

# BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

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*21st Sunday after Pentecost*

October 22, 2023

8:30am Hesper / 10am Burr Oak

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*~ Silence is kept for reflection ~*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

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### GREETING

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*“Glory to God”*

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P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**BAPTISMAL HYMN verse 1&2**

**“Borning Cry”**

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**BAYLER DAHL HOLY BAPTISM (BURR OAK, Insert)**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN verse 3&4**

**“Borning Cry”**

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## LISTEN

### FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 45:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no

other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 96:1-9 [10-13]**

1Sing to the LORD a new song;

**sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

2Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;

**proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

3Declare God's glory among the nations

**and God's wonders among all peoples.**

4For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,

**more to be feared than all gods.**

5As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;

**but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.**

6Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;

**power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

7Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,

**ascribe to the LORD honor and power.**

8Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;

**bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

9Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;

**tremble before the LORD, all the earth.**

10Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!

**The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

11Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

**let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.**

12Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,

**for you come to judge the earth.**

13You will judge the world with righteousness

**and the peoples with your truth.**

### **SECOND LESSON**

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by

the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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*“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!”*

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

L: The holy gospel according to **Matthew**, the 22nd chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON “A Church Fueled By Prayer”**

### **RESPOND**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

ELW 841

## **NICENE CREED (Hesper)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped**

**and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **CONFIRMATION MILESTONE**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Faithful God, your Spirit animates the church throughout the world and binds believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith, and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creating God, the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, your rule and authority is over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Caring God, your arms enfold all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, that they may know your joy. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead your church astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, the saints of every age have sung your praise and shared your word. We give you thanks for their witness and pray that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING OF LWR KITS**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY**

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

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*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## SENDING

### BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

### SENDING SONG

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

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### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

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### Prayer Concerns

Jonathan Allen, Vi Hoffland, Ron Knutson, Paul Korsness, Landon Hageman, Stanley Vongroven, Ron Lippe, Stacy Nelson, Daisy Jones, Diane & Jason Daft, Marilyn Helland, Evelyn Schnitzler, Glenn Thunberg, Brenda Headington, Gary Stortz, Joyce Kallevang, Diane Eiken, Joann Gregg, Carol Dowe, Fred Dowe, Mary Zittergruen, Trisha Ryan.

**Please pray for military personnel currently deployed and those below serving stateside, elsewhere or in the reserves:** Mason Falck, Cameron Korsness, Jordan Grecko, Parker Whalen, Dylan Foltz & Wesley Smith.

**Please also pray for all other soldiers, sailors, airmen, coasties and marines who work to defend us.**

Pr. Dave is available to bring communion, visit and offer spiritual care to those in need. Please contact Pr. Dave at 641-220-0205 or call the Parish Office at 563-735-5925 or email [info@bohlutheran.org](mailto:info@bohlutheran.org) if you or someone you know would like a visit. Please call the Parish office if there is someone you would like included in Prayers or to update their status to help us maintain an accurate Prayer Concerns list.

### BE JESUSY GRATITUDE PRACTICE FOR OCTOBER

Thank the farmers for their hard work providing food for our table. Remember them during the busy harvest season by bringing them lunch in the field.

### TAKE HOME VERSE

*Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.*

*(Psalm 96:7)*

***Please join Roger & Yvonne Goodno for coffee & fellowship downstairs after worship, in observance of a special occasion! They will celebrate 65 years of marriage on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Our warmest congratulations to Roger & Yvonne on this milestone anniversary!***

## BE JESUSY OCTOBER PROJECT "FEEDING THE FARMERS"

Join us on TODAY after the 10 am worship service at Burr Oak for potluck meal and packing meals for the farmers. Monetary donations toward the purchase of items for sack lunches will also be accepted and may be placed in the receptacles in the Narthex of each church.

### Here is a list of donations that we will need for our project

Ham for Sandwiches	Apples or Pears	Dried Fruit, Nuts or Trailmix
Buns for Sandwiches	Granola or Protein Bars	Water or other bottled drinks
Carrots or other Veggies	Cookies or Bars	Cheese Slices for Sandwiches
Sandwich Ziplock Baggies	Snack Ziplock Baggies	Bags of Crackers or Chips

Please contact the Church office and let us know what you will be donating for the project

*Reformation Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>, in Hesper at the 8:30 am service. Burr Oak 10:00 am service includes Affirmation of Baptism service. All Saint's Sunday on November 5th will be observed during worship in both Burr Oak 8:30 am & Hesper 10:00 am*

### WEDNESDAY SCHOOL CLASS & CONFIRMATION CLASS

*Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> @ HESPER, Meal: 6-6:30pm. **EVERYONE is welcome!***

*Wednesday School: 6:30-7:30pm.*

*Confirmation Class: 6:30-7:30pm.*

**BO & H MEMBERS** anyone interested in providing bars/cookies for Wednesday School meals please contact Board of Ed and let them know you can provide such. Thank you.

BO & H members the joint council is in search of a can receptacle for each church location. Should you have an old trailer that sides could be put on or wagon of such please let council president - Eric Rediske or Mike Paulson - or Pastor Dave know. The can redemption person in town is going to collect the cans on behalf of the churches and proceeds come directly back to the respective church.

***The annual Burr Oak Meatball Supper will take place on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. The meal is Drive-up only with pickup between 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Menu includes: Meatballs, "Real" Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls and Pumpkin Pie. Meal price is \$15 and advance ticket purchase is much appreciated. Tickets are available from Barb Barth, Jess Rediske or Leslie Cook in Burr Oak or from Linda Folstad in Hesper.***

### **Mabel United Methodist Church Bazaar**

**TODAY @ Mabel American Legion, Lunch: 11-2pm, Auction: 2-???**

**Bazaar items include crafts, delicious treats, plus a beautiful quilt.**

### ***Faith Lutheran Church of Blackhammer Meatball Dinner***

***TODAY from 11-1pm, @ Faith Lutheran Church, Dine in or Carry out.***

*Menu: Meatballs & gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, cole slaw, bun/lefse, dessert.*

*Tickets are \$13, kids 6-12 are \$5.*

### **1<sup>st</sup> year milestone**

Lydia Ann Bjortomt	Haylee Dahl
Bentley Ryan	Duke Soiney
Hayden Wenthold	Lindsey Williams
Whitney Williams	Ashley Dawley

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Year**

Taylor Dahl	Brody Darling
Andrew Kammerer	Marcus Kammerer
Logan McCabe	Tyke Tweten
Kasen Tyler	

## Burr Oak Lutheran Church

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY - October 22, 2023**

**Organist:** Rose Breitsprecher    **Greeter(s):** Elmer & Rose Hansen  
**Reader:** Kathy Smith    **Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Don & Carol Schnitzler, Eric & Jess Rediske

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**TODAY:** Be Jesusy activity & potluck, following 10am worship @ BO  
**SUN, Oct 29th -** Reformation Sunday: 10:00 am worship Affirmation of Baptism.  
**WED, Nov 1st:** Burr Oak's Annual Meatball Supper serving 4-7pm

### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Needed to Meet Budget: \$1,630.00    Offering October 15, 2023: \$1,288.00

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS October 29, 2023**

**Organist:** Kathy Tollefsrud    **Greeter(s):** Lynn Headington  
**Reader:** Charaye McCabe    **Acolyte:** Andrew Kammerer  
**Communion Assistance:** Denise Gjere, Lynn Headington, Darlene Emery  
**Ushers:** Barb Barth, Becky Peterson.

## Hesper Lutheran Church

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY - October 22, 2023**

**Organist:** Rose Breitsprecher    **Greeter(s):** Josh, Kayla, Vivienne & Noah Simiele  
**Reader:** Kayla Simiele    **Acolyte:**  
**Ushers:** Kevin & Rachel Werges, Edna Jacobson, Dave O'Connell

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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**SUN, Oct 29th -** Reformation Sunday: 8:30 am worship w/H.C. Coffee & Fellowship following worship.  
**WED, Nov 1st:** Burr Oak's Annual Meatball Supper serving 4-7pm

### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Needed to Meet Budget: \$1,384.00    Offering October 15, 2023: \$195.00

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - October 29, 2023**

**Organist:** Kathy Tollefsrud    **Greeter(s):** Linda Folstad  
**Reader:** Linda Folstad    **Communion Assistance:** Linda Folstad  
**Acolyte:**    **Ushers:** Head Ushers

## Bring your change to "Make" a change!

*Noisy Offering Collections will continue to be held on the last Sunday of each month.*

*Beginning October 29<sup>th</sup> monthly collections will be earmarked for the Decorah and Mabel area food pantries as they are struggling to keep up with increased demands. Help alleviate food insecurity in our neighborhood by bringing your loose coins to worship on the last Sunday each month!*



NOISY OFFERING