

An Order for the Worship of God

April 27, 2025

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements - Candle Lighting

*Please stand, if able

Call to Worship: Based on Psalm 150 (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

Praise the Lord! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

We will praise you for your mighty deeds, O God, according to your surpassing greatness!

Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, with tambourine, and the dance!

We will praise you with song and pipe and loud clashing cymbals.

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn: #199, Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er, v. 1 – 3

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

You are the Alpha and Omega, O God, the beginning and end of creation. You caused the formless void to burst into splendor, filling space and revealing your goodness. Your only begotten, Jesus Christ, came to bring peace and reconcile those who are estranged. We who have been made one gather to praise your goodness, and raise 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)"

Prayer of Confession

O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy on us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace, that we may repent. We are prone to call on you to satisfy our needs; we practice obedience without cost to our comfort. Forgive our leisurely approach to your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

Hear Paul's words when he reminds to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who...being found in human likeness...humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." As we confess Jesus Christ as Savior, God is just and forgives our sin. Therein lies our assurance. **AMEN.**

New Testament Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-29

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: Jesus' Appearances to the Disciple

*Responsive Hymn: #205, In the Garden

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

For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money, but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. AMEN.

*Closing Hymn: #203, Thine Is the Glory

Benediction

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

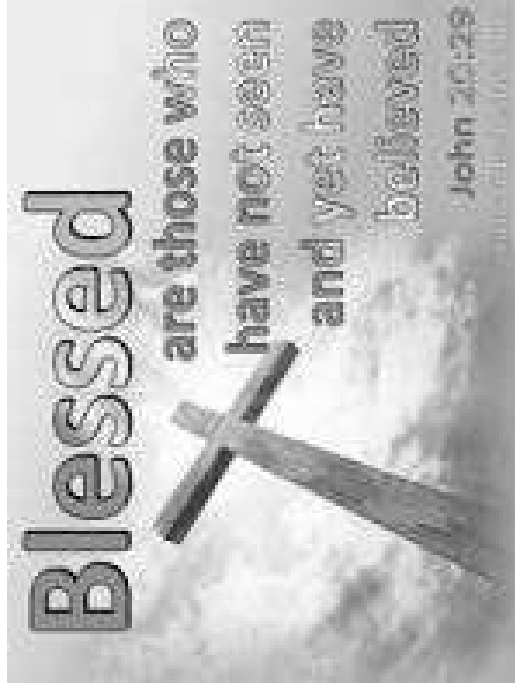
*Extinguishing the Candles
Postlude

Worship Leaders

Minister	Pastor Jerry Eisner
Liturgist	Mary Kugel
Director of Music	Sue Laubenheimer
Sunday School Director	Julie Kluck

Many thanks to John and Debbie Merten for
sponsoring the
bulletins this morning in honor of their anniversary.

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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