Welcome to Worship at

Joyful Harvest Lutheran Church

Growing Together for Christ

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November 1st, 2026	**All Saints Day**

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

All Saints Liturgy

A: In honor of All Saints' Sunday, we will read the names in remembrance of those from our congregation who have died this past year and hold a special place in our hearts. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in memory of someone dear to them. This will proceed spontaneously and at will; there will be no ushers directing you. Following the lighting of the candles, we proclaim the message of hope and life eternal through Jesus Christ. May all the saints, past and present, endure forever in God's grace! Gracious God, today we remember and give thanks for Cher Liska, Ralph LaBedz, Bonnie Wasilewski, Steven Russell, and those we remember in our hearts.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

A: Please come forward, take one candle and light it in remembrance of your loved ones.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMFORT AND HOPE

A: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God!

A: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Call to Worship

P: At all times we are called to bless God's name.

C: Our voices are filled with praises, our hearts rejoice in God.

P: The proud will bend knees in worship, the humble will lift glad songs.

C: We are free from our fears, we have searched and found God.

P: Our faces glow with thanksgiving, our spirits overflow with grace.

C: God has wiped away our tears; God has fed us with hope.

Opening Song: Dance With Me

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence is kept for reflection)

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C: Amen.

Faith Song: Shall We Gather at the River (ELW #423)

Prayer of the Day

Word

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the
throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God
forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
"Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 14 I said
to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are
before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will……

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my
mouth.

2 **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name
together.

4 **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my
terrors.**

5 Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

[6] **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
[7] The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.
[8] **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**
[9] Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
[10] **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
[22] O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3
[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
A: Word of God, Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

P: [1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he…..

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: Awesome God/Humble Thyself

Prayers of Intercession
A:"God, in your mercy",...**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 o**r 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/Agnus Dei

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 be saints of God this week.
C: Not to be holier-than-thou folks, but people
who keep an eye out for those the world has overlooked.
P: Go now to be servants of Jesus this week.
C: Not to be those who are better than others,
but those who humble themselves in service.
P: Go now to be companions of the Spirit this week.
C: Not those who are on the inside path,
but those who walk with all who have lost their way.

Sending Song: Shine Jesus Shine

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: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God.

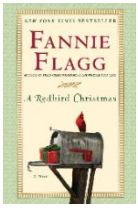
Announcements

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.

"AYCE" Spaghetti Dinner! Sat. Nov 7th @ 12:00-6:00 p.m.

We invite you to an "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner fundraiser for our veterans. There will be multiple great raffles, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and bake sale. Tickets are $10.00 per person and can be purchased ahead of time or at the door. Ticket includes spaghetti, with or w/o meatballs, French bread, and beverage.

See Vicky or Carrie for your tickets!



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, Dec 5th @ 9:00a.m. They're reading *"A Redbird Christmas"* by Fannie Flagg. Contact Kim DuBois for more info!

Weekly Calendar

Mon-Thurs	**Daily Devotionals with Pr. Ken**	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Nov 03	**VOTING – JHC polling site**	6:00am-7:00pm
Tue. Nov 03	**Breakfast Club at Midwest Breakfast**	8:00 a.m.
Tue. Nov 03	**Food Pantry Service Opportunity**	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Wed. Nov 04	**Mat Yoga with Robin**	4:00-5:00 p.m.
Thur. Nov 05	**Food Pantry Service Opportunity**	3:00-6:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov 07	**Veterans Spaghetti Dinner**	12:00-6:00 p.m.
Sun. Nov 08	**Sunday Worship**	9:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov 08	**NO** - Faith Formation Class	10:30 a.m.
Sun. Nov 08	**Giving Closet**	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Wed. Nov 11	**Mat Yoga with Robin**	4:00-5:00 p.m.
Sat. Nov 14	**Chair Yoga with Robin**	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Sun. Nov 15	**Thanksgiving Potluck**	10:30 a.m.

Save The Date!

Watch for more information about these events in upcoming bulletins.

Nov 18 – **Mat Yoga with Robin**
Nov 21 **– Chair Yoga with Robin**
Nov 28 **– Hanging of the Greens**
Nov 29 **– 5th Annual Soundtrack of Christmas**
Dec 05 **– Joyful Readers**

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NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

taking faith home

All our sorrows will be wiped away.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	**Matthew 5:1-12**	**The Beatitudes**
Monday	**Revelation 7:9-17**	**God will wipe away tears**
Tuesday	**1 John 3:1-3**	**Our hope in God**
Wednesday	**Isaiah 54:5-10**	**The eternal covenant of peace**
Thursday	**Romans 15:14-21**	**Paul's work as a missionary**
Friday	**John 11:17-27**	**The resurrection and life**
Saturday	**Psalm 34:1-10, 22**	**Honor the Lord**
Sunday	**Matthew 25:1-13**	**Parable of the ten bridesmaids**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"[F]or the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." **Revelation 7:17 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Almighty God, we thank you for joining us to the saints throughout the ages through our shepherd, Jesus Christ the Lamb of God. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Dear God, we thank you for this food as we taste and see that you are good. Amen. (Psalm 34:8)

A Blessing to Give:
May God wipe away every tear. (Revelation 7:17)

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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 grieved the loss of a loved one? Tell a story about that person.
- How does God comfort you when you are sad and grieving?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Revelation 7:9-17.

The seer of this heavenly vision allows us to imagine the future of loved ones who have died, especially those who have shaped our own lives of faith with their living witness. Most likely they did not experience the kind of persecution envisioned in Revelation, but all lives know the pain and turmoil of daily struggles. In the end, what remains of their—and our—sufferings and disappointments are swept up in a larger reality, one that sees the Lamb at the center. This is Christ, our shepherd, who suffered and died, and through whose blood our lives are purified so that we all may stand before the throne of God. The truth of the reign of God through the Good Shepherd is that all our sorrows will be wiped away. We look to a future where there are no more tears and no more sadness to overcome. There is a great victory in life. It is the victory of the Lamb who was slain and now begins his reign of *"[b]lessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and power and might . . . to our God forever and ever! Amen"* (v. 12).

Discuss: Where or who do you turn to for comfort when a loved one has died?

Pray: **Almighty and living God, we thank you for the promise of life and love and peace for all the saints—past, present, and future—through Christ our shepherd. 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 reach out and support someone who is grieving a loss?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saints Day is a time to remember all the saints in our lives, both the living and the dead. Think or talk about memories you have of people who have blessed your life.

Light a candle and pray: **Dear God, thank you for the life of [name of people]. I am grateful for all the blessings that came to my life through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

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