



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am

Childcare is available



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

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Hope Lutheran Church and Student Center is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a community of growing disciples of Jesus Christ who love our neighbors, both near and far. We affirm that everyone is created in the image of God and is deserving of God's love and grace. We recognize that for many people, "church" has not always felt like a welcoming place. We celebrate our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, culture, and age. We embrace differences in relationship status, physical and mental ability, education, income, worldview, and political affiliation. We are committed to the full inclusion of all people in our community and invite you to journey with us toward a deeper faith, mutual respect, greater love and understanding, and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

If you need to leave the sanctuary for any reason, you may view the service from a phone or another device. You are welcome to return to worship for communion, fellowship, or any portion of special interest to you.

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

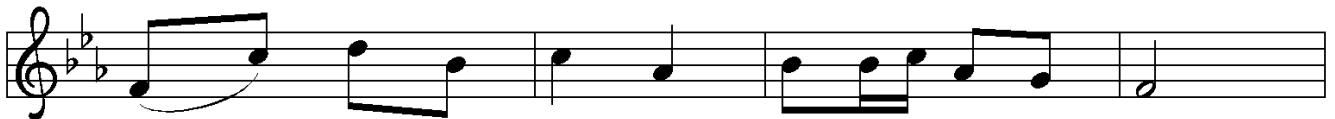
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

↑ Gathering Hymn 379: Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Passing the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

You may stay in your seat or walk around to greet others, often saying "peace be with you".

Word: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Gospel Acclamation (All)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the

branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Repeat after the Leader:

**That’s the story of God and God’s people.
God, thanks for your story.**

Dismissal

Children are welcome to stay or are invited downstairs to continue reflecting on this story.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle-Halle-Hallelujah *(music on page 3)*

↓ Second Reading Psalm 22:25-31 *(read in conversation, side to side)*

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live
forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before
the Lord.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, “The Lord has acted!”

Leader: Word of God, Word of Life.

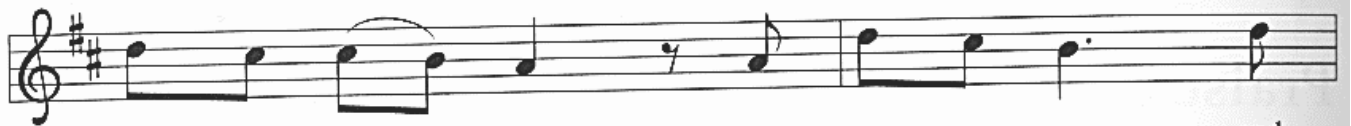
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

↑ Hymn of the Day 690: We Raise Our Hands to You, O Lord



1 We raise our hands to you, O Lord, like
2 What good and bless - ing you be - stow are
3 Oh, make our bar - ren trees to grow, our
4 As sum - mer fol - lows spring - time's rain, grace
5 Through grace your new cre - a - tion lies in



emp - ty ves - sels. Oh, come to us and
free - ly giv - en. Your pow'r will make the
hands to blos - som, and let our lives bring
fol - lows sor - row, and grief and joy shall
hands held o - pen. O Giv - er of all



give us life from springs where liv - ing wa - ters flow.
weak - est strong and bar - ren branch - es start to bud.
forth such fruit that heals our neigh - bor's grief and pain.
bear much fruit, though hid - den from our hu - man eyes.
good - ness, come, dwell with us in our earth - ly home.

Service for Healing

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

The assisting minister leads a series of prayer petitions. We join in praying together; we end each petition with the close-and-response:

“God of grace,” with the response: **“hear our prayer.”**

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

(With the assisting minister, please pray out loud the first name of each person for whom we pray. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please secure the person's consent, then reach out to Lauren in the office.)

We pray for those who have requested ongoing prayer:

John Henry,
Dolores,
Seamus (*nephew of Rick*),
Daphne and Ron,
Bob,
Terry and Ned (*friends of Chuck & Liz*),
Liz,
Jytte (*pronounced YOU-ta*) (*Karin's grandmother*),
Betsy (*Katie's mother*).

[pause]

And for those who have requested prayers of support or thanksgiving:

Baby Erik, Ida, Mary Jeanne and Sebastian as they grow into a family of 4 and manage new baby's health challenges,
Marianne and Steve as they work with medical specialists to identify and understand significant health concerns for Marianne,
Lauren,
Jimmy, Hope's pen pal who is incarcerated,
Mary as she recovers from a serious fall,
Gus, upon recovering from surgery,
Sarah, Humble Walk student, recovering from a head injury,
Don, Pr. Ray's Uncle, recovering in the hospital,
Deanna (*friend of Debbie*),
Shannon (*family of Debbie awaiting a kidney transplant*),

and those we name silently or aloud *[...pause...]*

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

Any who wish to receive laying on of hands, anointing with oil and individual or group prayer may come forward at this time. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer to receive prayer in your seat, notify an usher and someone will come to you.

Laying on of Hands

Sisters, brothers, siblings, I invite you forward to receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the Triune God.

Healing Music **Hymn 610: “O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”**
 Hymn 614: “There is a Balm in Gilead”
 Hymn 612: “Healer of Our Every Ill”

Closing Prayer

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Healing Blessing

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

↓ Announcements

Meal: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus

Offering Music

During this time of musical offering:

Those worshiping online may make offerings on Hope's website: (www.hopecp.org) - look on the red top bar for the word "Donate." You may also give by text at 844-904-1808.

For those worshiping with us in person, we pass the offering basket. You may also continue giving online or by text.

At this time, children in childcare are invited upstairs for communion.

Kids' Message

↑ Opening Communion Song: Ya-rabba ssalami

We sing this song of peace from Palestine, in both Arabic and English, praying for peace around the world. We know that many Lutheran Churches in Palestine sing this song each week in worship, including the church in Jerusalem where Hope has connections. Children, families, and anyone interested are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing as we bless communion.



Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam,
God of peace, in your wis - dom give us the will to seek peace;

ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na sa - lam.
God of peace and of heal - ing, fill with your peace ev - ery heart!

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

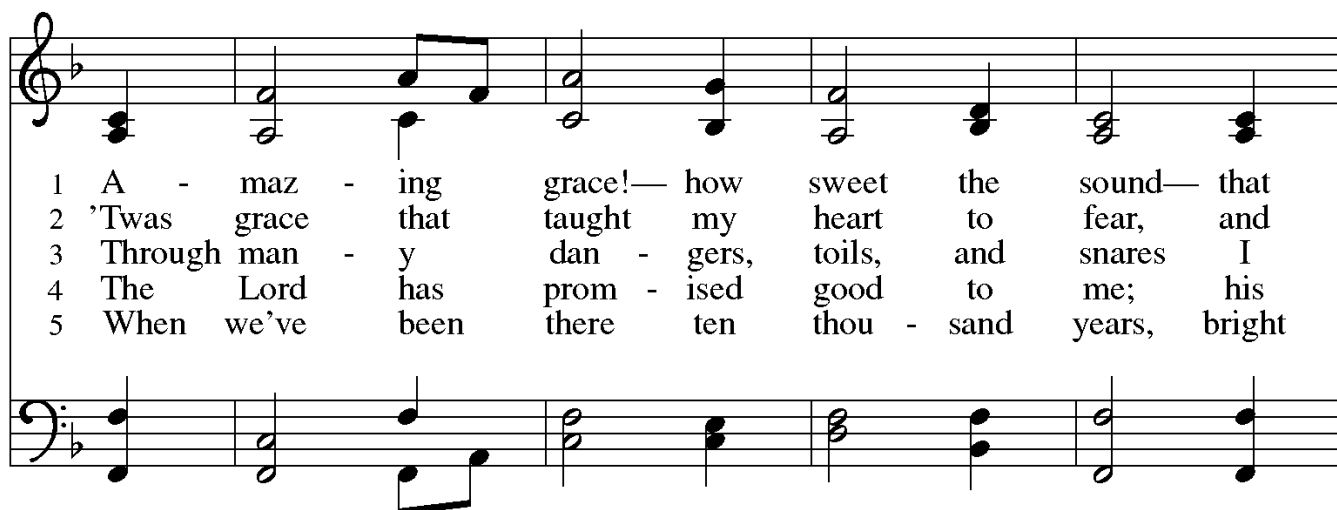
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

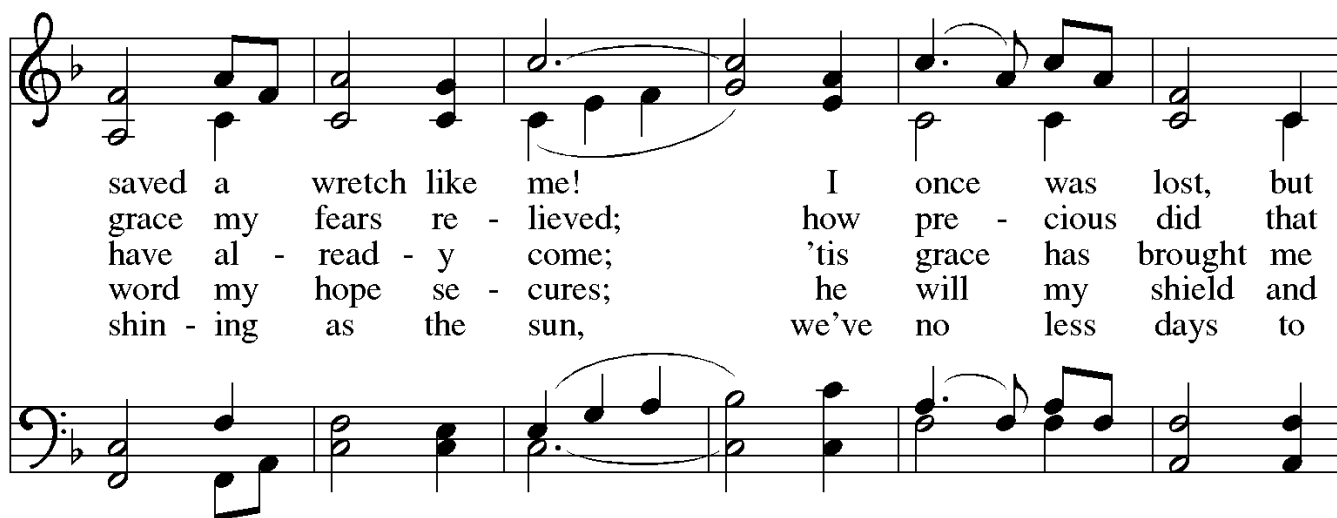
↓ Our Communion Practices

Everyone is welcome to participate in communion. Today Hope offers bread, juice for dipping, prefilled juice cups with wafers, and pre-filled juice cups with a gluten-free wafer. You may choose to receive bread only and/or one of the cup options. Any version of communion carries the full power of communion. If you prefer not to receive elements, you may cross your arms over your chest for a no-contact, verbal blessing. You are invited forward to stand or kneel at the railing; after those who wish to come forward receive, servers will bring communion to those who prefer to stay in your seats.

Communion Hymn 779: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

↑ **Blessing**

Sending: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Sending Blessing and Amen Song (Songs of Zion #147)

As you go from this place:

May God bless you and keep you. (sung AMEN)

May God's face shine on you with grace and mercy. (sung AMEN)

May God look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. (sung AMEN AMEN AMEN)

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "A - men, A - men, A - men, Have mer - cy! A - men, A - men, A - men. Sing it o - ver now, men." The first system includes a first ending bracket and a second ending bracket. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Sending Hymn 367: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

(verses 1, 3, & 4)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

↓ Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders

† **Presiding Minister:** Pastor Julie

† **Assisting Minister:** Mary

† **Lector:** JT

† **Usher:** Dick

† **Offering Counter:** Pat and an onsite volunteer

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Announcements

Sunday Childcare During Service: Childcare is available for children during worship. Two cleared background checked students will care for the children and lead activities during worship services.

Service of Healing Prayer: Today Hope's morning worship service will include special prayers for healing. In the middle of the service, anyone interested is invited forward for individual prayer, specific or general, for yourself or another. We do not believe that God guarantees a cure, but we do believe in the power of prayer to heal.

Hope Leadership Update: Due to ongoing health challenges, Hope Council has received the resignation of Marianne M; we continue to pray for Marianne in her work with doctors and specialists. Hope council has appointed Steve M to continue Marianne's term, through December 2024, and eligible for re-election. Please reach out to any member of council with questions; and please continue to pray for their household.

Hope Property Process Moving Ahead: We are ready for Hope's property process to enter the next phase of sharing, education, and a congregational vote. Hope expects the final Purchase and Sales Agreement (PSA) from the developer, and leadership will be sharing it with the congregation for education, discussion and a congregational vote. This is not the final sale, but if approved, does authorize the developer to take steps towards the final sale (likely 12-18 months later). Thanks to Hope's council and the many volunteers who have worked with Hope's lawyer and architect to negotiate the details of this PSA. Watch for printed and electronic materials, then join the information sessions:

- Sunday, **May 5**, 11:45am-12:30pm, after worship, in person at Hope
- Wednesday, **May 8**, 7:30-8:30pm, by zoom (link forthcoming)
- Tuesday, **May 14**, noon-1pm, by zoom (link forthcoming)

Then plan for a hybrid congregational meeting and property vote on Sunday, **May 19**, following worship.

Holy Hike in Celebration of Creation: On Saturday, **May 4** at 10am, join a group from Hope in prayer and time outdoors. The group will gather for an opening prayer, have time to explore gardens and woods independently, and (optionally) regather for closing reflections. We will meet at 10am at the St. Francis Turtledove Statue. We will share best practices for a holy walk and compare it to walking in the Spirit (Galatians 5) and walking “wet” in our baptism. Some may want to regather in an hour to share and close in prayer, while others may forgo this in order to totally disconnect with “time.” Watch for details or talk with Mark D for more information.

Collecting Treats for Finals Kits: Hope has a long tradition of collecting goodies to support students through the stressful time of finals. If you are able, bring food and drink packets to Hope and place them in a box in the entryway. Then stay after worship on Sunday, **May 12** while we pack bags with treats. The goal is to pack 40 bags this spring. Items good for finals kits: granola or other snack bars, chewing gum, tea bags, flavored drink packets, cracker packs. Contact Mary C with any questions.

Music Invite: From the Diary of Virginia Woolf: On Friday, **May 10** at 5pm, join our own Rhys, and singer Jessica in a recital of music at The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This event is free, open to all, and includes a light reception after. Talk to Rhys for more information or just show up.

movies@hope: On Friday, **May 10** at 7:30 pm, join us in commemorating the great director Yasujiro Ozu's 1949 masterpiece *Late Spring* on the 75th anniversary of its release. In post-World War II Japan, a widowed father, and his adult daughter struggle to live out their obligations to each other. This poignant tale of love and loss was voted by the British Film Institute as #21 on its list of the greatest films of all time.

Humble Walk Graduation Gala: On Monday, **May 20** Lutheran Campus Ministry's annual graduation gala will take place at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church from 3-5pm. You are cordially invited to Humble Walk's annual Grad Gala. We will be celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of 11 graduates from campus ministry. Join us for light refreshments to support our students as they step into a new phase of life and share what campus ministry has meant for their faith formation, college experience, and vocational discernment! All are welcome!

RSVP at go.umd.edu/ggrsvp24 or by sending an email to lutheran@umd.edu by May 15th.

Dinner and Faith Conversation with a Humble Walk Student: Humble Walk is looking for folks to share a meal and their story! These dinners, paid for by the campus ministry, are an opportunity for a student and you to get to know each other and have a conversation about how God is calling you and how faith plays a role in what you do/did professionally.

Sign up at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZ--i7-9_9dsEO0ZJNvlZ0iSimDvMsnWFAjPT3MOKNX4EnLw/viewform?pli=1

What's Happening at Hope

Today

9:30am: Choir Rehearsal

10:30am: Worship with Healing Prayer

5-7pm: Humble Walk meal and worship service for students

This Week

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30pm: Hope Council Property Meeting by zoom

Saturday, May 4, 10am: Holy Hike at Franciscan Monastery,
1400 Quincy St NE, DC

Looking Ahead

Sunday, May 5, 10:30am: Easter Season Lively Worship

Sunday, May 5, 11:45am-12:30pm, after worship: Property Information
Session in person at Hope

Wednesday, May 8, 7:30-8:30pm: Property Information Session by zoom

Friday, May 10, 5pm: Rhys and Jessica music recital *at The Clarice Smith
Performing Arts Center at UMD*

Friday, May 10, 7:30pm: movies@hope presents "Late Spring" in person
at Hope

Sunday, May 12, after worship: Pack Finals Kits for Students at Hope

Tuesday, May 14, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope meet at Hope

Tuesday, May 14, noon-1pm: Property Information Session by zoom

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday (and graduation weekend) at Hope
and in College Park

Monday, May 20, 3-5pm: Humble Walk Graduation Gala at St. Andrews
Episcopal Church, College Park

Tuesday, May 21, noon-3pm: Hope serves lunch at PG Day Center

Tuesday, May 28, 10am-noon: Quilters of Hope meet at Hope

Wednesday, May 29, 7:30pm: Hope Council Meeting

Our Core Values: We are...

Welcoming,

Growing Disciples who Lead,

Loving our Neighbors,

Near and Far.