



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

July 20, 2025

We welcome all who are visiting with us today.

It is good to have you in worship with us. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Phil this morning and let us know if there is any way we might be of service to you or your family.

Silent Reflection: "There are always distractions, if you allow them."

~ Tony La Russa

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

ALL: We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.

ONE: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

ALL: We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.

ONE: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

ALL: We will do only one thing: Welcome everyone in God's name!

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CALL TO CONFESSION**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

When we looking into the mirror that we call scripture, Revealing God, we see ourselves for who we are and are not. We whine about those who are not doing what we think they should, but ignore our own failings. We speak words which chip away at the life of our family and friends. We step over the poor on our way to gathering more and more, ignoring their needs. Forgive us, O God. Sit us down at Jesus' feet, so we may learn the life you intend for us. Only then can we set aside our grudges and offer our gifts to our neighbors; stop licking at our hurts, to bring healing to others; reach out and welcome our sisters and brothers, even as we have been welcomed through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**GLORIA PATRI****734****A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US**

Prayer for the children (*unison*):

We send blessings upon our children for all God's love,
all Christ's friendship and all the caring of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song Response

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power,
send us grace.

SCRIPTURE:

Amos 8:1-12

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED – *Insert*

HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

GIVE THANKS:

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

Through our offerings, loving God, we proclaim Christ to the world. We dedicate all we are giving to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward Christian maturity. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. We turn from false securities to put our confidence in you, that the mystery of your glorious Word may be opened up among all your people. Amen

PRAYERS OF OUR CHURCH/SILENT PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord**

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

*** HYMN** *The Church's One Foundation*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING YOU TODAY

Council Person

Carol Kynion

Liturgist

Angela Imming

Accompanist:

Melissa Anderson Taylor

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

St. John's: Kenzie Barker, and Sean and Dustin, sons of Margie & Wally Foxworthy

St. Jacob: Carol Casperson, Lori Erwin, Lori Foley, Jeff Kelley, Norma Logsdon, Jackie Miller, Vernon Mendrip, Joanne Meyer, Kathy Ritter, Darik Zobrist and Olin Zweck

IL South Conference: Each week the churches of the Illinois South Conference are asked to pray for congregations and their pastors and other ministries of the UCC. This week we are asked to pray for:

Church & Pastors

- St. John's UCC, Summerfield- Rev. Philip (Kate) Barbier

- St. Paul UCC, Tower Hill- Pastor Neil Kaiser

Retired Pastors

- Rev. Kenneth (Jean) Knobloch

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Xibryna Weycker, July 20

Beth & Bruce Frank, 32 years, July 24

Sanderson (Sandy) Autry, July 25

Kylie Bloemker, July 25

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, July 13, 2025

St. John's – 10 St. Jacob – 23

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor's office hours: Tuesday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Secretary's office hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

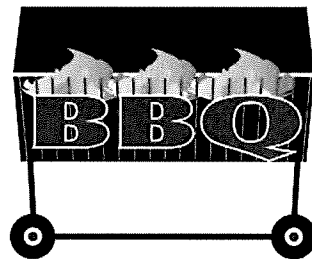
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BBQ MEAT BONANZA DRAWING AUG. 24

The ELFs organization, in conjunction with Korte Meat Processing, Inc., are offering you a chance to win one of three prize packs worth \$50, \$150, & \$250 toward the cost of Korte's barbeque meats in exchange for your donation. Tickets are \$3 each, or four for \$10. Ticket packets will be mailed out, and additional ticket packets are available on the table in the Narthex for you to sell to friends, family, or purchase yourself. The proceeds will be used for mission giving, including providing summer lunches, paying off the delinquent lunch debts from this past semester at the grade school, supplying emergency supplies for DuBois Center campers and sponsoring a girl in Kentucky, etc. The drawing will be held following worship, Aug. 24, where three lucky winners' names will be drawn. You can drop your donation/tickets into the BBQ safe on the table in the Narthex or mail them to: 207 West Main St. St. Jacob, IL 62281.



BLESSING BOX LOCATED AT ST. JACOB UCC

The "Blessing Box" (located on the east side of St. Jacob UCC) can use donations of non-perishable food, hygiene products, and other items for those in need. Anyone can donate -- items are anonymously given and received. Please consider blessing our neighbors in need, and if you are in need, please feel free to stop by.

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CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY: St. Jacob Council meeting, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY: St. John's Council meeting, 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Maintenance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God and in honor of our precious granddaughter Kylie as she celebrates her 19th birthday on July 25; from Grandma Carol.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS

Volunteers and donations are needed for the free school lunch program this summer. We're accepting monetary donations to purchase lunch supplies. Lunches will be provided each day, however, St. Jacob UCC is only responsible for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lunches will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Jacob Elementary School (outdoor classroom). Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., to allow time to assemble lunches, as well as clean-up afterward. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. For more information, or to volunteer contact, Audrey Yann or Carol Kynion.

***** THE UPPER ROOM** (July-August) magazines are available on the table in the Narthex at St. Jacob.

FIRST LESSON: Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?"

I said, "A basket of summer fruit."

Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again forgive them. On that day, the people will wail the temple songs," says the Lord God; "there will be many corpses, thrown about everywhere. Silence."

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and destroy the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath so that we may offer wheat for sale, make the ephah smaller, enlarge the shekel, and deceive with false balances, in order to buy the needy for silver and the helpless for sandals, and sell garbage as grain?"

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget what they have done. Will not the land tremble on this account, and all who live in it mourn, as it rises and overflows like the Nile, and then falls again, like the River of Egypt?

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On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into sad affairs and all your singing into a funeral song; I will make people wear mourning clothes and shave their heads; I will make it like the loss of an only child, and the end of it like a bitter day. The days are surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send hunger and thirst on the land; neither a hunger for bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Lord's words. They will wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they will roam all around, seeking the Lord's word, but they won't find it.

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:15-28

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation,

Because all things were created by him: both in the heavens and on the earth, the things that are visible and the things that are invisible. Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him.

He existed before all things, and all things are held together in him.

He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the one who is firstborn from among the dead so that he might occupy the first place in everything.

Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him, and he reconciled all things to himself through him – whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

Once you were alienated from God and you were enemies with him in your minds, which was shown by your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death, to present you before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame. But you need to remain well established and rooted in faith and not shift away from the hope given in the good news that you heard. This message has been preached throughout all creation under heaven. And I, Paul, became a servant of this good news.

Now I'm happy to be suffering for you. I'm completing what is missing from Christ's sufferings with my own body. I'm doing this for the sake of his body, which is the church. I became a servant of the church by God's commission, which was given to me for you, in order to complete God's word. I'm completing it with a secret plan that has been hidden for ages and generations but which has now been revealed to his holy people. God wanted to make the glorious riches of this secret plan known among the Gentiles, which is Christ living in you, the hope of glory. This is what we preach as we warn and teach every person with all wisdom so that we might present each one mature in Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."

The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the universal Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

