

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

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8:30am Burr Oak / 10am 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

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW 886

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

“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

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LISTEN

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- ² One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³ Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴ their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- ⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹ By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

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

GOSPEL**Luke 4:14-21**

L: The holy gospel according to **Luke**, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON *“Jesus And The Lake Wobegon Effect”*

RESPOND**HYMN OF THE DAY***“We All Are One in Mission”*

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NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of protons, neutrons and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in these congregations, community, and the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church especially Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, and beloved friends and family who have died. 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/NOISY OFFERING

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: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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: 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

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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 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.

TAKE HOME VERSE

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
(Psalm 19:7)

THE BEAUTIFUL ALTAR CLOTH ON OUR ALTAR IN BURR OAK IS GIVEN TO US IN MEMORY OF HARLAN & NORMA HOVEY BY THEIR FAMILY.

Burr Oak WELCA Ladies we are having a Church Kitchen Cleaning Day on Saturday, February 1, from 9-12. You are welcome to bring your own cleaning supplies, or some will be furnished. Many hands make light work.

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.



SKI TRIP

Burr Oak Hesper Luther League is excited to announce their annual ski trip to Mt. La Crosse that will be Sunday, February 2nd from 1-6pm. The cost for a lift ticket is \$35, lift ticket and rental is \$46. Food will be available for purchase at the lodge. If you would like to join in the fun, the Luther League Advisors are asking that you fill out forms online @ <https://shop.mtlacrosse.com/groups/details?gc=burroaklutherleague>

Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum is hosting their annual Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, February 8th 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.

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**



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 on February 2nd 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.

Burr Oak Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - January 26, 2025

Organist: Rose Breitsprecher **Greeter(s):** Adam & Tonya Tollefsrud Family
Reader: Tonya Tollefsrud **Acolyte:** Lindsey Williams
Ushers: Marlene McCabe, Randy & Marie Tweten, Gary Zidlicky

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY: Noisy Offering collection for Kid's Lunch Club.

WED, Jan 29th: WELCA quilting

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

SUN, Feb 2nd: 10am worship w/HC, Joint Tweten Baptism

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$1,630.00 Offering January 19th: \$1,653.00

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

Hesper Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY - January 26, 2025

Organist: Rose Breitsprecher **Greeter(s):** Rhonda Hovden
Reader: Rhonda Hovden
Ushers: Josh Simiele Family & Rhonda Hovden

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY: Noisy Offering collection for Kid's Lunch Club.

Hesper's Annual Meeting following worship

WED, Jan 29th: WELCA quilting

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

SUN, Feb 2nd: 8:30am worship w/HC, fellowship to follow

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$1,384.00 Offering January 19th: \$560.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - February 2, 2025

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