

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: All who are thirsty, come!

C: God is the fountain for our lives.

P: All who are hungry, come!

C: Jesus feeds us with goodness and grace.

P: Rich and poor, young and old, neighbor and guest, come!

C: The Holy Spirit gathers everyone around the Table.

Opening Song: Here I Am to Worship

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: At Your Name

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an

everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: ¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he...

P: This is the gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Message

Tessa Ancona

Sermon

Pastor Mack Patrick

Hymn of the Day: Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW #515)

Prayers of Intercession

A: "Merciful God", ...C: "Receive 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 Holy Spirit/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: Go now, to find the thirsty.

C: We will show them where the living water flows.

P: Go now, to find the hungry.

C: We will share from our abundance to feed them.

P: Go now, to find the stranger.

C: We will embrace them as siblings.

Sending Song: You Never Let Go

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.

Please Welcome Pastor Mack Patrick!



Pastor Mack Patrick serves as Assistant to the Bishop in the Northern Illinois Synod, where he focuses on communications, worship, and youth ministry. He enjoys preaching in congregations across the synod and hearing stories of how they are living out Christ's call to love God and love their neighbors in their communities. In his free time, you can find him riding roller coasters, reading in a hammock, or building LEGO® sets. We thank him for being with us in worship while Pr. Ken is on vacation.

Feed My Starving Children Sat. Apr. 22nd, 11:30-1:15pm.

Help us pack meals for children who are less fortunate.

This is a great opportunity to spend time with your family doing God's work. Since we are required to have a certain number of volunteers, please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office at 847-497-4569. If you would like to ride share/car pool, please arrive at the Church no later than 10:15am as we will be leaving by 10:30am.

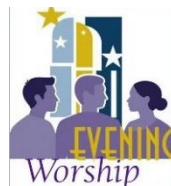
If you prefer you can go directly to the facility at 742 E Park Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048. Please arrive at the facility by 11:15am.

For more information see Trudy Moriarty. No experience necessary!!!



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!



Wed. "Weed & Feed" – Watch for upcoming dates!

Wear your "Holy" jeans, bring a pair of gloves and roll up your sleeves! Help is needed to keep the garden looking good. Watch your bulletin and keep your ears open during announcements to find out the next date. "Weeding" will start at 4:00pm and we will have a light "feeding" at 5:00pm. Please sign up on welcome table, be sure to include phone # in case of cancellation.



Weekly Calendar

Mon-Thurs	Daily Devotionals with Pr. Ken	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Aug 04	Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Aug 04	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Wed. Aug	"Weed & Feed" Gardening – watch for date	TBD
Thur. Aug 06	Food Pantry Service Opportunity	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Aug 08	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	N/A
Sun. Aug 09	Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sun. Aug 09	Giving Closet	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Sat. Aug 15	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL) w/Baptism	4:30 p.m.
Wed. Aug 19	Council Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Sat. Aug 22	Feed My Starving Children	10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Sat. Aug 22	Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)	4:30 p.m.

Save The Date!

Watch for more information about these events in upcoming bulletins.

Wednesdays as Announced – "Weed & Feed"

Aug 29 – Bingo - Veterans Fundraiser

Aug 29 – NO - Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)

Sept 5 – Saturday Night Liturgy (SNL)

Sept 13 – Luau (pig roast) Rally Day

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AUGUST 2, 2026
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God’s generosity gives us joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 14:13-21	Jesus feeds the five thousand
Monday	Isaiah 55:1-5	An invitation to abundant life
Tuesday	Romans 9:1-5	God’s choice of Israel
Wednesday	Proverbs 28:25-27	The law of God makes sense
Thursday	Psalms 37:18-28	Trust the Lord
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-19	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21	The Lord is kind and merciful
Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus walks on water

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Isaiah 55:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, we thank you for inviting us to the banquet feast that has no end and is filled with joy and life in your presence through our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, the eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. Amen. (Psalm 145:15-16)

A Blessing to Give:

May God fill you with peace and joy.



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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 dream have you had that came true?
- How do your dreams and desires reflect your faith in Christ?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Isaiah 55:1-5 and Matthew 14:13-21.

Feasting is a biblical image of God's providence and grace. In Matthew 14, Jesus is feeding the masses, not just five thousand people, but five thousand men plus the women and children. This happens right after the beheading of John the Baptist at another feast, the birthday banquet of King Herod. Just as Jesus' banquet is a far cry from other earthly feasts, so is God's invitation to eat and drink without payment. God's offer of this life-giving nourishment is free. Isaiah 55 includes a challenge to all who want glory and feasting: *"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?"* (v. 2). Isaiah gets to the heart of the dilemma in our lives: pursuing that which is not important, not essential. Since the time when Jesus fed the masses, God has reached out to all people with the promise of true joy envisioned in a banquet feast that never ends.

Discuss: What is something you have pursued that is not essential to our lives?

Pray: **God of abundant joy, help us to remember and believe that your kingdom gives us a joy like no other 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, how can you support those who are homeless and in need of food?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



God's love and care for people is shown in the Bible with stories of meals and feasts. Think or talk about a time you hosted a meal in your home or helped someone else host a meal in your community. In what ways did you care for the guests? When did you feel the presence of God's love? Write a list of words that describe how you felt and what you enjoyed the most about hosting the meal. Pause for a moment and consider when you could host a meal again for friends or a neighbor.

Pray: **Lord, help me to find joy in your abundant care for us. Amen.**



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