

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Lutheran Church

Growing Together for Christ

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Transfiguration
SUNDAY

February 15th, 2026	Transfiguration of Our Lord
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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: It is good to be here in this sacred space,

C: in the shelter of God's love and hope.

P: It is good to be here with people we know well, and also with new friends,

C: joining with all of God's beloved, siblings of Jesus.

P: It is good to be here, where we can hear God's voice,

C: calling us to be eyewitnesses to the Spirit's presence.

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ♫ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives you all your sins in ♫ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

Gathering Songs: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
(Please join us in "Sharing the Peace")
Let It Rise

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud

covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 2:1-12

¹ Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³ "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶ **"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother.....

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: Beautiful Savior

Prayers of Intercession

A: "Merciful God", ... **C: "Receive our prayer"**

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

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: The Magnificat

Prayer After Communion

Sending

Sending Song: Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

Sending and Benediction

P: God sends us from this experience of worship to serve all those around us.

C: We will go to take the light of hope into the shadowed corners in our midst.

P: Jesus, the Beloved, invites us to join him in everyday life, in everyday service.

C: We will go to be blessed by all those overlooked by the world.

P: Glory's Spirit takes us by the hand to lead us down the path of humility.

C: We will enter into the mists of mistrust, so we can offer hope to many.

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 justice. Love mercy.

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.

Daily Devotionals with Pastor Ken Gibson @ 8:00am.

Pastor Ken has started doing daily devotionals on FaceBook live every weekday at 8:00am. Go out to FaceBook and search for "Pastor Ken Gibson". Be sure to find the correct one, as there are multiple. Then send a friend request to join the group. He is looking forward to seeing you there!



Blood Drive! Sat. Feb 28, 8:00am-12:00pm: Please help fill the need for blood donations. More than 75 percent of all Americans reaching age 72 will need donated blood within their lifetime; 97 percent will have a loved one who will need blood. You can register online at <https://donateblood.versiti.org> or walk-ins are always welcome.



Lenten Simple Suppers & Holden Evening Prayer:

Starting Wed. Feb. 25th thru Wed. Mar. 25th in the spirit of Lent (period of fasting & self-denial) we will be having a "simple supper" consisting of only soup & bread at 6:00pm, followed by Holden Evening Prayer (music based) service at 6:30pm. Please see the sign-up board in the Narthax.

Weekly Calendar

Tue. Feb 17	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Feb 17	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Wed. Feb 18	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Thur. Feb 19	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sun. Feb 22	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sun. Feb 22	Faith Formation Class	10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

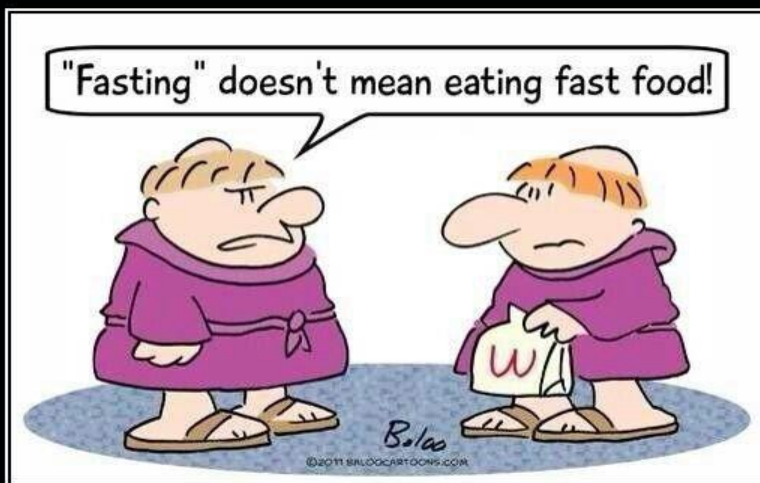
Wed. Feb 25	Simple Supper	6:00 p.m.
Wed. Feb 25	Holden Evening Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
Sat. Feb 28	Versiti Blood Drive	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Happy Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 15, 2026
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR LORD



Disciples have a mountaintop experience.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 17:1-9	Transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	Exodus 24:12-18	Moses goes up to Mt. Sinai
Tuesday	2 Peter 1:16-21	Eyewitnesses of Christ’s glory
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Giving, praying, and fasting
Thursday	Genesis 8:1-22	The Lord’s promise for the earth
Friday	Genesis 22:1-9	The Lord will provide
Saturday	Psalms 2	The Lord’s chosen king
Sunday	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. **Matthew 17:7-8 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and eternal God, help us to be aware of your saving presence in our lives and in our world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let this food to us be blessed; and let there be a goodly share, on every table, everywhere. Amen. (Isaiah 58:7)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you comfort and strength.



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 you felt God's presence in your life?
- When Jesus was transfigured, a voice from heaven said, "*Listen to Him.*" How do you hear and listen to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 17:1-9.

In the midst of the challenges and hurts of everyday life, it can be a gift and a source of comfort and strength to have a "God moment" experience. It happened to Peter, James, and John. It also happens to us, that sense that God is near and all is well. Our comfort is not just in any god or spiritual experience, but one that links us to Jesus, the Son of God. He is the one who came to die on another mountain, Golgotha. However, this mountain experience brings together Jesus, Moses, Elijah, and unprepared disciples. What makes this moment a valued "God moment" is that the disciples are comforted by the words, "*do not be afraid*" (v.7) and their focus becomes exclusively on Jesus alone. What a moment and a gift it is to see Jesus before us and at peace with no need to be afraid.

Discuss: When have you had a special moment that gave you a comforting sense that Jesus was with you?

Pray: **Dear God, help us to see Jesus in our mountaintop highs and in our valley lows, and may that vision give us courage, comfort, and strength to be your faithful followers. 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 be a good listener to someone who is in need of a listening ear?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



In Exodus 24, Moses went up on a cloud-covered mountain for forty days and forty nights. We are about to enter another 40-day period of prayer and fasting as we prepare for Ash Wednesday this week. The day before is called Shrove Tuesday and is recognized around the world as a day to eat fattening foods, especially pancakes. Prepare a pancake feast on Tuesday this week to enjoy with friends and family. After feasting, say this blessing: **May God bless you through your journey this Lent.**



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