

An Order for the Worship of God

August 23, 2026

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: based on Psalm 124 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

If it had not been the Lord who was at our side - let the people now say,

If it had not been the Lord who was at our side, when our enemies attacked us,

The flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #393, Rejoice, the Lord is King, v. 1-3

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

We give you all praise, O God of salvation. We come with devotion to you, O Christ our redeemer. We honor you, O Holy Spirit, our sense of encouragement; one God who sustains us with your love and your presence. Hear our words of reverence as we bow down before you. Grace us with your presence, that we may learn of your way. 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 12:1-8

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

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: Misconceptions

*Responsive Hymn: #487, Built on the Rock

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 work for you, God, in whatever we do. Paid labor, volunteer work, our home life - all our time we spend with you. Thank you for jobs which provide us an income; we share the fruit of our labor with you, knowing that you are the Great Provider. Use these offerings in your kingdom work, as you provide good news, healing, and hope to all people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: #355, My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less, 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

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



Worship Leaders

Pastor

Liturgist

Director of Music

Jerry Eisner

Bob Laubenheimer

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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Thanks to Kathy Stowers for sponsoring the bulletins today in honor of Mike's birthday.

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