

An Order for the Worship of God

September 27, 2026

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 78 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**We will tell to the coming generation the glorious
deeds of the Lord and the wonders that God has
done.**

How in the daytime the Lord led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

**He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave
them their drink abundantly as from the deep.**

Let us drink deeply of the Lord's goodness as we come into God's courts with praise! Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #553, Gather Us In, v. 1, 3 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

O God, your grandeur towers above the highest peaks; your strength can make them tremble and fall. Your love is deeper than the valleys of the oceans, and as encompassing as the water that covers the earth. In Christ Jesus, you call us your children and through him your word is forever made known. Be with us now as in Christ's name we gather. Accept our praises as we confess him Redeemer and Lord. 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

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. How often we do not do what we intended! What we confess is not how we act. We hear your word preached and we give our assent, but faith is found wanting when it comes time to obey. We are confronted by conflict; decisions are called for. Our desires are at odds with what you command and we do not do

what you wish. O God, have mercy upon us and in Christ forgive us. Give us the strength to do your will. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Again, hear the words of Paul when he writes that God has bestowed on Christ "the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." As we make our confession, we have the assurance that the exalted Christ intercedes on our behalf. **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Sermon: Parable of the Two Sons

*Responsive Hymn: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling (Insert)

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

Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us in the paths of abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you, we see that we are loved. We offer you our lives, for we have chosen to follow you. We offer you our praise, for your love is great. Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts to establish your realm of love upon the earth. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #580, God Be with You. v/ 1, 2 & 4

Benediction

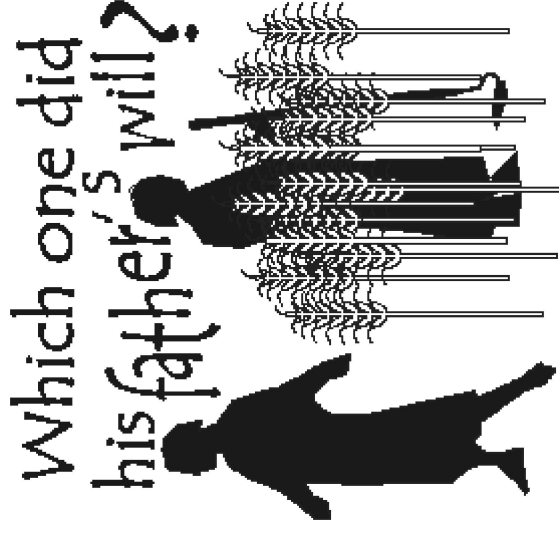
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

Worship Leaders

Minister	Pastor Jerry Eisner
Liturgist	Kathy Stowers
Director of Music	Sue Laubenheimer

ST. JACOBI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



The parable of the two sons

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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