

**May 12, 2024**  
**Hope Lutheran Church**  
6201 Coventry Way  
Clinton, MD 20735

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The Reverend Eric Faret - Pastor  
Jane Snyder – Minister of Music

*Celebrate  
Mother's Day*

*Her children arise up,  
and call her blessed;  
her husband also,  
and he praiseth her.*

PROVERBS 31:28



**Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church**



## Hope Lutheran Church

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**Our Mission: *To Be God's Loving Presence in a Hurting World***

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## A Warm Welcome to Hope Lutheran Church

We hope that your worship experience this morning is spiritually enriching and meaningful.

- Children are always welcome at worship.
- We practice eucharistic hospitality. All are welcome to Holy Communion.
- **Are you here for the first time?** Our congregation is a member of the Metropolitan D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. If you are looking for a church home, we welcome your inquiry.
- **Restrooms** are located down the hall to the right.
- **Cellphones** create a distraction during worship. We ask that you check now to make sure it is in airplane mode.
- **Our team of ushers** are available throughout the service to assist.
- **Gluten-free hosts:** The baked bread distributed during Holy Communion is gluten-free, nut-free, **but full of Jesus!**
- **Flowers** are donated by Garrett and Veronica Taylor in honor of Mother's Day.

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**Sunday, May 12, 2024**  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives. Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms:

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children:

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms:

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

Paul writes about his missionary ministry and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care:

**Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.**

~ from the Barnabas in Churches website. <http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/a-call-to-worship-on-mothering-sunday/>

## **GATHERING**

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

*The assembly stands.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG – “God Is Here!” (ELW 526)**

# God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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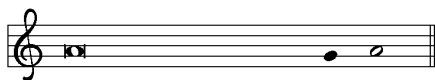
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## GREETING

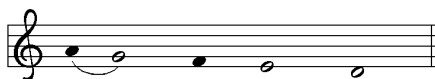
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE (ELW p. 147)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



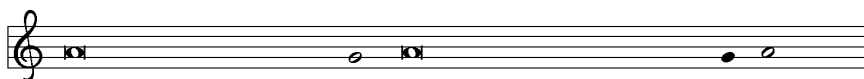
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



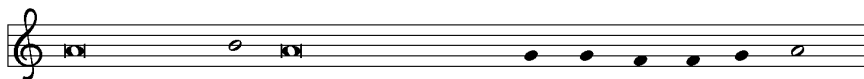
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

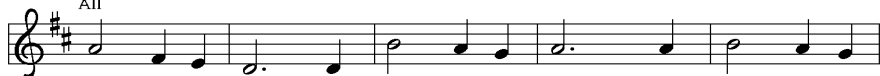
# CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 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 and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WORD

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

### **FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **PSALM: Psalm 1**

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia.** (John 14:18)

## **GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

<sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY – “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (ELW 655)

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

### Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

**APOSTLES' CREED (Assisting Minister)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG – “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” (ELW 751) Sing 2 times**

**O Lord, Hear My Prayer**  
*The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
*or The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

Text: Psalm 102:1–2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Responsive)**

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.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING – “Praise and Thanksgiving” (ELW 689)

Sing verse 2 only

### Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## OFFERING PRAYER (Assisting Minister)

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

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.**

### PREFACE

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 (ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER** (Directed by Dan Williams)

Our Father, which 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **COMMUNION SONG - "Lamb of God" (ELW p. 154)**





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**Amen**

## POST COMMUNION SONG – “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (ELW 494)

## For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (Assisting Minister)

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Go into your week,  
knowing that you are embraced by the love of God;  
a love that is sweeter and more tender than any you have ever known.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG – “Love Has Brought Us Here Together” (ACS 1040)

## Love Has Brought Us Here Together



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,  
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and  
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's  
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts  
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,  
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,  
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters  
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in  
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.  
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.  
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887  
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## **SENDING** (Assisting Minister)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please see flyers posted in the lobby for additional information.

**It's that time of the year!** Primary elections in Maryland is Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00am-8:00pm. To learn more or to register to vote, visit [vote411.org](http://vote411.org).

**PG County Zero Waste Document Shredding Event** - May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am-1:00pm, Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. high School, 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772. Up to 5 bags. Vehicle must be in line by 1:00pm to receive service.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Recycling** associated with Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfield is temporarily closed to the public. Several dates and sites have been identified for disposal of items. See flyer for a list of locations and dates.

**2024 Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit Applications Now Available Online.** The Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation applications for the 2024 Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit programs, are available online. The deadline to file for both tax credits is October 1, 2024. For more information go to website <https://dat.maryland.gov/Pages/Tax-Credit-Programs.aspx> or call 1-888-246-5941.

**Maryland Senior Call Check program.** Senior Call Check phone lines are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am to 3:00pm. During these hours, seniors can call toll-free 1-866-50-CHECK (1-866-502-0560). For more information go to [www.seniorcallcheck.maryland.gov](http://www.seniorcallcheck.maryland.gov).

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Six Wows Every Church Guest Should Experience.** Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am – 1:00pm, Peace Lutheran Church, 401 Smallwood Dr, St. Charles, MD 20602. Congregational teams (rostered ministers and church leaders) will learn six things that new people should experience the first time they interact with your worshipping community. Registration is required. For more information and to register visit <https://metrodcelca.org/event/6wows/>.

**Dinner & Trivia Night Fundraiser** to support a refugee family of 4 resettling in Southern Maryland this summer. Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Peace Lutheran Church, 401 Smallwood Dr, St Charles, MD 20602. Cost is \$25.00 regular - \$15.00 children under 12. Advanced registration required. **Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, June 4, 2024.** For more information and to register go to: <https://www.myplc.org/events-1/dinner-trivia-night-fundraiser>.

**Save the Date.** Faith Day at Nats Park, Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Come join the fun as the Nationals take on the Chicago Cubs. Tickets are available in a reserved section for only \$15. To purchase ticket visit: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Metrodc>.

**Save the Date.** You are cordially invited to a Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) min-conference, Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> [exact time TBD soon]. THEME: "Resilience and Hope WHERE: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road Springfield, VA 22039. For additional information, contact Cheryl Dwyer at [dwyercl2@verizon.net](mailto:dwyercl2@verizon.net).

**Flower dedications.** If you would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday worship, please sign-up in the lobby. **Cost is \$30.**

Please consider serving as **lectors, ushers and assisting ministers.**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE EXIT THROUGH THE SIDE EGRESS.**