

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

8:30 am Burr Oak / 10 am Hesper

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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 sins 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

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW 660

GREETING

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

ELW 147

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

"This is the Feast"

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P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LISTEN

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-9

1I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
2for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.

3The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

4Then I called upon the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

5Gracious is the Lord and righteous;

our God is full of compassion.

6The Lord watches over the innocent;

I was brought low, and God saved me.

7Turn again to your rest, O my soul.

for the Lord has dealt well with you.

8For you have rescued my life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

9I will walk in the presence of the Lord

in the land of the living.

SECOND LESSON

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Mark 8:27-38

L: The holy gospel according to **Mark**, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get

behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON: “”

RESPOND

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

ELW 841

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 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending our ecosystems. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

PREFACE

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Holy, holy, holy Lord. Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

COMMUNION SONG

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

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Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev’ry one what God has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

ELW 536

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. We are happy to have you here! Holy Communion will be served at worship this morning. Communion will be served in a continuous line. Ushers will direct communicants forward, lectern side first. Please let the usher know if you wish to receive communion in your seat. Gluten – free wafers and juice are available. Let the pastor and server know your preference. May God bless our time of worship and fellowship together!

Prayer Concerns

Jonathan Allen, Vi Hoffland, Ron Lippe, Stacy Nelson, Diane & Jason Daft, Gary Stortz, Joyce Kallevang, Trisha Ryan, Gwen Allen, Anthony McCabe, Kory Courtney, Allen Werges, Lorraine Peterson, Kirsten Dejarlais Snell, Diane Eiken, Roxanne Schnitzler, The Family of Roger Goodno.

Praying for our members in Care Facilities

Pat Perkins, Pam Hansen, Corliss Peters, Dean Rasmussen

Dorothy Anderson, Ron Knutson, Lester Korsness, Marilyn Helland, Sonya Gorham, Vi Hoffland

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 & Braden Peterson.

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@bohllutheran.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 SEPTEMBER

Express appreciation to those who educate and work with youth: those who work in public and private schools and those at church who nurture faith through Wednesday School and Confirmation classes.

TAKE HOME VERSE

**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

(Psalm 19:2)

EWALU QUILT AUCTION: Saturday, September 21, 2024

Live auction of quilts begins at EWALU at 1:00 pm. The Country Store opens at 9 am and there will be fun family activities throughout the morning. Devotional Service takes place at 11 am, with a Free will lunch to follow at Noon. An online Quilt Auction of more than 200 quilts will also be held September 16 – 22. Visit www.Ewalu.org to find out more about the online auction. You may take part in either auction or both. Proceeds from the auctions benefit the ministry at EWALU.

Join Joe Sweeney and the New Toe Tappers
Sunday, October 6th at Pulpit Rock Brewing Company from 2-5pm.
Free will donation at the door.

Confirmation Orientation & Wednesday School will be starting this coming Wednesday, September 18th in Hesper. There will be a meal open to everyone from 6-6:30 and classes will be 6:30-7:30. We hope to see you there!

Please join us next Sunday, September 22nd for Bible Presentation and Recognition of Youth entering Wednesday School.

Don't forget that September 29th is an 8:30 am Joint Worship and Potluck in Burr Oak.

Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum Seeking Volunteers

Can you help? The Laura Ingalls Museum is seeking out volunteers to help with cleaning up and removing stuff from the Burr Oak Mercantile so that we can begin renovation. Our goal is to have the main floor renovated and ready by opening day next year of May 1, 2025. What things we can do as volunteers will help defray the cost of hiring it done. We are currently seeking and always appreciative of ALL DONATIONS that are given to the museum for our projects. We are planning our initial cleanup day Saturday, September 21, 2024 starting at 8:00 am. Please consider joining us and helping with the removal of things. More hands helping makes lighter work for others. Contact Leslie Cook 563-379-4211 if you are interested in helping. Thank you! Laura Ingalls board.

“BE JESUSY” ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER: SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

At Wednesday School on September 25th in Hesper we will be making School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are asking for your help in purchasing school kit items. A list of items needed to complete a school kit are on a printout in the Narthex. If you would like to help with this “Be Jesusy” project you are invited to pick up one of the lists to use when shopping for school kit supplies.

Congratulations to Colin & Kylie Richert on their Marriage. May God bless them as they begin their new life together as husband and wife!

Burr Oak Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS September 15, 2024

Organist: Kathy Tollefsrud **Greeter & Scripture Reader:** Doris Patterson
Communion Assistant: Myrna Wilson **Ushers:** Tom & Leslie Cook, Randy McIntosh

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY: HAUGE LUTHERAN CHURCH – 150TH Anniversary Celebration!
Worship: 9:30 am Dinner: 11 am – 12:30 pm Program: 1:00 pm All are welcome!
TUES, Sept 17th: 1:30 pm - RUTH circle meets. Clara Ann Lovstuen is hostess
WED, Sept 18th: Meal for ALL: 6-6:30, Confirmation Orientation: 6:30-7:30,
Wednesday School: 6:30-7:30 **All @ Hesper**
FRI, Sept 20th: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SAT, Sept 21st: 1 pm - EWALU Quilt Auction at EWALU
SUN, Sept 22nd: 8:30 am Worship. Coffee Fellowship. Evelyn Hruska Baptism
Blessing of youth receiving Bibles and 3 year olds entering Wednesday School
Burr Oak WELCA Business meeting following worship

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$1,630.00 Offering September 1st: \$2,105.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS September 22, 2024

Organist: Rose Breitsprecher **Greeter:** Corey & Amber Busta & Family
Scripture Reader: Myrna Wilson
Ushers: Marlene McCabe, Randy & Marie Tweten, Gary Zidlicky

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Scripture Reader: Kayla Simiele **Ushers:** Josh Simiele, Mike & Lori Paulson, Todd Wyatt