



# REJOICE FELLOWSHIP

A Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worshipping at 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090

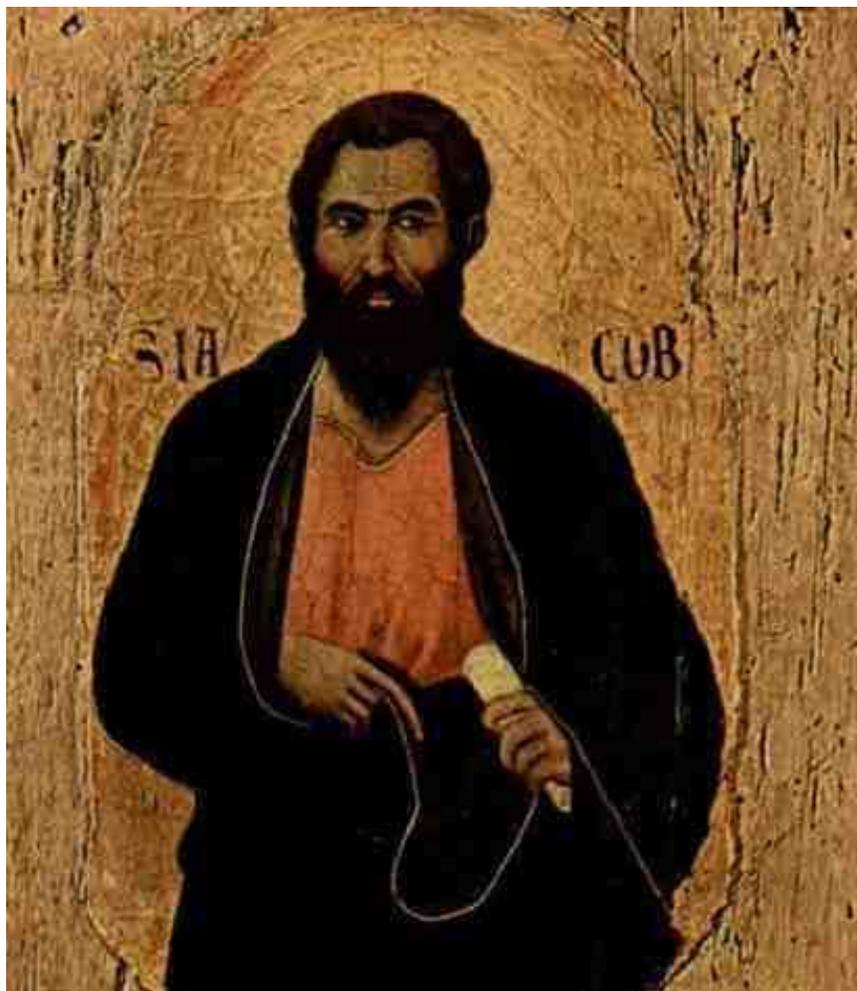
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**July 18, 2021 | 10:00 am**

**Mark 10:35-45**

**Feast Day of James, Apostle**

**Pastor Maddie Tallman**

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation  
P: indicates the Presiding Minister  
A: indicates the Assisting Minister

*Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! July 18th is our very first in-person worship service since March of last year. 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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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### 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, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG**

## **MAKE ME A SERVANT**

Words and Music by  
Kelly Willard

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F Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me

6 B $\flat$ /C C<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$ /F F F<sup>2sus</sup> F A Dm Dm/C G<sup>2</sup>/B

lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways

12 B $\flat$ m<sup>6</sup> F/A Gm<sup>7</sup> F/A

be: Make me a ser - vant, make me a

16 Gm<sup>7</sup> F/C C<sup>7sus</sup> F<sup>2</sup>

ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day. \_\_\_\_\_

## **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: Gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, the first among the twelve to be martyred for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out on the leaders of your church that spirit of self-denying service which is the true mark of authority among your people, through Jesus Christ our servant, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ✠ Word ✠

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### **FIRST READING**

**Acts 11:27-12:2**

27At that time when Barnabas and Saul were in Antioch, prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. 29The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; 30this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

12:1About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. 2He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

A: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**C: Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.**

### **THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 10:35-45**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" 37And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; 40but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. 42So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. 43But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, 44and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. 45For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

### **SERMON**

**PASTOR MADDIE TALLMAN**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

**REJOICE FELLOWSHIP CHOIR - ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Following each petition:*

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## **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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### **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://rb.gy/ryhn0m>; 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); 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**

A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**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**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and faithfulness endures for age to age... Amen.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray,

**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: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey.

*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 a greeter 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**

A: God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness and have been united by your presence among us. Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts so that we may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

# ✠Sending ✠

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## **BLESSING OF OUR BUILDING TEAM AND MISSION BUILDERS**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

P: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Creator God, ✠ Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**GO, MAKE DISCIPLES**



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



back to beginning  
serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Announcements**

### **New Summer Worship and Sermon Series!**

The Bible has a lot of unfamiliar characters in it, doesn't it? A lot of folks whose names we may have heard before, but we may know almost nothing about them. This summer, we'll be diving deeper into some of the lives of a few saints in our ancestry of faith.

The Christian church calendar includes various "Feast days" throughout the year, commemorating the life of various early Christians. Their lives inform our own faith today. These saints help to teach us what it looks like to live out faith. This summer, every Sunday will be a feast! A Feast Day that is. Each week we will observe a festival in honor of one of our biblical ancestors, reading scripture that highlights their lives and their witness to Jesus Christ and also reflecting on what it means for us today. Get ready to feast!

Here's the schedule for the rest of the summer:

July 25: Feast of Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

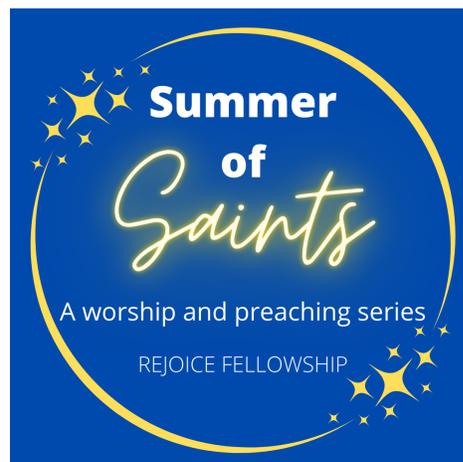
August 1: Commemoration of Saint Lydia

August 8: Commemoration of Phoebe

August 15: Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

August 22: Feast of Bartholomew, Apostle

Each week we will post a short biography and commentary about the saint in the e-letter.



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

Sun., July 18	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live
Mon., July 19	
Tues., July 20	
Wed., July 21	
Thurs., July 22	
Fri., July 23	
Sat., July 24	Year Round Stewardship Training – 9am on Zoom Knitting Club – 10am at the home of Louise Houck