

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Church
Growing Together for Christ
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8th Sunday after Pentecost

This week we will be worshipping in-person and on-line through Zoom and Facebook. There will be a link on our website to watch on Zoom, or you can watch the live-stream on Facebook! Stay safe and God bless!

Gathering

Welcome/Greeting/Announcements

Call to Worship

God of the past who whispered in the prophets' ears; who rescued us from sin's slavery:

we are here to thank you.

God of the future, who is tearing down the old world, and building your kingdom in our midst:

we are here because we trust you.

God of the present who, in the giftedness of our diversity, creates us to be one people:

we are here to praise you.

God of life that surprises us when we find it within us:

we celebrate your grace.

Gathering Songs

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Hosea 11:1-11 (NRSV)

¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them

like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. ⁷My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁸How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁹I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹⁰They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (NRSV)

¹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble**

³and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴**Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;**

⁵hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

⁶**Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;**

⁷he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸**Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.**

⁹For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

⁴³**Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11 (NRSV)

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him...

This is the gospel of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Prayers of Intercession

Meal

Offering/Offering Song

Friends, while our programs and in-person worship are temporarily modified, our responsibilities for our regular bills (mortgage, utilities, payroll, etc.) continue. Please send your gifts to the church office: 5050 N. Johnsburg Rd., Johnsburg, IL 60051 or you may give online at www.joyfulharvest.org.

Call to Reconciliation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another...

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lord's Supper

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

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

Communion Song

Sending

Sending Song

Sending and Benediction

Let us go with God to offer life to those around us.

We will gather up the broken to offer them healing.

Let us go with Jesus to wrap people in hope.

We will reach out to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

Let us go with the Spirit to love all those in our midst who have been forgotten.

We will take them in our arms and welcome them to our hearts.

Commissioning

At Joyful Harvest Church, **our mission is growing together for Christ.**

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we value: **Family Worship, Relying on Prayer, Unity in Christ, Instruction in the Word, Telling Others, and Service to God's Community.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Order of service may change to accommodate the Holy Spirit...

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Announcements

Cross Keys Village Stampers: Cut used postage stamps from the mail you receive at home, bring it to the church and we'll make sure the Cross Keys folks receive them!

Men's Group: We are currently meeting **in-person and online Saturday mornings @ 7 a.m.** to learn more about God's call on our lives. All men are invited to attend.

Live-Streaming and In-Person Monday Evening Bible Study! We've finished our Bible Study for now, but will be starting up again in September! Keep watching for more information!

Donate for Tijuana Mission Project! - Toys and school supplies! When our volunteers go to Tijuana this year, they would like to take some items that the kids can use. *If you should see a backpack on sale for the kids, we can fill it with school supplies. Soccer balls or footballs can be deflated and taken. Jump ropes, small toys, t-shirts for kids would be good, too.* There is a box in the narthex for donations. *Thanks so much for your generosity.* **See Ray Pratscher or Theresa Ancona for info.**

St. Jude Children's Ranch: **We are collecting greeting cards!** Please bring in the whole card Juanita will separate the front from the back. Save your used holiday and all-occasion cards, bring them to the church, and we'll ship them off to St. Jude's!

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



Weekly Calendar

Sun. Jul 31	Sunday Worship <u>In-Person & Live-Streaming</u>	9:00 a.m.
Tue. Aug 02	Breakfast Club – Granny's Diner, Johnsburg	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Aug 02	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	4:00-6:30 p.m.
Thur. Aug 04	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	4:00-6:30 p.m.
Sat. Aug 06	Men's Group <u>In-Person & Live Streaming</u>	7:00 a.m.
Sat. Aug 06	Anne Liston Celebration of Life Visitation	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Sat. Aug 06	Celebration of Life Service (luncheon follows)	11:00 a.m.
Sun. Aug 07	Sunday Worship <u>In-Person & Live-Streaming</u>	9:00 a.m.

Two people read the same Bible.

One sees reasons to love.

The other sees reasons to hate.

One sees unity.

The other division.

One finds equality.

The other division.

One discovers compassion.

The other, indifference.

One goodwill.

The other malice.

Two people, one book. One Book, two views.

The book is a mirror.

The reflection is you.

July 31, 2022
EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Through baptism you have been raised with Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
Monday	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Wisdom makes sense
Tuesday	Colossians 3:1-11	New life in Christ
Wednesday	1 Peter 1:3-12	A reason for hope
Thursday	Job 42:1-9	Job is humbled
Friday	Colossians 3:12-17	Christ gives meaning to your life
Saturday	Psalm 29:1-12	Don't depend on wealth
Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **Colossians 3:2-3 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for the gift of baptism that frees me to live my life for others and for the glory of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you for this food and for mouths to eat, help us to serve you with our hands and our feet. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God clothe you with a new life in Christ. (Colossians 3:4, 10)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What accomplishments of yours would you like others to know about?
- Why is it that for some people successes in life never seem to be enough?
- Is there comfort in knowing that your real identity is hidden from the world until Christ is revealed in glory? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Colossians 3:1-11.

This passage begins with baptismal imagery (“you have been raised with Christ”) that had already been established in verse 2:12: “When you were buried with him in baptism, you were already raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.” It is important to see the baptismal life in chapter three not as a rejection of bodily, earthly things, but affirming the higher calling in this daily life. In baptism we put to death—repent of—the sin that dwells within and among us (vv. 5-9). We are freed from looking for personal glory (v. 3) to care for others in a way that sees all as united in Christ whether “Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free” (v. 11). What a gift of life: in baptism we are freed from focusing on ourselves—from looking for personal recognition in life—so that the whole body can be served with love. Our lives are hidden in Christ yet also visible as a people united in Christ. Therefore, your life is freed from sin so that you are able to serve others. In what ways do you feel freed in Christ to serve others? *Pray:* **Gracious Lord Jesus, thank you for freeing me from the need for personal recognition so that I can recognize the need of others. Amen.**

SERVICE

In Luke 12:12-21 we find the parable of the rich fool. “Rich toward God” (v. 21) means we are to be generous with the treasures we have and not keep everything for ourselves. The theme of this reading is, “Don’t be greedy, give to the needy!” Begin a tradition of giving up some of the money you might spend going out to eat or to a movie and save it to give to a charity at the end of the year.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 49:1-12 discusses the folly of trusting in riches as eventually we leave our wealth to others whether we want to or not. Sharing with others our time, talents, treasures, and caring is a Christian tradition. Learning to give to others begins in the home. Place grapes or cookies in a bowl. How many would you need to be satisfied? The foolish rich man would want them all! How about you? Think this week about how you nurture an atmosphere of sharing and giving in your home.



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