

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Lutheran Church
Growing Together for Christ
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June 7th, 2026

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

**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 sinners, the saints, the broken, the whole:

C: we all come seeking the One who offers grace and hope.

P: The doubters, the devout, the wonderers, the wanderers:

C: we all seek to follow the One who works for justice and hope for all of God's people.

P: The hesitant, the heroic, the grandparents, the little children:

C: we all listen for the songs of joy that all creation sings to the One who gives life and peace.

Graduate Recognition

Opening Song: I Will Rise

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: Day By Day

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15-6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: ^{6:1}"Come, let us return to

the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15

⁷“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. ¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and

calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at.....

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: Here I Am, Lord

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 Songs: Come Let Us Worship/Awesome God

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: Like the prophets,

C: we take those steps of faith offered by our God.

P: With Jesus, as well as his followers,

C: we dare go into those unknown places where hope is absent, where grace is empty.

P: With the people we know,

C: we are willing to follow the Spirit on adventures into justice and compassion.

Sending Song: Trading My Sorrows

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.

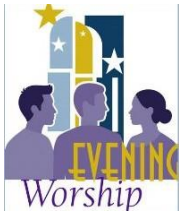
C: Amen

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

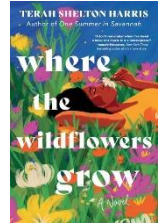
If you are looking for a place to worship with your family, join us any Sunday at 9:00 am! Thank you for worshipping with us today.



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 09	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Jun 09	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Thur. Jun 11	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Jun 13	Joyful Readers	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Sat. Jun 13	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.
Sun. Jun 14	Sunday Worship w/Tijuana Send Off	9:00 a.m.
Sun. Jun 14	Giving Closet	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Jun 27	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.
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Save The Date!

Watch for more information about these events in upcoming bulletins.

- July 4 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**
- July 11 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**
- July 25 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**
- Aug 8 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**

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SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Trust in the promise and power of God's grace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	The call to follow Jesus
Monday	Hosea 5:15-6:6	A call to repentance
Tuesday	Romans 4:13-25	God's promise realized by faith
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 5:28-33	Moses mediates God's will
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5	Request for prayer
Friday	Ephesians 5:28-33	Let love be your guide
Saturday	Psalms 50:7-15	What pleases God
Sunday	Matthew 9:35-10:23	The sending of the twelve

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[A]s it is written, "I have made you [Abraham] the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Romans 4:17 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, give us faith and courage to follow you and to touch the lives of those around us with your grace, mercy, and healing power through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

With this gift of food we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the one who gives us hope now and always. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you have trust in God.



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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 happens in a relationship when someone makes a promise and doesn't keep it?
- Abraham grew strong in faith because of God's promise. How does trusting God's promises help you grow in faith?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 4:13-25.

Some Christians in Rome believed one first had to become Jewish by following God's law before one could be a follower of Jesus. However, Abraham, our father in the faith, did not have the law and circumcision that was required to become Jewish. That came later through Moses. What Abraham had was trust in the promise of God, the God who "gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist" (v. 17). We, too, "share the faith of Abraham" (v. 16). We trust in the promise of God and the power of God's grace that resurrects life through Jesus. Abraham's and Sarah's bodies were old and unable to give birth to a child and, therefore, to a new nation. But it happened, not because of Abraham's or Sarah's ability to birth a child but because of the God who makes promises and keeps them. We are inheritors of Abraham's right relationship with God through faith that trusts the God who "raised Jesus our Lord from the dead" (v. 24).

Discuss: God makes promises and keeps them. How does knowing this help you grow in your faith?

Pray: **Creator God, we thank you for giving us new life in Christ through faith, a gift of your never-failing love and grace. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how does following Jesus help you to reach out to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus saw Matthew and said to him, "Follow me" (Matthew 9:9). And Matthew got up and followed him. One way that many Christians show themselves to be followers of Jesus is by wearing a cross necklace. Some have a cross or a fish symbol tattoo somewhere in a visible place on their body. Think or talk about a time you or someone you know was recognized as a follower of Jesus. Write a list of words that describe a follower of Jesus. Take a moment to read the words aloud.

Then pray: **Dear Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow. May we do so with love and mercy toward others in our daily lives. Amen.**



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