

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Lutheran Church

Growing Together for Christ

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Jesus began to
send them out
TWO BY TWO

MARK 6:7



July 07th, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost

We worship in-person and on-line through Zoom and Facebook. There will be a link on our website to watch the live-stream on Facebook!
Stay safe and God bless!

Gathering

Welcome/Greeting/Announcements

Call to Worship

A: You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day:

C: Your name, O God, like your praise, sings in every person.

A: You speak your Word, O God, to guide us into your kingdom:

C: Your hope, O God, like your joy, echoes in every soul.

A: You guide us, O God, to those who are looking for you:

C: Your love, O God, like your name, fills the emptiness of every heart.

Gathering Songs: Come Just as You Are

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (1960's)

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

PSALM: 123:1-4

¹ To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴ too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I

will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.....

P: This is the gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Rebecca Gordon

Prayers of Intercession

A: “In Your Mercy”,.....**C: “Hear 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 Song: Change My Heart O God (1982)

Offering Prayer

Meal

Confession & Forgiveness

P: When we look at the relationships we hope to have with one another, and with God, we must admit how broken we are. But, as we gather in the presence of God, we are promised forgiveness and healing, if we will confess our sins. Please join me, as we pray to the One who never ceases to love us:

C: You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises. Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of

welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet. Amen.

(Silence is kept)

P: We open our lips and confess our hearts. God hears our words and make us new, sending us out to bring hope and joy to all the world.

C: We hear the good news, we believe the good news, we will live out the good news. 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: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord O My Soul)

Prayer After Communion

Installation of Council Members & Executive Team

Apostle's Creed

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

Sending

Sending Song: Days of Elijah

Sending and Benediction

P: We will go to let the Joy of creation lead us into this new day.

C: We will sing glad choruses of hope to a world in despair.

P: We go to walk with our Heart's Love beside those whose hearts are broken.

C: We will touch boastful tongues with peace, we will offer compassion to those frozen with fear.

P: We will go with your gentle wisdom, Spirit of grace, to walk the streets of the kingdom.

C: We will bring healing to grudges held far too long, filling those who grieve with the laughter of hope.

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. You are the body of Christ!

C: Thanks be to God!

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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.

Back to School Supply Drive! From Jul. 1st–Jul. 31st, the Giving Closet will be collecting school supplies for families in need. For every \$10.00 worth of school supplies you donate, you will be entered into a raffle for a \$25.00 Amazon gift card!!! There is a list of items required by the local schools in the Narthex.



Visiting Pastor – On July 14th, we welcome back Pr. Ken Gibson as he joins us for Sunday Service. We thank him for being with us in worship to fill in for Pr. Rebecca as she has a prior obligation.

First Wednesday Fellowship (Aug 7th) - (FWF) August's presentation will be "An Illinois Humanities Council Road Scholar Program: Why and How to Cause the Change Required for Continued Human Prosperity". Join our speaker Amy McMorrow Hunter as she explains how, in these challenging times, we all have a role to play in making the world a better place for current and future generations. Fortunately, we have the technology we need to make the changes and it's totally possible!

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!!!

Rides Needed! Volunteers are needed to provide people with rides to church on Sundays and special church events. Please contact Bruce Harmel (815) 670-7103 for more information.

Men's Group: We meet on **Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.** at the church for fellowship and learning more about God's call on our lives. All men are invited to attend.



Donate to help the ministries of Joyful Harvest! Scan the QR code on the left with your mobile device or visit the giving kiosk in the narthex. You'll go to our online giving page to set up a one-time or recurring gift through your debit/credit card processed through PayPal. Your gift will support our many outreach ministries. *Thank you for making so much possible!*

Weekly Calendar

Tue. Jul 09	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Jul 09	Food Pantry Service Opportunity (All Saints)	3:00-6:30 p.m.
Wed. Jul 10	Call Committee Meeting	10:00-11:30 a.m.
Thur. Jul 11	Food Pantry Service Opportunity (All Saints)	3:00-6:30 p.m.
Sat. Jul 13	Men's Group	7:00-9:30 a.m.
Sun. Jul 14	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Jul 21	2nd Annual Family Picnic	10:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sat. Jul 21	Giving Closet of McHenry	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sat. Jul 27	Blood Drive	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Wed. Aug 07	First Wednesday Fellowship	12:30-2:00 p.m.



**"I'm not sure what religion my family is.
It's the one that forbids running with scissors.
And eating before dinner is the worst sin."**

JULY 07, 2024
SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Jesus sends out his disciples.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the twelve
Monday	Ezekiel 2:1-5	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Paul's visions
Wednesday	Jeremiah 1:4-19	The Lord sends Jeremiah
Thursday	Philippians 4:2-14	Giving encouragement and thanks
Friday	Luke 10:1-20	Jesus sends the seventy
Saturday	Psalms 123	A prayer for mercy
Sunday	Mark 6:14-29	The death of John the Baptist

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But [God] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. **2 Corinthians 12:9 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, your grace is all we need. Help us to rely on you as we live as your followers each and every day. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, all good things come from you. Give us hearts that are grateful and lips that are true. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord show you grace; may God fill your life with power perfected in weakness.

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- When you pack your bags for a trip, what do you bring with you? Do you travel light or with lots of stuff?
- How do you rely on God's presence when you travel?
- Jesus sent out his twelve disciples to preach and help others (Mark 6:7-13). He told them to go without food, money, and bags. The disciples needed to rely on God. In what ways do you need to look to and rely on God more?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10.

Paul tells his faith story. It includes a rather ecstatic, heavenly experience, yet he tells it as a detached third person and with great humility. It would be very tempting for him to brag about his religious experience. Instead, he recounts his struggle, his "thorn" that keeps him "from being too elated" (v. 7). Paul's message is that the grace of God is enough to sustain us. Weakness is not the opposite of God's power; God uses weakness to show God's power. Paul concludes, "Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong" (v. 10). Reflect on your own faith story. Include experiences of joy as well as struggles and see how God is present in the midst of it all. *Pray:* **Lord, your grace is all we need. Help us to rely on you as we live as your followers each and every day. Amen.**

SERVICE

When Jesus went back to his hometown of Nazareth, he was not made to feel very welcome, even by his own family (Mark 6:1-6). We can easily take family, friends, and acquaintances for granted. Think of those around you and work on showing appreciation for their efforts and contributions to others. Name things they are good at or that make them a positive influence in the lives of others.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In 2 Corinthians 12:3-4 the Apostle Paul had a very significant experience of being in God's presence. Paul refuses to boast about that experience and instead speaks about his struggles and weaknesses. Without boasting about our lives in the presence of God, it is important to affirm that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, and to be comforted by that presence. This week designate a chair in your home and place a cross on it; call it the "Jesus chair" as a way to be reminded that in our joys and struggles, God in Christ is with us each day.



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Introducing Our Council Members & Executive Team!

Council Members:

Theresa Ancona
Jim Larkin
Roberta Miller
Mike Morley
Annie Rosene

Executive Team:

Ray Pratscher – Council President
Wanda Mass – Council Vice-President
Kim DuBois – Council Secretary
Vicky Hill - Treasurer



Worship Around the Campfire

Potluck @ 5:00pm followed by Worship @ 6:00pm

Saturday, August 17th

Saturday, September 14th

2nd Annual Church Picnic

Potluck, Fun, & Games following Worship

Sunday, July 21st

Annual Chicken & Corn Roast

All you can eat fundraiser for Tijuana Mission

1:00-4:00pm – tickets required (see Mike or Ray)

Saturday, October 5th

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Jul. 1st – Jul. 31st

For the month of July, the Giving Closet will be collecting school supplies for the families in our community to give away at their August event. For every \$10.00 worth of school supplies you donate, you will be entered into a raffle for a \$25.00 Amazon gift card!!! Since the schools have specific requirements, we are providing a list of items (in the Narthex) that are needed according to the local schools.

Please drop off your supplies with Vicky or Kim and get your raffle tickets!