

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Lutheran Church

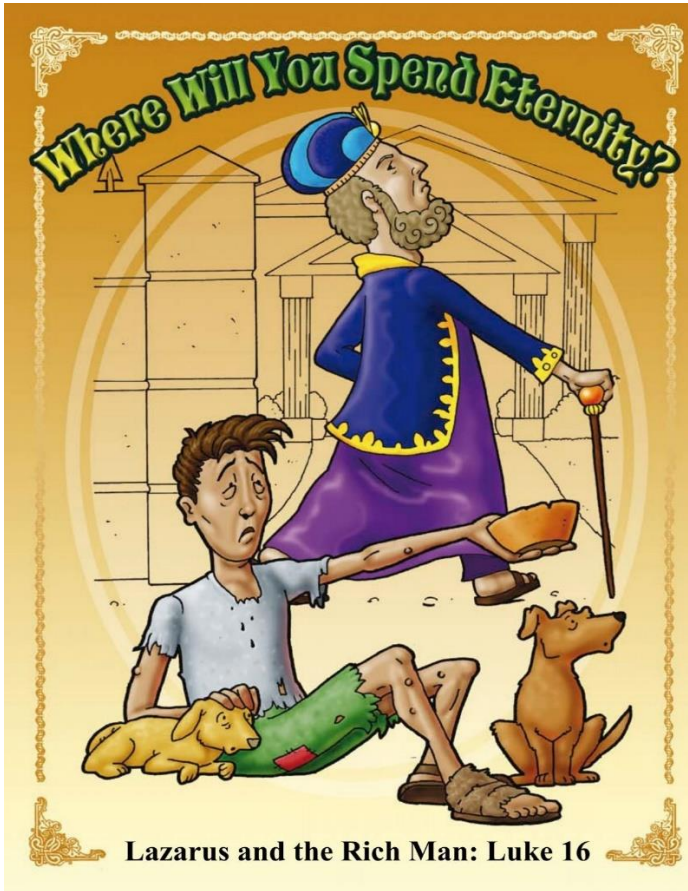
Growing Together for Christ

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

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: The word has come for us from God:

C: who promises to shelter us under the wings of hope and grace.

P: The word has come to us from Jesus:

C: who encourages us to remember the good news we have received.

P: The word flows to us from the Spirit:

C: who reminds us to place our hope and trust in God.

Gathering Songs: Come, Now is the Time to Worship
(Please join us in "Sharing the Peace")
Hosanna Praise is Rising

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

PSALM: Psalm 146:1-10

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: [Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and....

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: We will Glorify

Prayers of Intercession

A: "God of grace",C: "Receive our prayer"

Offering: Friends, an offering is an act of Worship, given freely to share God's love through this congregation. You may come forward to put your gift in the offering plate, send your gifts to the church at: 5050 N. Johnsburg Rd., Johnsburg, IL 60051 or give online at www.joyfulharvest.org

Offering Prayer

Meal

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In God's presence, our lives are exposed, our words are shown for their hollowness, our need is revealed. Let us confess who we are, as we ask God to embrace us with grace and hope. Please join me as we pray,

C: We need to confess, Everlasting God, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us.

Forgive us, God of Compassion. You have sent the One who speaks the words we need to listen to in order to have life. Help us to remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we make that good confession that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior, now and forever. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

P: This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins.

C: God has covered us with grace; under God's hope we will find shelter. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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 Song: O Come to the Altar

Prayer After Communion

Sending

Sending Song: You Never Let Go

Sending and Benediction

P: God sends us from this place with a word of hope.

C: We will offer the shelter of grace to all in need.

P: Jesus sends us out with the word of life.

C: We will seek to share community with those we will meet.

P: The Spirit sends us into a world which longs for justice.

C: We will trust that God's freedom will be offered to all people.

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.

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

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.

Chicken/Pulled Pork Corn Roast! Sat. Oct. 4th @ 12-3 p.m.

We invite you to an "all you can eat" feast of Chicken, pulled pork and corn on the cob. There will be a 50/50 raffle. If interested, please sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Drinks will be available for \$1.00 each. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased ahead of time or at the door. **See Ray for your tickets!**



Choir Practice – Every Saturday 9:00 – 10:00 am.

Tired of singing in the shower? Karaoke not an option? Then try your talent at singing with the Joyful Harvest Choir! We welcome all....off key or not!

Men's Group: We meet on **Saturday afternoons at 1 p.m.** at the church for fellowship and learning more about God's call on our lives. All men are invited to attend.

Be part of Worship! Help out by reading, greeting or assisting in communion! There is a sign-up sheet for Sunday worship on the Welcome Table. No experience necessary!!!

Weekly Calendar

Tue. Sep 30	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Sep 30	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Thur. Oct 02	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Oct 04	Chicken/Pulled Pork & Corn Roast	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Sun. Oct 05	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sun. Oct 05	NO - Faith Formation	10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Oct 04	Chicken/Pulled Pork & Corn Roast	12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
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Standards Of The Afterlife

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Caring for others is the way of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man
Monday	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Judgement for a self-indulgent life
Tuesday	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The good fight of faith
Wednesday	Proverbs 22:2-16	The value of a good reputation
Thursday	Psalms 119:73-80	The Glories of God’s law
Friday	2 Corinthians 8:8-15	Generous giving
Saturday	Psalms 146	Praise for God’s help
Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. Psalm 146:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, give us faith to see that the true riches in life are filled with compassion for others, especially those in need, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who feed the hungry and fill the needy with good things, we thank you for this gift of food through Jesus Christ who cares for all people. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with contentment.



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:

- What gets in the way of helping those in need?
- How have you or someone you know shown God's compassion by giving to someone in need?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 Timothy 6:6-19.

All the readings for this week reveal God's compassion for the needy. God's righteousness seeks life-giving relationships. Those who have wealth are to share with those who do not. Caring for a widow, an orphan, or a poor man at a rich man's door is the way of Jesus. God expects more than comfort and luxurious living from God's people. All we really need in life is *"godliness combined with contentment"* (v. 6). It's not that money is evil; it's the love of money. The desire for wealth can get in the way of healthy relationships that God wants for us. The real treasure is not hoarding wealth or basking in luxuries. Rather, the treasure and joy of life is where we put our energies and trust. It is experienced in *"righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness"* (v. 11b). That is the *"good fight of the faith"* (v. 12), freeing us from harmful desires and blessing us with eternal life that begins now by loving our neighbor with all our being.

Discuss: When have you experienced the love of money getting in the way of a relationship?

Pray: **Compassionate God, we thank you for the treasure of a life of faith that we may be generous with others and content with what we have for the sake of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you become more involved in the needs of your community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Giving is a response to God's generosity. Walk around your house and look in closets and drawers. Make a list of things you no longer use or need. Think or talk about who may appreciate and need them and consider taking them to organizations who can give them to those in need.

Pray: **Lord, fill me with faith and generosity. Amen.**



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