

An Order for the Worship of God

May 31, 2026

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 8 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, what are mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #243, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,
v. 1, 2 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

We do indeed stand in awe of you, O God. We rejoice that you have chosen us to be your own. By your word, the heavens were made; your loving kindness fills the whole earth. By the bounty of your mercy, we have been born to new life. Hear now the fanfare we give you as we lift our voices in praise of your name. For we ask this in the name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray: "Our Father...(debts/debtors)

Prayer of Confession

O God, when we are put to the test, we do not quickly respond. If called upon to decide, we lack the courage of faith. Confessing commitment, we confuse your will with our own. Seeking security, we turn to devices that we control. Your voice comes from heaven to chasten and disciple. Your commandments Jesus proclaimed as the course we should take. Forgive us when we deviate from the truth you deliver, and increase our trust in you. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

As Jesus met his disciples on the mountain, he is with us today, even to the close of the age. With authority he commissions us to service; with redeeming love he sets us aright when we fall. All who humbly approach him seeking forgiveness for their sins can live with assurance since Christ died for all of us. **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

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: What the Church Must Remember

*Responsive Hymn: #542, Lord, You Give the Great Commission,
v. 1-3

Congregational Prayer

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table/Invitation to the Meal

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Communion will be received today in the pews. The Bread of Life is received first, please eat as you receive it. The wine or grape juice will be served next, please wait for all to receive to drink.

Children are invited to Communion at the discretion of their parents

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father, as we have received these gifts of bread and wine, you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for assuring us of your goodness and love, and that we are members of his body. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call for the Offering

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

* Doxology #562 (Pilgrim)

Offering Prayer

We recognize that the greatest gift is the gift of love. May our offerings distribute this love to the world: the small world we inhabit with the suffering people we know; the larger world where the power of love is sorely needed. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: Go, Make of All Disciples (insert)

Benediction

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

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

Worship Leaders

Minister
Liturgist
Director of Music
Pastor Jerry Eisner
Bob Laubenheimer
Sue Laubenheimer

ST. JACOBI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



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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