

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

Pastor David Werges
Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

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 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

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!"

ELW 377

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

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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.

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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LISTEN**FIRST LESSON****Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

1 I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

2 for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.

3 The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

12 How shall I repay the Lord
for all the good things God has done for me?

13 I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.

14 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.

15 Precious in your sight, O Lord,
is the death of your servants.

16 O Lord, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,

19 in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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 24:13-35

The holy gospel according to **Luke**, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon "Meeting Jesus Along the Way"

RESPONSE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"As We Gather at Your Table"

ELW 522

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

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 everyone 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: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

ELW 742

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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, Stacy Nelson, Diane & Jason Daft, Trisha Ryan, Gwen Allen, Anthony McCabe, Kory Courtney, Lorraine Peterson, Kirsten Dejarlais Snell, Diane Eiken, Sue (Hovey) Caputo, Marcia Fawcett, Steve Headington, Brooke Tweten, Juanita DeLong, Barb Halverson, Leah Barth, Logan McCabe.

Praying for our members in Care Facilities

Pat Perkins, Dean Rasmussen, Dorothy Anderson, Ron Knutson, Marilyn Helland, Vi Hoffland, Mark Folstad, Don Keefe, Charlie Schnitzler, Evelyn Schnitzler, Marilyn Newhouse, Harold Stoen.

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.

TAKE HOME VERSE

The angel of the Lord encamps around those
who fear the Lord and delivers them.
(Psalm 34:7)

“BE JESUSY” GRATITUDE PRACTICE FOR APRIL

Practice Care for the Environment. Plant bee-friendly flowers and shrubs, or a tree, purchase environmentally friendly products, recycle. Increase your awareness of the global Climate Crisis.

Read the ELCA's Climate Crisis Social message at www.elca.org/ClimateCare

Hesper Lutheran will be holding a Garage Sale on May 14 thru 16th at the church. We are still accepting items for the sale. If you have questions or need assistance please reach out to any Hesper Council member. At this time we could also use bags (plastic sacks or brown paper sacks). If you have some you would like to donate please let us know. All donations not sold at the sale will be donated to The Depot Outlet.

Reach out to any Hesper Council member:

Mike Dahl: 563-419-1606

Rhonda Hovden: 563-379-3840

Lori Phillips: 563-419-5502

Rhonda Wyatt: 563-379-5271

Savannah Phillips: 563-202-4734

Janelle Halverson: 563-379-6355

BACCALAUREATES

Baccalaureate will be held on May 17th at 8:30 am in Burr Oak & 10:00 am in Hesper. If you have a graduating senior this year, from High School or College please email Nan @ secretary@bohllutheran.org for a form and to be added to our list of graduates to be recognized on May 17th worship. We look forward to recognizing our graduates and celebrating this milestone event with them.

New members will be formally welcomed into our Parish family on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026. Those who have transferred their membership to Burr Oak or Hesper Lutheran in the past year will also be welcomed during worship on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to become a member, know of someone else who may be interested, or are aware of an individual or family new in the area who may be searching for a church home, please let Pr. Dave or Nan know so a follow-up contact can be made.

Pr. Dave – Phone: 641-220-0205,

Email: pastor@bohllutheran.org

Nan/Parish Office: Phone 563-735-5925

Email: secretary@bohllutheran.org.

Burr Oak Lutheran Church

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Organist: Kathy Tollefsrud

Greeter(s): Adam & Sheena Tollefson & Family

Reader: Sheena Tollefson

Acolyte: Naomi Kammerer

Communion Assistance: Marc Rosendahl

Ushers: Ron & Darlene Emery, Brad Darling, Bernell Tollefsrud

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY: 11am worship & Music Committee Meeting (following Burr Oak worship)

MON, April 20th: 9:00 am - Shared Ministry Meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church

TUES, April 21st: 1:30 pm - RUTH circle meets. Carol Thunberg, hostess

WED, April 22nd: Meal for ALL: 6-6:30 Wednesday School 6:30-7:30,

Confirmation: 6:30-7:30 ALL @ Hesper

SUN, April 26th: 10am worship, Lilah White Baptism, Noisy Offering collection for Kid's Lunch Club

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$3,300.00 Offering April 12th: \$2,231.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – April 26, 2026

Organist: Rose Breitsprecher

Greeter(s): Mark & Heather Suckow

Reader: Heather Suckow

Acolyte:

Ushers: Don & Carol Schnitzler, Eric & Jess Rediske

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Organist: Rose Breitsprecher

Greeter(s): Todd & Janelle Halverson

Reader: Janelle Halverson

BINGO

April 26th, at Calmar Lutheran Church. Doors open
at 2:30 game starts at 3. Buy in is \$20 cards are \$5

The Hesper Public Cemetery will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 9th, 2026 at 10am at the Hesper Lutheran Church Kitchenette. All interested parties are welcome to attend.



*You're
invited!*

The Highlands
would like to invite you to our

Volunteer Appreciation Happy Hour
Friday, April 24 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.

in The Highlands Chapel
607 Highland Dr, Decorah IA

Please R.S.V.P. to:
activities@highlands.org
563-277-0356



LAURA INGALLS WILDER
MUSEUM



BURR OAK, IOWA

***“Laura’s Sack Lunch”
Drive Thru Meal***

When: Sunday, May 3rd 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Where: Burr Oak Lutheran Church Parking Lot
2358 360th St., Burr Oak, Iowa

Serving Your Choice of Two
WINNESHIEK CO. CATTLEMEN’S FAVORITES

Ribeye Steak Sandwich Meal - \$15

-or-

1/3 lb. Cheeseburger Meal - \$10

Meal includes chips, cookies and water

**PROCEEDS TOWARDS
REPLACING SIDING AND
WINDOWS IN THE MUSEUM**