

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: With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.

C: How good it is to gather in God's house!

P: With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.

C: We greet each other by name; we are equal in God's Kingdom.

P: We open our hearts, to welcome God's love;
we open our arms, to welcome God's people.

C: Here, every single one of God's children is welcome.

Opening Song: Righteousness, Peace, Joy

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: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the

exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin,

you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: [Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me.....

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: All Are Welcome

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: Kum Ba Yah/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: May we go out into our world with God.

**C: Where we may work to set free
all bound by worry and loneliness.**

P: May we go out into our communities with Jesus.

**C: Where we will gather up those sacrificed
on the altars of success, hate, and greed.**

P: May we go out into our neighborhoods with the Spirit.

**C: Where we will offer ourselves as lambs
of peace, of gentleness, of justice.**

Sending Song: Hold Us Together

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 - Tues. Jun 30th:

On Tues. June 30th 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 30	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Jun 30	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Tue. Jun 30	Veterans Fundraiser @ Fox Lake Culvers	5:00-8:00 p.m.
Wed. Jul 01	Weed & Feed	4:00-6:00 p.m.
Thur. Jul 02	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Jul 04	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.
Sun. Jul 05	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Jul 11	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.
Sun. Jul 12	Giving Closet	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Wed. Jul 15	Council Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sat. Jul 18	Volleyball/Game Night	5:00-7:00 p.m.

Save The Date!

Watch for more information about these events in upcoming bulletins.

July 25 – Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)

Aug 8 – Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)

Aug 15 – Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)

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June 28, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Freed by God's grace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others
Monday	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Hananiah opposes Jeremiah
Tuesday	Romans 6:12-23	Slaves of righteousness
Wednesday	Leviticus 25:35-43	The year of jubilee
Thursday	John 8:31-38	True disciples
Friday	Hebrews 6:1-12	Danger of falling away
Saturday	Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18	God's covenant with David
Sunday	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. **Romans 6:13 (NRSV)***

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, your love is so complete that we cannot fully grasp it. Help us to enjoy life in your presence and extend your love, mercy, and peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food, another example of your constant love and faithfulness, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 89:2)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a holy life.



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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:

- When have you been tempted to do something, you knew was wrong? What happened?
- How would you describe a life that is guided by Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Romans 6:12-23.

Since the time Paul conveyed the radical message “*where sin increased, grace abounded all the more*” (Romans 5:20b), Christians and non-Christians alike have wondered if the Christian faith gave license to live immorally. If our sin leads to God’s grace, should we help God out by sinning all the more so that God’s grace will be extended all the more? Heavens, no, answers Paul. What then? Sin is not simply bad actions. For Paul, sin is a demonic power opposed to everything that is of God. Being baptized into Christ is to die to a life opposed to God. What do we do then? With everything in us, we live “*to God as instruments of righteousness*” (6:13). We gladly participate in God’s saving activity in the world with our words, actions, thoughts, and hopes. A life ruled by Christ is not easy to comprehend. Paul writes, “*I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations*” (v. 19), so just go for it! Give it your all for the sake of all that is holy, just, and full of God’s presence.

Discuss: Does knowing of God’s grace give you a desire to do all you can to love and serve?

Pray: **Gracious God, give us the desire to serve in your kingdom as instruments of your goodness and mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to be hospitable and welcome someone into your home?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Jesus said that anyone who welcomes one of his followers welcomes him, and in turn welcomes his Heavenly Father (Matthew 10:40). Extend a welcome to a new friend or new neighbor to join you for a meal in your home. Think of ways to make them feel welcome. Remember that in serving your visitors you are serving Christ himself!

Pray: **Lord, open our hearts to welcome you each day, and open our hands to serve others in love. Amen.**



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