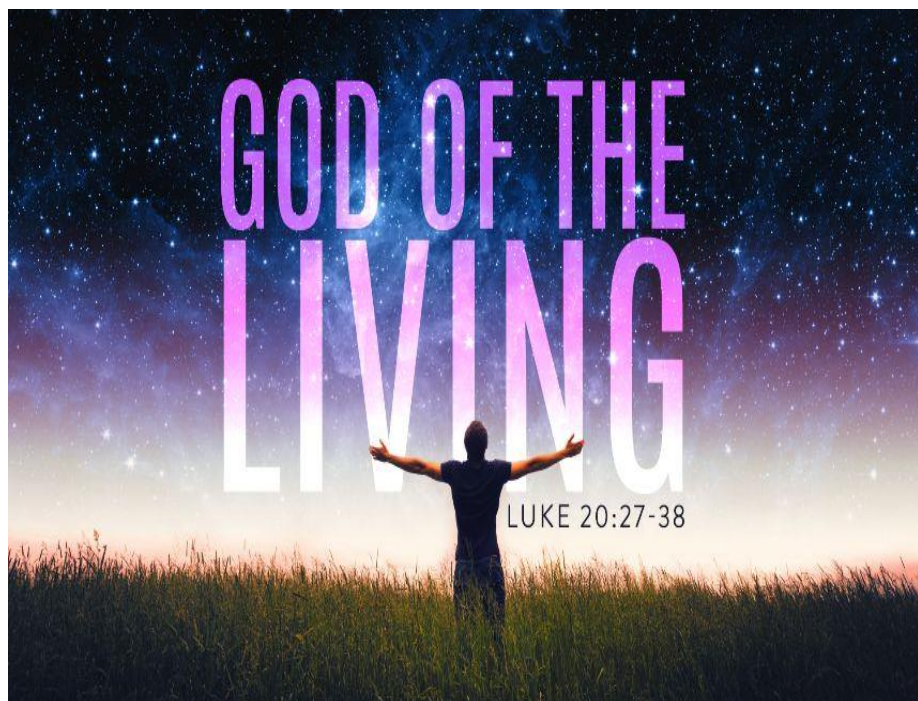


Welcome to Worship at
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November 9th, 2025	22nd Sunday after Pentecost
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We worship in-person and on-line at 9:00 am. There is a link on our website to join the on-line Worship Service through Zoom!
Stay safe and God bless!

Gathering

Welcome/Greeting/Announcements

Call to Worship

P: The God who is greater than we will ever understand,

C: is humbled to become one of us.

P: The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,

C: gives us more grace than we ever realize.

P: The God who is wiser than we will ever know,

C: teaches us all we need to become God's children.

Gathering Songs: All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises
(Please join us in "Sharing the Peace")
He Is Exalted

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came

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: Thank You, Lord

Prayers of Intercession

A: "Hear us, O God",C: **"Your mercy is great"**

Offering: 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

Meal

Confession & Forgiveness

P: We often think God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring. But God hears our hearts, God shares our struggles, God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples. Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment to confess the brokenness of our lives. Please join me as we pray,

C: We are so easily confused by what the world tells us, Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as children. We are so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what if?' or 'suppose?' - we cannot hear the promises you whisper to us.

So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our deepest fears - heal them with your peace. You hear our secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

P: The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

C: With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people. We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised! 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: Holy Forever

Prayer After Communion

Blessing The Tijuana Travelers

Sending

Sending Song: One Thing Remains

Sending and Benediction

P: Now, go out into the world as God's people!

C: We will not be afraid to trust in God's future.

P: Now, go out as followers of Jesus!

C: We will not falter in bringing justice and hope to all.

P: Now, go out as those gifted by the Spirit!

C: We will not fear, but will journey into the days ahead.

Commissioning

P: At Joyful Harvest Church,

C: our mission is growing together for Christ.

P: As disciples of Jesus Christ, we value:

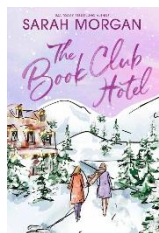
C: Family Worship, Relying on Prayer, Unity in Christ, Instruction in the Word, Telling Others, and Service to God's Community.

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.



Joyful Readers Book Club: Do you like to read, are you looking for a way to connect with other women? Consider joining the ladies of Joyful Harvest as they embark in this fellowship opportunity. The next meeting will be Nov 15th at 9:00 a.m. They're reading "The Book Club Hotel" by Sarah Morgan. Contact Kim DuBois for more info!

Messy Church/Family Fun Night! Wed. Nov 19th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

"Messy Church" invites us all to gather as God's community to eat, share fellowship, and learn and grow in our faith in a relaxed environment. We will be doing a special project and are in need of clean, empty mayonnaise jars. There will be a chili cookoff contest (see sign-up sheet in the Narthex) and potato bake with all the trimmings. Come see what it's all about! For more information or to volunteer to help, please see Sue Bettis.



Thanksgiving Feast! Sun. Nov 23 @ 10:30 a.m.

Come and “stuff” your bellies at our annual Thanksgiving Feast! The church will be providing the turkeys. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and choose a dish to pass or just come and enjoy. All are welcome!



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. Nov 11	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Nov 11	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Thur. Nov 13	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov 15	Joyful Readers Book Club	9:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov 16	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov 16	Faith Formation	10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Wed. Nov 19	Messy Church	5:30-7:30 p.m.
Sun. Nov 23	Thanksgiving Potluck Feast!	10:30 a.m.
Sat. Nov 29	Hanging of the Greens	9:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov 30	Soundtrack of Christmas IV	5:30-7:30 p.m.

Save The Date!

Watch for more information about these events in upcoming bulletins.

Sat. Dec 6 - Feed My Starving Children

Wed. Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service

Sun. Jan 11 - Annual Meeting

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NOVEMBER 9, 2025
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



In Christ we know our redeemer lives.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection
Monday	Job 19:23-27a	I know my redeemer lives
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Be Faithful
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	The temple of the living God
Thursday	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Obedying the Lord
Friday	Romans 8:9-17	Life in the Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 17:1-9	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. Job 19:25 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you for hearing our cry for help and giving us our Lord Jesus Christ who rescues us from the pain and suffering of this life. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, give us thankful hearts to receive this gift of food with gratitude and receive your mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God comfort your heart and strengthen you. (2 Thessalonians 1:17)



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:

- When is a time someone defended you when you were being treated unfairly?
- How can the God of justice and mercy help you during unfair experiences?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Job 19:23-27a.

This reading can be difficult to understand without some background information. The first two chapters of the book of Job describe Job as patient. For the rest of the book, Job enters a defiant stance claiming his innocence and wanting to argue his innocence before God. Job challenges the typical understandings of God that claim he must have done something wrong to suffer as he does. God acknowledges that Job is justified for challenging God, even if Job as a human being cannot grasp the ways of God. In the end he accepts this. The beauty of chapter 19 is Job's unwillingness to give up or give in to accusations of his guilt. Thank God for Job's willingness to challenge established wisdom about God. It is in that spirit that the church over the centuries has sung the words, *"I know that my Redeemer lives"* (v. 25). We see in Jesus the champion that Job longed for and the one who would take up Job's defense.

Discuss: When you experience suffering, what questions do you have about God?

Pray: **God of justice and mercy, thank you for accepting our questions and doubts and giving us the confidence of the resurrection through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. 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 help someone who is suffering?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus tells the Sadducees that life after death is different. Think or talk about this difference through the lens of a caterpillar when it changes into a butterfly. They are the same animal even though the stages of life are different. We do not know what life will be like after death. Jesus tells us it will be different, and we will be with God. Read this verse and then take a moment to think what the words mean to you: *"Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive"* (Luke 20:38).



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