

An Order for the Worship of God

August 2, 2026

Ringings of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 17 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to our cries; give ear to prayers from lips free of deceit.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from the adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #2, Holy God, We Praise Thy Name, v.1-3

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

You do hear the prayers of your people, O God, and give heed to their supplications. Your faithfulness spans generations and nations, as a cloak of protection sewn with benevolent care. You promise your presence as your Spirit abides in our midst. We bow down before you, as our ancestors have done before us, in praise and adoration of your gracious name. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: "Our Father ... (debts/debtors)

New Testament Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Liturgist: This is the gospel message of our Lord and Savior.

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls, and guide our feet.

Sermon: The Messiah's Power

*Responsive Hymn: #383, If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

Call for the Offering

Let us share God's blessings, as we collect our tithes, gifts, and offerings.

*Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer:

We have the means to give, we have the reason to give, and there are many waiting for us to give. Yet often, our hands hold back, and we hoard what we have for ourselves. God of grace, help us to live and give in your kingdom of love, where there are no enemies, only brothers and sisters, and kindness in the air we breathe. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: #370, Seek Ye First

Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music

Jerry Eisner
Mary Kugel
Sue Laubenheimer

Welcome Visitors! Thank you for joining this congregation for worship this morning. You are welcome and encouraged to participate in all functions of the church including communion and fellowship. Please pick up a *Welcome!* Folder as you exit the church to learn more about the offerings of St Jacobi Congregational Church!
We are happy you are here!

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