

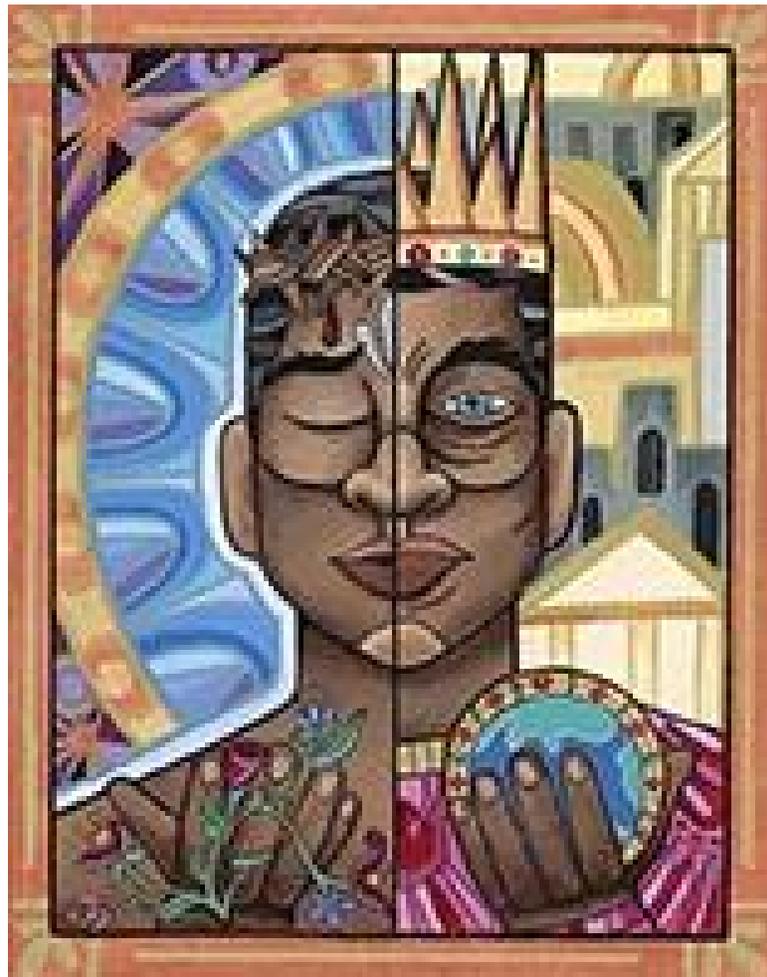


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John 18:33-37

Christ the King

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation
P: indicates the Presiding Minister
A: indicates the Assisting Minister
* indicates for the congregation to stand as able

Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! Helpful instructions for various parts of our worship will be included throughout this bulletin at relevant places. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter.

Please note that currently we are asking everyone to wear a mask during worship, out of an abundance of love, respect and concern for those who are unvaccinated, especially our children. Thank you.

✠ Gathering ✠

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✠ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

You are invited to stand.

***GATHERING SONG**

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves
and Ed Cash

♩ = 76

VERSE

G

Em⁷



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4

C²



Let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7

G

Em⁷



Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10

C²



and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

CHORUS

13

G

Em⁷



is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God! r me

1. 2. BRIDGE
G

20 2. And Name a - bove all names,

24 Em⁷ Cmaj⁷ 1. D
wor - thy of all praise. My heart will sing. How great is our God!

28 G 2. D G D.S. al Fine
is our God! How great

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of truth and realities, you stand before the powers and principalities of this world, rejecting their violence. Give us the wisdom to recognize the difference between powers that consume and those which give life, in the name of the Sovereign of Creation.

C: Amen.

You are invited to sit.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

⁴John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

⁷Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty."_(CEB)

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

A: Let us praise and give thanks for the living Word.

C: Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia.

***THE GOSPEL**

John 18:33-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?"

³⁵Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here."

³⁷"So you are a king?" Pilate said.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice."_(CEB)

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You are invited to sit.

SERMON

PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

**TYLER RIDENOUR AND SHIRLEY PARULIS
JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.

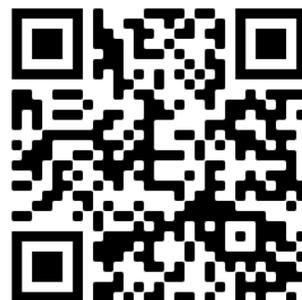
C: And also with you.

You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another. Please respect the boundaries of those present, as not everyone will be comfortable shaking hands or hugging yet.

✠ Meal ✠

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Rejoice Fellowship is blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be given in a few ways: 1) electronically by clicking here: <https://tithe.ly/widget/v3/give.js?3>; 2) physical checks/cash can be placed in the plate as you enter our service this morning (please alert a greeter if you require assistance); 3) electronically by scanning the QR code at right to visit our donation page; and 4) physical checks/cash can be mailed to our office at 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090. Thank you for opening your heart!



OFFERING PRAYER

C: Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory... to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

If you have joined us in person, you will be guided to the front to receive communion. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

While our practice is usually to include bread and a cup, we are following the guidance of our Delaware Maryland Synod ELCA and communing in "one kind," that is, just with bread for now. Our theological understanding of Holy Communion is that receiving one element, like simply the bread, is still receiving the entire sacrament. You are welcome to the table.

If you are joining us through Facebook Live, we invite you to gather your own bread and wine or juice to receive the sacrament with us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

✠Sending ✠

BLESSING

P: God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

C: Amen.

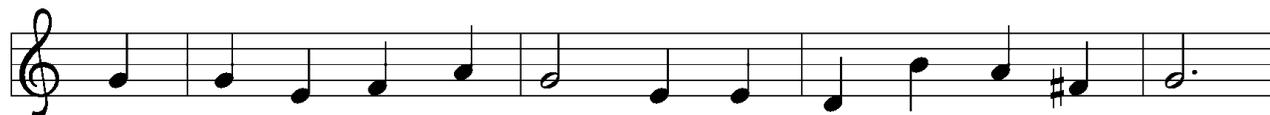
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***SENDING HYMN**

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

You are invited to sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

DISMISSAL

A: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Thank you to all who serve!

Date	Assisting Minister	Camera Person	Greeter	Altar Preparer	Usher
11/21/21	Alyce Cohen	Teresa Steger	Corinne Cuffia	Alyce Cohen	Louise Houck
11/28/21	Nancy Bryant	Mike Fitzcharles	Mary Fitzcharles Louise Fitzcharles	Jamee Dillon Terrie Carter	Kelsey Dillon
12/5/21	Lisa Stokes	David Rinker	Kelsey Dillon	Joanna Heldreth	Tim Cochran

Thank you also to our musicians: Jan Brennan, Bob Hudgins, and Tyler Ridenour!

What's Happening This Week

Sun., November 21	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live
Mon., November 22	
Tues., November 23	Council Meeting – 6:30pm
Wed., November 24	Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:15pm at St. John's Sanctuary
Thurs., November 25	Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed
Fri., November 26	
Sat., November 27	Knitting Club – 10am in the Friendship Room at St. John's

Holiday Season

Rejoice Fellowship

- November 24** *Thanksgiving Eve Service*
7:15pm - St. John Lutheran Church, 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
A multi-denominational worship of Thanksgiving
- December 02** *Advent Midweek*
7:00pm - St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 116 Marydell Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
An evening service of prayer, song and scripture
- December 09** *Advent Midweek*
7:00pm - St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 116 Marydell Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
An evening service of prayer, song and scripture
- December 16** *Advent Midweek*
7:00pm - St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 116 Marydell Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
An evening service of prayer, song and scripture
- December 24** *Christmas Eve*
4:30pm - Family-focused Worship Service
7:30pm - Worship for All with Candlelight
St. John Lutheran Church, 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090
- December 25** *Christmas Day*
10am - Relaxed Worship
St. John Lutheran Church, 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

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