

An Order for the Worship of God

July 26, 2026

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

You who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through him?

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #37, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, v. 1-3

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but as Christ intercedes on our behalf we are emboldened to come before your throne of grace. You make us mindful of your bountiful care as each morning we arise to greet the dawn of a new day. As we enter the sanctuary we behold your countenance in the eyes of sisters and brothers. As your Word is read and proclaimed we hear how you have been faithful throughout the ages. Be pleased with our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as we respond to your goodness in thought, word, and deed. 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

Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life's journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your

directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Paul assures us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, and intercedes for us according to God's will. In Jesus Christ, God calls us, and God conforms us to Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit, let us also rest assured in the promise. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-40, 36-43

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 Wheat and the Weeds

*Responsive Hymn: #533, Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

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 give our offering hopefully: hoping that you can use these gifts, hoping that these gifts can further your kingdom, hoping that your kingdom will come. Your kingdom and your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. We ask this in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #347, Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross, 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 Laubeneimer

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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