

Welcome to Worship at
Joyful Harvest Lutheran Church

Growing Together for Christ

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**“Fear not, therefore; you are of more
value than many sparrows.”**

MATTHEW 10 : 31



June 21st, 2026

4th 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: There is no hope like you, O God!

C: Hope for those who cry out from the deserts of their lives.

P: There is no grace like you, O God!

C: Grace for those rejected, ignored, and cast aside by the world.

P: There is no love like you, O God!

C: Love for those who have known days of trouble and nights of loneliness.

P: There is no one like you, O God!

C: No one! No one! No one!

Opening Song: This is My Father's World

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: Good, Good Father

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout,

“Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, “I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 69:7-18

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother’s children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰ **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹¹ I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

¹² **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: “In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸ **Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so

we also might walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin.⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin.⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God.¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: [Jesus said to the twelve:]²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a.....

P: This is the gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Carol Soderholm

Hymn of the Day: Who Am I

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: Eat This Bread/We Fall Down

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: Let us go to carry God's hope,

**C: to those living with food storages,
and all who face housing insecurity.**

P: Let us go to share the love of Jesus,

**C: to all whose lives are troubled,
and all the lonely searching for community.**

P: Let us go to offer the Spirit's grace,

**C: to all forgotten by the world,
and those whose voices are never heard.**

Sending Song: Mighty To Save

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!

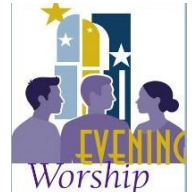
C: Thanks be to God.

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!



Culvers Veterans Fundraiser - Wed. Jul 1st:

On Wed. July 1st from 5:00 – 8:00 pm we will be “serving” our community at the Fox Lake Culvers on Rt. 12 to raise funds for our Christmas Veteran Program. Culvers is donating 10% of all sales to our project. Bring family, friends, and neighbors – enjoy good food and help us support those who have “served” for us!



Weekly Calendar

Mon-Thurs	Daily Devotionals with Pr. Ken	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Jun 23	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Jun 23	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Thur. Jun 25	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Jun 27	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.
Sun. Jun 28	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Wed. Jul 01	Veterans Fundraiser @ Fox Lake Culvers	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Sat. Jul 04	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.

Save The Date!

Watch for more information about these events in upcoming bulletins.

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

July 18 – **Volleyball/Game Night**

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

Aug 8 – **Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)**

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June 21, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Christ gives new life to make a difference in the world.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 10:24-39	The call and cost of discipleship
Monday	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Jeremiah denounces his persecutors
Tuesday	Romans 6:1b-11	Dying and rising with Christ
Wednesday	Genesis 21:8-21	Hagar and Ishmael are sent away
Thursday	Psalms 86	Save me, Lord
Friday	Ephesians 4:17-24	The old and the new life
Saturday	Psalms 69:7-18	God can be trusted
Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in the newness of life. **Romans 6:4 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, help us to trust that all we are and hope to be is found in the new life we have through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, all good things come from you; thank you for your goodness that gives us food to eat this day. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God set you free. (Psalm 69:18)



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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 are three things that are important to you?
- What do you think it means to pick up your cross and follow Jesus? (Matthew 10:38)

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 10:24-39.

Core values are important because they define what we stand for and who we are. Jesus says that following him is an all-or-nothing proposition. It is non-negotiable. Sometimes we must let go of what we treasure in life to gain what really counts in God's kingdom. In the process, Jesus gives several stark contrasts, many of which are hard to hear. Following Jesus will lead some to be rejected by family, which was a reality in first century Christianity and can be true today, too. Acknowledge Jesus and he will acknowledge you. Deny him and he will deny you. Amid these tough passages is Jesus' repeated theme of not being afraid. Jesus warns us not to deny him before others, but Peter does deny him three times before Jesus' crucifixion (Matthew 26:69-75). Peter learns that mercy, not judgment, is the ultimate core value in the kingdom. God's mercy takes away our fear. Jesus calls us to make a difference and to rely on him. We all falter. Jesus doesn't. This is the dramatically different way of life that moves us from fear and judgment to grace and mercy.

Discuss: How does God's mercy help you face your fears?

Pray: **Dear God, may our life in Christ give us peace and good courage as we live each day with others. 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 encourage someone to be courageous and face their fears?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



*In many countries around the world today, the third Sunday in June, is Father's Day. It is a special day to cherish the role of fathers and of those with whom we have had a paternal relationship. Think or talk about the father(s) and other men in your life. Write a list of their names, read them aloud, and pray: **Dear God, thank you for the gift of fathers and all men who have made a difference in our lives. For the care they have given us and the guidance they have shared with us, we give you thanks. Amen.***



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