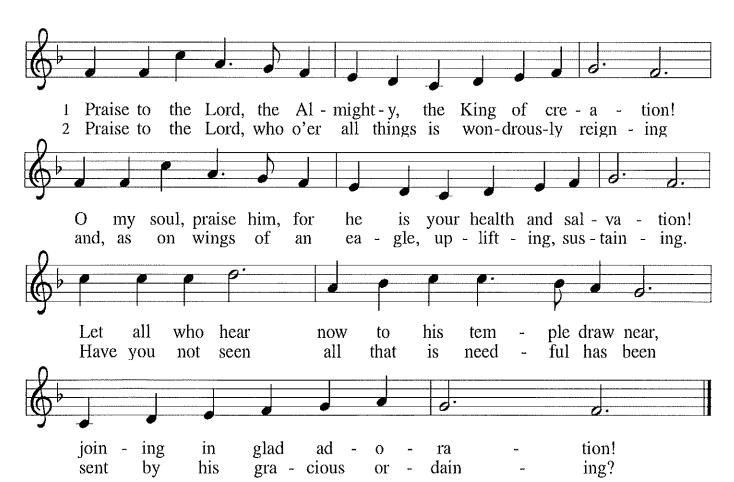
#### OFFERING

Offertory Music

Offertory Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, vs. 1&2

#858 ELW



#### **CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION**

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.

*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 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

Spirit of the Living God

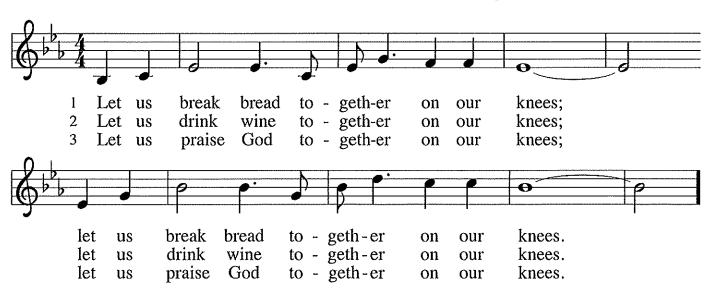
#393 Methodist Hymnal

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me Melt me, Mod me, Fill me, Us Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

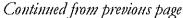
### **COMMUNION HYMN**

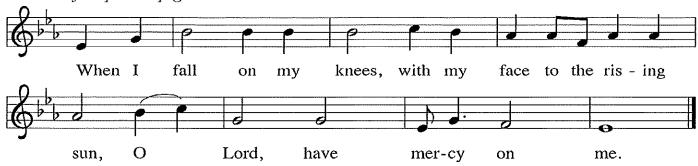
Let us Break Bread Together

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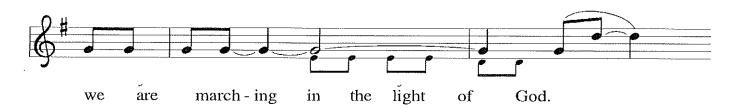




### WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

#### SENDING BLESSING





Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are praying ...
We are singing ...

### DISMISSAL

### **POSTLUDE**

#### **Assisting Minister**

May 12 — Anne Prouty

May 19 — Mark Johnson

#### Lector

May 12 — Jeanne Moussette

May 19 — Mark Johnson

#### **Altar Preparation**

May 12 — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

May 19 — Caroline Alabach&Jeannee Moussette

#### Counters

May 12 — John Valiton May 19 — Ralph Hendrickson

#### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

May 12 — Kay Kurtzweg & Jeanne Moussette

May 19 — Kimberly & Nick Milham

#### Ushers

May 12 — Amy & Thor Sigmar



POSTPONED due to predicted rain! Please put Saturday, May 11Th down on your calendar to help beautify the outside of MLC! Bring your gloves, shovels, rakes, etc. to help clean up the flower beds and outdoor areas. Rumor has it there will be donuts and coffee! Please come and help for as little or as long as you are able! The cleanup will begin at 9am! It's supposed to be sunny and 71 degrees!

#### This Week at MLC

#### Sunday, May 5, MaaSae Sunday

8:15am

Worship

9:00am

Atrium

10am

Worship

Tuesday, May 7

9am

Bible Study, Zoom

9am

Quilting

7pm

Magnolia Big Band

Thursday, 9

7pm

AA Fireside Room

Friday, May 10

8pm

AA Speakers Meeting, L/H

Saturday, May 11

9am

**Spring Cleanup!** 

Sunday, May 12

8:15am

Worship

9:00am

Last Atrium

**[ 12 ]** 

### SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR-IT'S FUN!

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Every Saturday Ballard Blossom delivers a beautiful bouquet of flowers to put at the bottom of the cross in the sanctuary for Sunday's service.

Have an anniversary coming up, or a birthday? Graduation? If so, consider sponsoring the flowers one Sunday. You will receive a mention in the bulletin. You may even request special colors or types of flowers which they will accommodate, assuming they are in season. The cost is \$75. There are no flowers during Lent but you can still sign up for any of the Sundays following!



#### **Last Week's Attendance**

8:15am — 10 10am - 43

#### FUN!

#### A TRIP TO HOLDEN VILLAGE!



Pastor Kevin will be traveling to Holden Village from August 4 - 9. This is your invitation to rest, renew and revive.

Holden Village is a Retreat Center located in the Cascade Mountains. Formerly a mining town and working copper mine, Holden became a ghost town in the 1950's and was sold to the Lutheran Church for \$1 a few years later.

Access to Holden Village is by car (first you drive to Chelan), then boat (you buy a ticket on the Lady of the Lake passenger ferry to Lucerne), then school bus (owned and operated by Holden staff who drive the 10-miles from the lake to the Village).

Holden is wonderful place for individuals and for families. It is a remote location and has rustic, but comfortable lodging. You may participate in lectures, or engage in the arts--including pottery. Many hikes are available. Or just bring along a good book. Meals are provided and included in the price.

To register, go to the Holden Village website. Click on the "visit" tab and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Kevin.

### Please Remember In Prayer



Donna Hegstrom

Dave Larson

Gail Hendrickson

Kelly and Linda Kellenberger

Heidi Carpine

Rick Dagg (friend of the Nagys)

Family of Susan Engquist (sister of

Jennifer Kroeger)

Sandy Bennis

Frank Edmondson

Karla Lefferson

Merlin Cavender

Kathleen Rowan

Beverly Larson

Josh Kelly

Andrew Tucker

Family of Jane Stockert (friend of the

Backmans)

Stacy Sipes and family

Gary Engle

Bill & Liz Biscomb (Victoria Watson's

parents)

Gabe Kunkle (Bill Condon & Amy

French's grandson)

Amy French and Bill Condon & families

Irene Long

Chris Backman

Bonnie Valiton

Family of Cliff Kurtzweg

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

### SOME THINGS HAPPENING AT MLC AND AROUND TOWN

#### INNER CALM

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

### **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.



#### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today, May 5th, there will be a special congregational meeting after the 10am service. You can watch online or attend in person in the library/lounge.

Here is a link to the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84808023533

There is only one item on the agenda so it should be a fairly quick meeting. The subject matter is the replacement of the rockery around the building that has begun to crumble. This meeting is to inform everyone of the issue and to discuss what it would take to fix it.







#### MAASAE SUNDAY-TODAY!!

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.

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.

#### "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. 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!

### 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

#### **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, 2024 Income — \$ 85,559 Expenses —\$ 101,687

\*Includes some prepaid pledges.

The financial documents are posted in the coffee hour room and are available upon request.

# Congregation Council 2023-2024

#### 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

Barbara Helde (2025)

Finance Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2024)

**Nominating Committee** 

Serena Severance (2025)

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

#### SERVANTS TODAY

**Assisting Minister** — Thom Eaton

**Lector** — Tom Eaton

Musician — Abel Lifschultz

Ushers — Mike Olden

Altar Guild — Ronnie Beckerleg and Jeanne Moussette

Counters — Noah Wittner

Audio - Johnny Searle

Live Stream—Aaron Stevens/Carson Ruegamer Coffee Hour Host(s) — Jenny & Shane Ruegamer

Pastor — Kevin Bates
Caretaker — Mara Meloy
Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle
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.

—January 2015. All are loved as they are. All are welcome here.

