

An Order for the Worship of God

January 4, 2026

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: based on Jeremiah 31 (Liturgist –
Congregation)

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the
coastlands far away.

**They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion;
they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.**

I shall turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give
them gladness for sorrow.

**For thus says the Lord: proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”**

Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: #270, A New Year God Has Given, v.1-3

Opening Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

**It is good to sing you our praises, O God, for you are gracious
and a song of praise is fitting. You heal the brokenhearted
and bind up their wounds. You determine the number of
stars and give them their names. Your greatness abounds
and your understanding is beyond measure. We will sing to
you hymns of thanksgiving and make melody with songs of
praise. As you take pleasure in those who hope in your
steadfast love, be pleased with our worship as we lift our
voices in glad adoration. 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: Ephesians 1:3-14

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-5

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: Jesus, the Living Word

*Responsive Hymn: #125, Angels, from the Realms of Glory,
v. 1-3

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:

**Lord, we give you today what is already yours. You provide
so much for us: blessings pressed down, shaken together,
running over. Thank you for the ability to give and cheerful
hearts to do it. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn: #144, As with Gladness Men of Old, v. 1-3

Benediction

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

*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

This is the message
We have heard from Him
And proclaim to you
That God is light
And in Him
Is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:5

Worship Leaders

Pastor

Liturgist

Director of Music

Jerry Eisner

Mary Kugel

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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