Service of Holy Communion for Sunday, May 29, 2022 Seventh Sunday of Easter

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P God loves you all the time
- C And all the time God loves you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

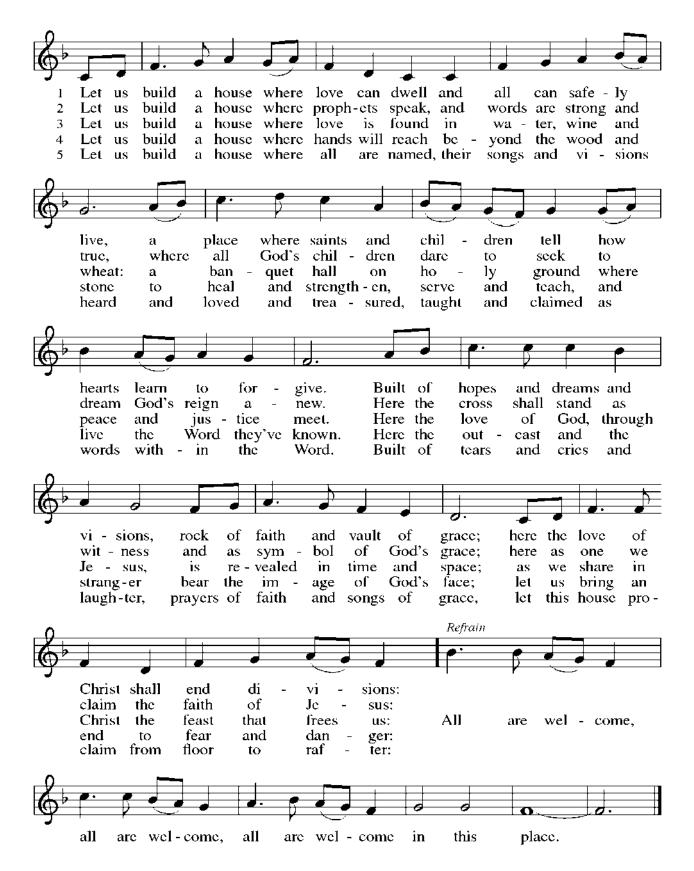


- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
- C Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

HYMN

All Are Welcome

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GREETING

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

KYRIE

- A This is the day that the Lord has made.
- C We will rejoice and be glad in it!
- A The Lord is my strength and my song.
- C The Lord has become my salvation.
- A Open to me the gates of righteousness;
- C I will go through them and praise the Lord.
- A I shall not die but live,
- C And declare the works of the Lord.
- A This is the day that the Lord has made;
- C I will rejoice and be glad in it!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 97

(read responsively)

¹ The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
² Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.
³ Fire goes before the Lord, burning up enemies on every side.
⁴ Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
⁶ The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord,
and all the peoples see your glory.
⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.
⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.
⁹ For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰ You who love the Lord, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.
¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.
SECOND LESSON: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

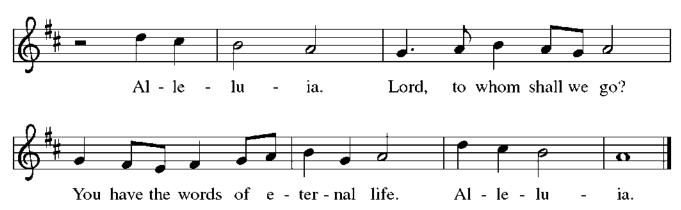
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

The Gospel according to Saint John the seventeenth chapter **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Tara Magoon

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- P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

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NICENE CREED

A Let us profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

C	We believe in one God,
	the Father, the Almighty,
	maker of heaven and earth,
	of all that is, seen and unseen.
	We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
	the only Son of God,
	eternally begotten of the Father,
	God from God, Light from Light,
	true God from true God,
	begotten, not made,
	of one Being with the Father;
	through him all things were made.
	For us and for our salvation
	he came down from heaven,
	was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
	and became truly human.
	For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
	he suffered death and was buried.
	On the third day he rose again
	in accordance with the scriptures;
	he ascended into heaven
	and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
	He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
	and his kingdom will have no end.
	We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
	who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
	who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
	who has spoken through the prophets.
	We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
	We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
	We look for the resurrection of the dead,
	and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians (*especially*). May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry (*especially*). Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymnwriters (*like Jiřī Tranovský, whom we commemorate today*).
 Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giv ing Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

 A Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.
 Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body,

that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

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button in the upper right corner. You can also make a donation by placing your gift in our offering plates located inside both sanctuary doors.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Р 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. 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

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P 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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to leaders at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are wine and juice made with grapes. Please let leaders know if you require gluten-free bread.

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COMMUNION HYMN

I Come With Joy ELW 482

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COMMUNION HYMN



One Bread, One Body ELW 496

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

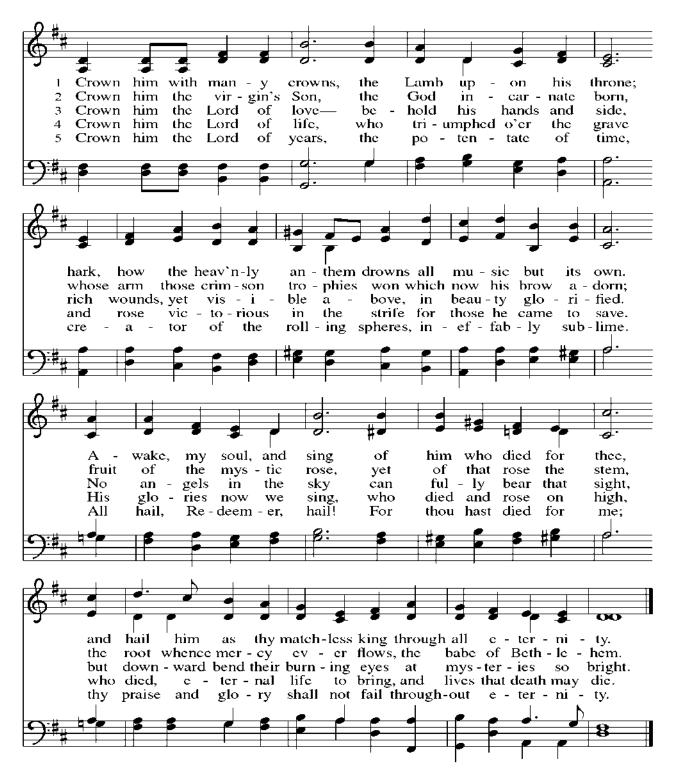
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

BLESSING

- P God, the Author of life,
 Christ, the living Cornerstone,
 and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
 + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C Thanks be to God.

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. ²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. ³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, ⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me. for you are my refuge. ⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. ⁶You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD. ⁷I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities, ⁸and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place. ⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. ¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. ¹¹I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹²I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³For I hear the whispering of many – terror all around! as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." ¹⁵My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love. ¹⁷Do not let me be put to shame, O LORD, for I call on you; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go dumbfounded to Sheol. ¹⁸Let the lying lips be stilled that speak insolently against the righteous with pride and contempt. ¹⁹O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you, and accomplished for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of everyone! ²⁰In the shelter of your presence you hide them from human plots; you hold them safe under your shelter from contentious tongues. ²¹Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his steadfast love to me when I was beset as a city under siege. ²²I had said in my alarm, "I am driven far from your sight." But you heard my supplications when I cried out to you for help. ²³Love the LORD, all you his saints. The LORD preserves the faithful, but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily. ²⁴Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.

PRAYERS FOR MAY 29, 2022

TODAY we pray:

Graduates and family Students and Families in the community of Uvalde, Texas Debbie Anderson Greg Munson Bill & Linda Brizendine, Laurie Spears John Bogucki, Jr. Scott Wycoff Terri Dickson Riggleman

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Lois; Ryan; Delores Beatty; John, Lena, Jurgen, Rich, Debbie, Ursula, Frank; Bruce Berentson; ;Paul & Judy Freys; Seth Weaver; Julia Knight, Jim Dadey, Jenny; Claire; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Miller; Phil & Marilee Calabrese; Brian; Allen Whitley; Barbara Lynn Grabher; Kyle; Bill Smith; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, John Worrell; John Deaton; Joan Sandstorm; Delores Sipe; Doug Price; Bob Waller; Kent Hardel; Gina Clay

Dorothy Dzuris, Nancy Goyda, Joan Snyder; Ed and Erika Burke; Angie Wasgatt; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; Gretchen Platz; Nanci Hunsinger; Claire Schoening; Chuck Loomis; Gretchen Platz For The People of Ukraine; For those who are caregivers.

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl

For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers

For our staff; Pastor Tara Magoon, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones

For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference of the Delaware-Maryland Synod For all pastors and church leaders

For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

To request or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481) office@glcde.org.

Many thanks to all who donated T-shirts for the Sunday school's doggy chew service project, May 22. Parents, kids and teachers all helped to make 20 doggy chews which will be donated to Faithful Friends - AND there are enough T-shirts leftover that a few 9' ropes will be made for VBS. A special thanks to Sandy Betley, whose involvement with VBS several years ago, inspired this service project and who helped with the cutting of T-shirt strips. Jane Foskett

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 29

Capital Campaign for Roof Replacement – May 23, 2022 Update

Congregation approved expenditure for roof project - \$125,000

- Stretch campaign goal \$100,000
- Minimum campaign goal \$50,000
- Current donations \$37,835

Please prayerfully consider donating to this important project!



50 Years of Favorite Memories from Current and Past Members of the Grace Family

Hilltop Superstars

In the mid to late 1990's Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center had an annual fundraiser. It was a Superstars competition modeled after the, then popular, pro sports competition for athletics doing "non-traditional" team events. It was held at the Wilmington YMCA. The event was co-ed and pitted churches and ministries in the Wilmington area against each other in friendly competition to raise money for a great cause. Needless to say, this competition favored those that were young and athletic. Swimming, basketball shooting, wallyball (volleyball in a racquetball court) and a gym relay event. Grace was always able to field a very strong team that included – Janice and Don Bond, Beth and Bob Hyland, Doug Roberts, Brook Ellis and John Auger along with others that memory has denied to me. At the time our team's average age was somewhere in mid-thirties to mid-40s. To our competition, which included a team of talented teenage athletes from Hilltop, we appeared to be a laughable pushover. What these young, and naïve teams neglected to take into account was that with age comes wisdom! Don't work harder, work smarter and work as a team. Well, needless to say the Grace team won several of these competitions to the amazement of our competition. For us "old timer" athletes it was certainly the most fun of the year to win and to support Hilltop at the same time!

-Submitted by John Auger

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Each week, a story from the 50 years of Grace Lutheran church helps us celebrate. Please submit a story so that we can share your remembrances! Send your story, picture or video to Audrey Day (audreydday@gmail.com). **Sunday Breakfast Mission Thank you** to all those who have remembered the with prayers and donations, especially over the difficult last two years. Your gifts, left in the marked bin in Grace's coat closet, were delivered on a regular basis. Now that we are again enjoying in-person services, please take a minute to see if you might be able to bring with you any of the following: shampoo, dental products, soap bars or gel, disposable razors, new (or almost) baseball caps, or bath towels. Those who come for a warm shower, an evening meal, and a safe place to sleep will surely appreciate your thoughtfulness. Again, thank you for extending God's love to those less fortunate in a most stressful time. Sue Eriksen

TIME TO SIGN UP TO HELP AT VBS! Share your time, talent, or treasure with our Vacation Bible School adventure at Grace next month! Check out the info board in the Narthex for donation needs and opportunities to help with prep. Volunteers are also still needed for the week of VBS (June 12 - 16, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Contact Laura Mackiewicz to learn more: laura.mackiewicz@gmail.com (607) 765 - 0230.

In Gratitude for a Great Year!

A warm thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful year for Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD!

In May, we enjoyed wishing Godspeed and many blessings to senior Jeremy Stevens, who is headed to New Mexico to serve at Philmont Scout Camp this summer. The group photo below was taken on a lovely April evening, when we shared dinner on our chapel's back porch as part of a creative retreat, which included hiking at Rocks State Park in Maryland earlier in the day, worship, and late-night trivia.

On Saturday, June 18, we'll have a property work day, beginning at 10 AM. If anyone would like to join us, our focus for the day will be yard work (branch trimming and weeding), as well as hauling old items from the Bonhoeffer House basement to the dump or recycling facilities. Lunch will be provided.

LCM continues to seek tenants for its Bonhoeffer House for the 2022-23 academic year. The property offers space for four and is rented as a house, not as single rooms. If you know of UD students who need housing near campus for the coming year, please invite them to be in touch with our office ad-

ministrator, Alexys, at *office@lcmde.org*. Thank you! We appreciate your ongoing prayers and care for this ministry with and among young adults. Because of your support, we can nurture opportunities for them to grow in faith, leadership, and service, while building community and having great fun, too! Many blessings to all for a safe and joyful summer!



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Worship Assistants

<u>10:00am</u> Assisting Minister: Gerry teig Greeter/Usher: Toni Durandetta Usher: Don Durandetta Reader: Lynne Luettgen Nursery: Jane Foskett, Kris McMahan Sound: Joe Luettgen, Gage McMahan Counters: Gerry Teig, Lynne Luettgen

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The flowers in our chancel have been given by Tim and Stacy Dambaugh in honor of their grandchildren.

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