



# REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

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**February 20, 2022 | 10:00 am**

**Luke 6:27-38**

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**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 ✠

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### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news: In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT**



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you



know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here



with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we



lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

### **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: O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **✠ Word ✠**

### **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 45:3-11,15**

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I'm Joseph! Is my father really still alive?" His brothers couldn't respond because they were terrified before him.

<sup>4</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me," and they moved closer. He said, "I'm your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. <sup>5</sup>Now, don't be upset and don't be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives.

<sup>6</sup>We've already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to make sure you'd survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. <sup>8</sup>You didn't send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

<sup>9</sup>"Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: 'God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don't delay. <sup>10</sup>You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. <sup>11</sup>I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won't starve, since the famine will still last five years.'

<sup>15</sup>He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.<sub>(CEB)</sub>

A: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**C: Alleluia. Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Alleluia.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

**Luke 6:27-38**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. <sup>28</sup>Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup>If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. <sup>31</sup>Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. <sup>35</sup>Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. <sup>36</sup>Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

<sup>37</sup>“Don’t judge, and you won’t be judged. Don’t condemn, and you won’t be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you. A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap. The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.”<sub>(CEB)</sub>

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**DEACON DAN GRANOFSKY**

## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

**JAN BRENNAN**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

A: As a community of faith, we have various tools to help us remember that we do not journey this path alone. We aren’t responsible for having all the answers to the questions of life. A quintessential Lutheran question is “what does this mean?” Historical creeds, like the Apostles’ Creed, help us grapple with what our faith tells us. They can be tools for us to construct a faithful life. This morning, as we read together the Apostles’ Creed, may we feel supported in this journey.

**C: 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.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Following each petition:*

A: God of grace,

**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 share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another by typing it into the Facebook Live chat window.*

## **✠Meal✠**

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#### **CALL TO OFFERING**

*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) electronically by scanning the QR code at right to visit our donation page; and 3) 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: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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 God, you alone are holy, you alone are God... Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**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: This morning, God's table comes to you. There is a place for you and enough for all.

*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: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# ✠Sending ✠

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## **BLESSING**

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****WE ARE MARCHING**

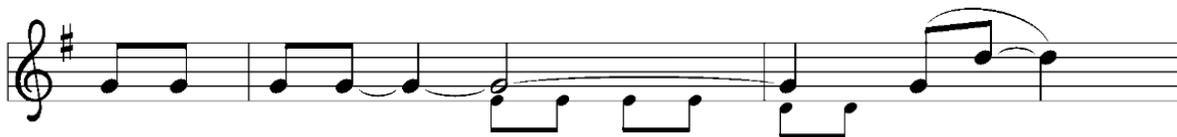
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'.* *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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### **Worship Leaders**

Thank you to all who serve!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Camera Person</b>	<b>Altar Preparer</b>
2/20/22	Lisa Stokes	Teresa Steger	Terri Carter and Gale Krol
2/27/22	Alyce Cohen	Mike Fitzcharles	Alyce Cohen
3/6/22	TBD	TBD	TBD

Thank you also to our Music Director, Jan Brennan!

### **What's Happening This Week**

Sun., February 20	<b>Worship</b> – 10am on FB Live
Mon., February 21	
Tues., February 22	
Wed., February 23	<b>Youth Group</b> – 7-8:30pm at the LHUMC Fellowship Hall
Thurs., February 24	
Fri., February 25	
Sat., February 26	<b>Knitting Club</b> – 10am in the Friendship Room at St John Lutheran Church