

An Order for the Worship of God

August 30, 2026

Ring of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting - Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 105 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, and call on your name.

We will make known your deeds among the peoples, sing you our praises, and tell of all your wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name! Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #524, Let Us Break Bread Together

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

As we mention your name, O God, our hearts are glad. We dare come before you with praise and thanksgiving. You have been there for us during times of trial and hardship. You have brought us through many a crisis and care. We owe it to you each time we act wisely, for every thought that promotes goodness and each deed that helps others. Hear us now as we sing you our praises. Be pleased with our worship as we call on 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

You say to hate evil, yet we seek to get even with those who hurt us. We are to love one another, yet we choose some over others. When it comes time to serve you we are not that zealous to act. **We do not pray as we ought, nor do we seek your guidance often enough. Forgive us, O God, our wayward behavior and help us to live in harmony with one another. Thereby through your grace and mercy may we live peaceably with all. AMEN.**

Words of Assurance

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer, contribute to the needs of the saints and extend hospitality to strangers. For in so doing you will live the new life promised by the Risen Christ and show forth the love of God in who abides the assurance, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven! **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

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: Count the Cost

*Responsive Hymn: Take Up Thy Cross (Insert) v. 1, 2 & 4

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

God of grace and mercy, you call us to be servants in your Son's holy name. Accept this offering as a profound gesture of our desire to serve you today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #579, Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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



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

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We are happy you are here!

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