

An Order for the Worship of God

January 25, 2026

Ring of the Bells, Welcome & Announcements, Candle Lighting,
Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 27 (Liturgist – Congregation)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be
afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life.

“Come,” my heart says, “seek the face of the Lord.”

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #316, Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, v. 1, 2 & 4

Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

**“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those
who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You
have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy.” We rejoice
now before you as the yoke of our burden and the bar across our
shoulders you have broken as on the day of Midian. As those
numbered to walk in the light of the Christ who names us in our
baptism and washes us with the waters of new life, we gather now in
his name to give you all praise and glory. 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

**If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we
are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel,
of what use is such wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our
abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are
imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You
know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive
our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him.
AMEN.**

Words of Assurance

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” Whoever follows the Christ will
not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. He has come as light
into the world, so that whoever believes in him may not remain in
darkness. Come now to that light, for in him we are restored and
forgiven. **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

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 Kind of Person Called

*Responsive Hymn: #317, The Summons, v. 1, 2 & 5

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

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to give, which we do with joyful, grateful hearts. We look at the needs of the world, and our offerings are small. May they be like yeast, gifts that grow in your kingdom, bringing a rich harvest of righteousness. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #322, I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Benediction

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

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

Thanks to Kathy Stowers for sponsoring the bulletins today in honor of her mother-in-law.

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 St Jacobi Congregational Church!
We are happy you are here!

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