

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Lutheran Church

Growing Together for Christ

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**We worship in-person and on-line at 9:00 am. There is a link on our website to join the on-line Worship Service through Zoom!
Stay safe and God bless!**

Gathering

Welcome/Greeting/Announcements

Call to Worship

P: We gather to worship our God,

C: who speaks the words of peace we need in chaotic times.

P: We gather to follow Jesus,

C: who encourages to never fear, for he is near.

P: We gather to be filled with the Spirit,

C: who anoints us so we can go to serve our world.

Opening Song: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Faith Song: Sanctuary

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now

there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake,¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."⁶ But the

righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down)⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).⁸ But

what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart,

leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the.....

P: This is the gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Children’s Message

Tessa Ancona

Sermon

Pastor Ken Gibson

Hymn of the Day: You Are Mine

Prayers of Intercession

A: “Merciful God”, ... **C: “Receive our prayer”**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Invitation: Friends, an offering is an act of Worship, given freely to share God’s love through this congregation. Please place your offering in the basket as it is passed around, you may come forward to put your gift in the offering plate, or send your gifts to the church at: **5050 N. Johnsburg Rd., Johnsburg, IL 60051** or give online at www.joyfulharvest.org

Offering Prayer

Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has taught us:

C: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion: *Christ is truly present with us today, especially in the gifts of bread and wine. God's table is open; we invite you to join us at the Lord's Table! After the choir is served, come up the center aisle, from front to back. If you are unable to come forward, please let the pastor or another worship leader know, and we will bring communion to you. If you do not receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, simply keep your hands folded. The dark colored liquid is wine, and the light-colored liquid is juice. Please let the pastor know if you need a gluten free wafer. All are welcome!*

Communion Songs: O Come to the Altar/Jesus Remember Me

Prayer After Communion

Sending

COMMISSIONING

P: At Joyful Harvest Church,

C: our mission is growing together for Christ.

P: As disciples of Jesus Christ, we value:

C: Family Worship, Relying on Prayer, Unity in Christ, Instruction in the Word, Telling Others, and Service to God's Community.

SENDING

P: We will go into the world as God's people,

C: telling of God's hopes for all.

P: We will go to serve the world as followers of Jesus,

C: showing with our lives that all are part of the kingdom.

P: We will go to share the Spirit,

C: to bring peace where there is war, to share love where there is hate.

Sending Song: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

If you are looking for a place to worship with your family, join us any Sunday at 9:00 am! Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL) @ 4:30pm:

Can't make it on Sunday?? Come to our new Saturday night Liturgy (SNL) to see what you're missing. Join Pr. Ken on Saturday nights (see schedule below) at 4:30 pm and enjoy a shortened version of the following Sunday's service. We will be using our new hymnals!



Feed My Starving Children Sat. Aug. 22nd, 11:30-1:15pm.

Help us pack meals for children who are less fortunate.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with your family doing God's work. Since we are required to have a certain number of volunteers, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office at 847-497-4569. If you would like to ride share/car pool, please arrive at the Church no later than 10:15am as we will be leaving by 10:30am.

If you prefer you can go directly to the facility at 742 E Park Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048. Please arrive at the facility by 11:15am.

For more information see Trudy Moriarty. No experience necessary!!!



Wed. "Weed & Feed" – Watch for upcoming dates!

Wear your "Holy" jeans, bring a pair of gloves and roll up your sleeves! Help is needed to keep the garden looking good. Watch your bulletin and keep your ears open during announcements to find out the next date.

"Weeding" will start at 4:00pm and we will have a light "feeding" at 5:00pm. Please sign up on welcome table, be sure to include phone # in case of cancellation.



Weekly Calendar

Mon-Thurs	Daily Devotionals with Pr. Ken	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Aug 11	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Aug 11	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Wed. Aug 12	Woodland School Bus Driver Training	8:00-12:00 p.m.
Wed. Aug	"Weed & Feed" Gardening – watch for date	TBD
Thur. Aug 13	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Aug 15	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL) w/Baptism	4:30 p.m.
Sun. Aug 16	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Wed. Aug 19	Council Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sat. Aug 22	Feed My Starving Children	10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Sat. Aug 22	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.

Save The Date!

Watch for more information about these events in upcoming bulletins.

Wednesdays as Announced – "Weed & Feed"

Aug 29 – Bingo - Veterans Fundraiser

Aug 29 – NO - Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)

Sept 5 – Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)

Sept 13 – Luau (pig roast) Rally Day

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AUGUST 9, 2026
ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



We are sent to bring the good news of Christ to others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water
Monday	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord appears to Elijah
Tuesday	Romans 10:5-15	Anyone can be saved
Wednesday	Genesis 41:37-49	Joseph’s rise to power
Thursday	Psalms 105:1-11	God’s faithfulness to Israel
Friday	1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Timothy brings good news
Saturday	Psalms 85:8-13	Restoration of God’s favor
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	A woman’s faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” **Romans 10:15 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, just as you saved Peter from the stormy waves, we praise you for saving us from the things that overwhelm us. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

You who walked upon the sea, come and join our meal, we plea. Thank you for your care this day; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God’s word be near you. (Romans 10:8)



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Describe something you think is beautiful. What makes it beautiful?
- Who do you think is spreading the good news of Jesus through their work? What do they do?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 10:5-15.

Paul continues an intricate dance that balances the covenant given to Abraham, Moses, and the larger Hebrew community with fulfilling the new covenant given through Jesus. It is the same God and the same promise: salvation is meant for all. Therefore, our job is not to judge but to proclaim the good news that Christ is the fulfillment of the law. That message only helps if it is heard. What is so beautiful is not really people's feet—what some may consider the least attractive part of a person's body—but the person themselves. People cannot receive the message of salvation without hearing. We are those sent to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to others. We are the ones that are beautiful souls, not because of our feet, noses, or eyes, but because of the good news of Christ told to others.

Discuss: How do you use your hands, feet, and voice to spread the good news of Christ?

Pray: **Living God, may we see the beauty of the gospel and the beauty of those who share your saving message with us and others through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, where can you go to tell others about Jesus?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears.

Bedtimes are special opportunities to reflect on one's life in prayer. When you go to bed, think or talk about fears you may have. How does it make a difference to know that Jesus is with you and calms any "storms" or fears that you might experience?

Pause for a moment and reflect on your answer. Then say: ***"I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety."*** (Psalm 4:8)



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