

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Lutheran Church
Growing Together for Christ
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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: God, whose imagination saw all that is good, beautiful, and loving,

C: continues to see us as beloved children in the divine family.

P: The Word, which called forth the stars in every universe,

C: speaks to us of giving ourselves through the baptismal life.

P: The Spirit, which moved over creation, breathing life into all things,

C: fills us with peace and patience, with hope and healing to share.

Opening Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Faith Song: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning,

the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of....."

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 8:1-9

¹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which.....

P: This is the gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Tessa Ancona

Sermon

Pastor Carol Soderholm

Hymn of the Day: Come, Join the Dance of Trinity (ELW #412)

Prayers of Intercession

A: "God of grace", ...C: "Hear our prayer"

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Invitation: 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: Doxology/Our Father

Prayer After Communion

Sending

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.

SENDING

P: Created and called to be faithful stewards, we are sent forth by our God.

C: We will take all that is good to places of brokenness, all that is beautiful to those who live in despair.

P: Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples, we are sent forth by Jesus, Word of hope.

C: We follow Jesus to every place he would lead us, to every person who will bless us.

P: Called and filled with the very breath of peace, we are sent forth by the Spirit, God's grace.

C: We will join the Spirit in bringing life where there is fear, in offering love where hate seeks to take hold.

Sending Song: At Your Name

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

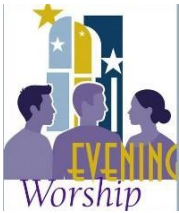
C: Amen

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

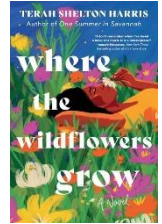
If you are looking for a place to worship with your family, join us any Sunday at 9:00 am! Thank you for worshipping with us today.



Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL) @ 4:30pm:

Can't make it on Sunday?? Come to our new Saturday night Liturgy (SNL) to see what you're missing. Join Pr. Ken on Saturday nights (see schedule below) at 4:30 pm and enjoy a shortened version of the following Sunday's service. We will be using our new hymnals!

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 Sat, Jun 13th at 9:00a.m. They're reading "Where the Wildflowers Grow" by Terah Shelton Harris. Contact Kim DuBois for more info!



Weekly Calendar

Mon-Thurs	Daily Devotionals with Pr. Ken	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Jun 02	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Jun 02	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Thur. Jun 04	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Jun 06	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.
Sun. Jun 07	Sunday Worship w/Graduate Celebration	9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Jun 13	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.
Sat. Jun 13	Joyful Readers	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Sun. Jun 14	Giving Closet	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Save The Date!

Watch for more information about these events in upcoming bulletins.

June 27 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**

July 4 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**

July 11 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**

July 25 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**

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TRINITY SUNDAY



The Triune God empowers reconciliation with others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples
Monday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	God creates everything
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Wednesday	Acts 3:11-26	Peter speaks in the temple
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Ministry of reconciliation
Friday	Ezekiel 18:24-32	The Lord is fair
Saturday	Psalms 8	Wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	The call to follow Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. **2 Corinthians 13:13 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you that you care for us and want us to live in harmony with others; help us to live in peace with all you have created through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the works of your hands have placed all things under our feet. Help us to remember and always give thanks for the food we eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)



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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 does it take to strengthen a relationship with friends or family?
- When is a time you have had a sense of God's love and peace?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13.

This reading includes the trinitarian language anticipated for this special day: the grace of Jesus, the love of God as Creator and Father, and the unity of the Holy Spirit. Paul uses this language and understanding of God as being the strength of the Corinthian house churches. Paul's two letters to the Corinthians indicate that these house churches seem to be divided by lots of conflict. At the same time they are closely united because of God. Paul tells the people to "[b]e restored," and "live in peace" (v. 11). God's love and reconciling power make it all possible. The embrace of this family-like community is demonstrated by Paul's urging them to greet each other with a "holy kiss" (v. 12). All of this is expected by Paul, not because of the leadership or wisdom of the people, but because of "[t]he grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit" (v. 13) that is promised to be with them all. For Paul, it is the Triune God who makes the reconciled life of the Christian community possible.

Discuss: How does Paul's description of God help the church seek reconciliation?

Pray: **Triune God, bless us always with your grace, love, and shared fellowship with one another so that we may live in peace and be reconciled with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. 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 restore a broken relationship with someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



This is Trinity Sunday. In the word Trinity, "tri" means "three" and "unity" means one. Draw a triangle on a piece of paper. Write Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in each of the corners. Think or talk about what each one means to you. In the center of the triangle draw a heart and write the word love. *Pray:* **Dear God, we praise you for your abundant love. Thank you for sending Jesus to teach us. Please help us to open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



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