

# BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

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Presentation of Our Lord

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8:30 am Hesper / 10 am 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 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

*“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”*

ELW 275

### 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

**Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN verse 1&2**

**“Borning Cry”**

ELW 732

**TWETEN HOLY BAPTISM (BURR OAK, Insert)**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN verse 3&4**

**“Borning Cry”**

ELW 732

## LISTEN

## FIRST LESSON

**Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 84

- <sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling,  
**O LORD of hosts!**
- <sup>2</sup> My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
**my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- <sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,  
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.**
- <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
**They will always be praising you.**
- <sup>5</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**
- <sup>6</sup> Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**
- <sup>7</sup> They will climb from height to height,  
**and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.**
- <sup>8</sup> LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
**give ear, O God of Jacob.**
- <sup>9</sup> Behold our defender, O God;  
**and look upon the face of your anointed.**
- <sup>10</sup> For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
**I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- <sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;  
**no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.**
- <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts,  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

## SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Luke 2:22-40

The holy gospel according to **Luke**, the 2nd chapter.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s

Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**SERMON** *"Back to the Real World"*

## **RESPOND**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

ELW 490

**APOSTLES' CREED (HESPER)**

**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**

*With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.*

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed, as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**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"*

# 184

*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

*“Now We Join In Celebration”*

ELW 462

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”*

# 207

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

*“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

ELW 815

## 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 at the communion railing. Ushers will direct communicants forward. 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!*

## “BE JESUSY” GRATITUDE PRACTICE FOR FEBRUARY

Explore a new volunteer opportunity. Consider helping out at an animal shelter, nursing home, school, hospital, RSVP or other organization. Volunteer to help out at church as a worship assistant or new member of a committee

### TAKE HOME VERSE

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory; no good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.**

*(Psalm 84:11)*

## **Mabel-Canton Post Prom drive through Groundhog Dinner**

Please help support our kids and keep them safe this prom season. The post prom committee is hosting a Groundhog Drive though dinner at Mabel City Hall **TODAY** from 11 until meals are gone, only 350 served. They will be serving a Beef tip and mashed potato meal made by Ivy Grove. The cost is \$15 per meal with all proceeds going to support the post prom for Mabel-Canton Schools.

## Prayer Concerns

Jonathan Allen, Ron Lippe, Stacy Nelson, Diane & Jason Daft, Gary Stortz, Joyce Kallevang, Trisha Ryan, Gwen Allen, Anthony McCabe, Kory Courtney, Allen & Esther Werges, Lorraine Peterson, Kirsten Dejarlais Snell, Diane Eiken, Roxanne Schnitzler, James Keck, Sue (Hovey) Caputo, Virgil Losen.

### Praying for our members in Care Facilities

Pat Perkins, Pam Hansen, Dean Rasmussen, Dorothy Anderson, Ron Knutson, Lester Korsness, Marilyn Helland, 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@boh.lutheran.org](mailto:info@boh.lutheran.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.

Hesper Lutheran Ladies are starting to quilt again for the winter months on Wednesday mornings at 9am-12pm in the sewing room. EVERYONE IS WELCOME, more hands make light work. If you can tie knots they would love to see you on Wednesdays.

## JOINT COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> FOR A NEW AND OUTGOING COUNCIL POTLUCK MEAL, 12:00-NOON AT BARNEY'S

Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum is hosting their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at Burr Oak Lutheran from 4:30-7pm, cost is \$15 per meal. There is also a live auction with goods from local businesses and Pies. Carry outs are available if you do not wish to dine in.

Burr Oak Hesper Luther League is hosting again their annual Ham & Turkey Dinner. Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11-1pm at Burr Oak Lutheran. Menu Includes: Ham, Turkey, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Dinner Rolls, Salad, Desserts, Milk & Coffee. Free Will Donation, all the proceeds raised will go towards Luther League Activities.

**Everyone is Welcome!**

Upper Iowa River Conference Assembly will be held on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 beginning at 2pm. The assembly will take place at Stavanger Lutheran Church

**EWALU Registration Opened up December 1<sup>st</sup>. February 28<sup>th</sup> is the first deadline for Early Bird Registration. Register by the end of February to get \$40 OFF** all full-week overnight youth programs for grades 1-12 with our Early Discount! (Mini-Camp and Farm Mini-Camp have a \$20 discount; Day Camp, Family Camp and Grandparent Camp have a \$10 discount.) The link below will show you all 18 youth programs, check out the 8-week summer schedule grid, and then register! **Register NOW to get EWALU's best discount** [➡ www.ewalu.org/registration](https://www.ewalu.org/registration)

Just a message of thanks from Tyler, Nicole, Tade and Callie's extended family, as you're reading this it has been just over a year since the passing of Callie. We cannot thank our church family enough for all that you have done for all of us over the past year. The Kleenex drive for her birthday went overwhelmingly wonderful. The American Family Children's Hospital of Madison along with the Ronald McDonald house were extremely grateful for the donation. We surpassed our goal of 300 to 500 boxes and ended up just shy of 1000 boxes. Incredible what a community we live in, we will be forever thankful. Thank you again! **#foreverinCalliesCorner**



**Weather Cancellations:** Pastor and Council President from Burr Oak and Hesper make the decision to cancel services if needed. The information is distributed from there. Nan contacts those who are participating in that week's services (ushers, readers, etc) and she sends out an email to those who are signed up for the email newsletters in the congregations, church website and posted on the church's Facebook page. Leslie gets in touch with TV stations, Janelle takes care of the radio info. Church members are also encouraged to stay in touch individually with those who may not be in those information loops.

## Burr Oak Lutheran Church

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – February 2, 2025**

**Organist:** Kathy Tollefsrud      **Greeter(s):** Kammerer Family  
**Reader:** Kammerer Family      **Acolyte:** Sadie Tollefsrud  
**Communion Assistance:** Kammerer Family  
**Ushers:** Chad Wilson, Cory Wilson, Elmer Hansen, Steve Headington

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**TODAY: Luther League's Annual Ski Trip @ Mt. La Crosse 1-6pm**

**WED, Feb 5th:** WELCA quilting

Meal for ALL: 6-6:30 Confirmation: 6:30-7:30 Wednesday School: 6:30-7:30 All @ Hesper

**SUN, Feb 9th:** 10am worship, Dallas Hendrickson's Baptism

### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Needed to Meet Budget: \$1,630.00    Offering January 26th: \$2,162.06

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS February 9, 2025**

**Organist:** Renae McIntosh      **Greeter(s):** Mary McCabe  
**Reader:** Cindy Schnitzler      **Acolyte:** Wyatt Koch  
**Ushers:** Marc & Kathy Rosendahl, Delbert & Kathy Smith, Frank Snell

## Hesper Lutheran Church

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY – February 2, 2025**

**Organist:** Kathy Tollefsrud      **Greeter(s):** Joyce Richert  
**Reader:** Joyce Richert      **Communion Assistance:** Joyce Richert  
**Ushers:** Phil & Joyce Richert

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Needed to Meet Budget: \$1,384.00    Offering January 26th: \$1323.00

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – February 9, 2025**

**Organist:** Renae McIntosh      **Greeter(s):** Rhonda Wyatt  
**Reader:** Rhonda Wyatt      **Ushers:** Rhonda Wyatt