



# REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

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**May 1, 2022 | 10:00 am**  
**John 14:23-29**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**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. At this time, wearing a face mask is optional, and we support and encourage anyone who wishes to wear one.*

## ✠ Gathering ✠

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### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; you opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You are invited to stand.*

**\*GATHERING SONG**

**ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*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: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*You are invited to sit.*

**✠ Word ✠**

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**FIRST READING**

**Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>A vision of a man from Macedonia came to Paul during the night. He stood urging Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" <sup>10</sup>Immediately after he saw the vision, we prepared to leave for the province of Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We sailed from Troas straight for Samothrace and came to Neapolis the following day.

<sup>12</sup>From there we went to Philippi, a city of Macedonia's first district and a Roman colony. We stayed in that city several days. <sup>13</sup>On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the riverbank, where we thought there might be a place for prayer. We sat down and began to talk with the women who had gathered. <sup>14</sup>One of those women was Lydia, a Gentile God-worshipper from the city of Thyatira, a dealer in purple cloth. As she listened, the Lord enabled her to embrace Paul's message. <sup>15</sup>Once she and her household were baptized, she urged, "Now that you have decided that I am a believer in the Lord, come and stay in my house." And she persuaded us.<sub>(CEB)</sub>

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. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia.**

**\*THE GOSPEL**

**John 14:23-29**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered, "Whoever loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever doesn't love me doesn't keep my words. The word that you hear isn't mine. It is the word of the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>"I have spoken these things to you while I am with you. <sup>26</sup>The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you.

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don't be troubled or afraid. <sup>28</sup>You have heard me tell you, 'I'm going away and returning to you.' If you loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than me. <sup>29</sup>I have told you before it happens so that when it happens you will believe. (CEB)

*You are invited to sit.*

**SERMON**

**PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**I'M GOING ON A JOURNEY**



1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My



head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;



it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!



2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It



real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod. Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.



3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll



keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way



I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

## **PRESENTATION**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: I present Piper Anne Klaiss for baptism.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,  
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in her hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture her in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

P: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Piper Anne and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **BAPTISM**

P: Piper Anne, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Piper with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Piper Anne Klaiss, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

A: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **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 ✠

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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!*



## **PRAYER OF OFFERING**

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.**

## **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

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

*If you have joined us in person, you will be guided to the front to receive communion. Our bread is vegan and gluten free. If you are curious about the recipe, please ask Pastor Maddie before or following the service. Our wine is non-alcoholic. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

*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

A: 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.**

## ✠Sending ✠

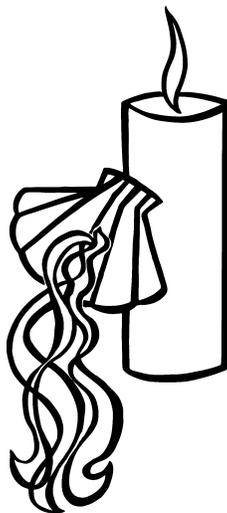
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### BLESSING

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

**C: Amen.**

*You are invited to stand.*



**\*SENDING HYMN**

**WE ARE BAPTIZED IN CHRIST JESUS**



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,  
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

*You are invited to sit.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

**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.**

## **Worship Leaders**

Thank you to all who serve!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<b>Camera Person</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Altar Preparer</b>	<b>Usher</b>
5/1	Nancy Bryant	Mike Fitzcharles	Debbie Jones	Jamee Dillon	Tim Cochran
5/8	Reilly Dillon	Sharon Smith or David Rinker	Kelsey Dillon	Alyce Cohen	Moe Moczulski
5/15	Alyce Cohen	Brian Hudgins	Sharon Smith	Gale Krol	Louise Houck

Thank you also to all our musicians for the gift of music!

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

Sun., May 1	<b>Worship</b> – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St John Lutheran Church and on FB Live. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> – 11:15am at St John Lutheran Church
Mon., May 2	
Tues., May 3	<b>Worship Team Meeting</b>
Wed., May 4	<b>Youth Group</b> – 7-8:30pm at the LHUMC Fellowship Hall
Thurs., May 5	<b>Generosity Team Meeting</b>
Fri., May 6	
Sat., May 7	<b>Food Drive</b> – 9:30 - 11am in the parking lot at 7606 Quarterfield Road <b>Knitting Club</b> – 10am in the Friendship Room at St John Lutheran Church
Sun., May 8	<b>Worship</b> – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St John Lutheran Church and on FB Live. <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> – 11:15am at St John Lutheran Church

## **Preaching for the Easter Season**

For the season of Easter, we will be going through a rotation of pastors with St John Lutheran Church, culminating in a combined service on Ascension Sunday!

May 1: Pastor Maddie Tallman

May 8: Pastor Corey Bergman

May 15: Pastor Scott Maxwell

May 22: Pastor Karen Pugatch

May 29: Combined Service with a Guest Preacher from the Synod Office