

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

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Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

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

"O Day Full of Grace"

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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.

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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: 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

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LISTEN

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

24 How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,

living things both small and great.

26 There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

27 All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

28 You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
 29 When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
 30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
 31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.
 32 You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
 34 May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.
 35b Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 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.

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

John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to **John**, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon "From Fear to Joy"

RESPONSE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

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NEW MEMBER WELCOME

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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

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.

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith who witnessed to your mighty works and continues to inspire our lives. 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/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: 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 Christ,

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: 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

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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, 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, 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.



We would like to send out a warm WELCOME to our new members who have joined Burr Oak Hesper Lutheran in the last year. We are blessed to have you all as a part of our church family.

Burr Oak Members

- Tanner & Allison Gehling Family: Tanner and Allison have twin boys Brock & Brody. Tanner is a farmer and Allison works at Viking State Bank. They love being able to raise their boys on the farm, but when they are not farming the boys are involved in activities. As a family they enjoy camping, and spending time outside.*
- Sawyer & Danielle White Family: They have a daughter Lilah, who is one of Burr Oak's newest baptized members. Sawyer owns his own construction business "Bluffton Builders". Danielle is a registered nurse at Winn Med in Decorah. When they aren't busy with work they love to spend time together outside.*
- Donald Keefe: Don is a retired mechanic. He enjoys old cars and being around his family.*
- Mark and Michele Ryan: Mark & Michele Ryan are Burr Oak's newest members. They are just both enjoying retirement and spending time with their family. They have 2 adult children who are married and gave them 5 wonderful grandkids. When they're not with family they enjoy golfing.*

Hesper Members

- Christian Fisher: Christian is the fiancé of Elizabeth Holty. They will be getting married at Hesper in November. Christian is a plumber and in his free time enjoys hunting and fishing.*

"BE JESUSY" GRATITUDE PRACTICE FOR MAY

In gratitude for the gift of animals that bless our lives in many ways, when purchasing food for your pet, purchase an extra bag of pet food and donate it to the local humane society, or give a monetary donation.

Burr Oak & Hesper Vacation Bible School will be hosted June 15-18th, 6-8pm at Burr Oak Lutheran. Registration is in your May newsletter or can be found online on our church website. If there are any questions, please reach out to Nan. We look forward to having you!

You're Invited!! We would love you to join us for the 50th Annual Laura Ingalls Wilder Celebration Parade on Saturday June 27th, 2026! FIFTY Years ago a group of forward-thinking, Burr Oak neighbors got the Master's Hotel whipped back into shape and started a tradition of celebrating the Ingalls Family and the time they spent in Burr Oak. The sky is the limit! We love to see all sorts of entries at our parade! Floats! Animals! Marching Bands! Classic vehicles! We could run that list on for many paragraphs! The sky is the limit! The parade is FREE of charge and happens at noon on June 27th. Please email us with your questions and we'll get you on the list to join us! Email: nell@kvikradio.com

FLC Seeks to Hire Custodian

Applications due: June 12, 2026 | Preferred Start Date: mid-July, 2026

First Lutheran Church in Decorah seeks a dependable, detail-oriented, and self-motivated person to care for our church building and grounds. The Custodian will maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for worship, ministry programs, and community events in our recently renovated and expanded facility. Read the [draft position description](#) and learn more at www.FirstLutheranDecorah.org.

Burr Oak & Hesper Members: NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY

The joint councils have decided to do a New Picture Directory on our own. There are drop clothes installed at both churches if you choose to take your photo there. Please submit a family/individual photo of yourself using these backdrops or on your own. As you take them, submit to Nan, church secretary, who will be keeping them until we start compiling the Directory. **Deadline to get your information in is October 15th, 2026!** You can find the forms in your monthly newsletter or ask Nan, and she can get you a copy.

As you may also know we installed a new software program to keep vital information on our membership list for each church. The new software will be an asset to the overall record keeping for the church. However, the old software program was not up to date, nor did it have complete records, so Nan is creating and updating the information manually. We are requesting **ALL CHURCH MEMBERS** provide the following information to update our records.

Please list all the names in your household including birthdays, *(Please don't include pets)*
for Children, please list their age(s) & birthday date(s) & Grade in school

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Ages/birthdays of children at home will be used for Wednesday school, 1st communion classes, confirmation, graduation, etc. list.

Mailing Address _____

Adult Phone numbers _____

Adult Email address(es) _____

How do you want newsletters received Email OR Mail?

Adult children name(s) _____

Mailing Address(es) _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email address(es) _____

How do they want newsletters received Email OR Mail?

The information on your adult children is helpful as well in completing our church records. Many have gone on in their lives and not provided the office with updated information.

The information collected above will make our membership more accurate and help future committee(s) with contact information. Any questions, please be sure to reach out to a joint council member.

On behalf of the joint councils, **THANK YOU** for taking the time to provide the information.

Burr Oak Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 24, 2026

Organist: Rose Breitsprecher

Greeter(s): Ron & Darlene Emery

Reader: Darlene Emery

Ushers: Marlene McCabe, Randy & Marie Tweten, Gary Zidlicky

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY: Noisy offering collection for Kid's Lunch Club

SUN, May 31st: 8:30am JOINT Worship @ Burr Oak

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$3,300.00 Offering May 17th: \$ 2,767.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 31, 2026

Organist: Kathy Tollefsrud

Greeter(s): Doris Patterson

Reader: Doris Patterson

Ushers: Barb Barth, Becky Peterson, Ferneva Brimacomb, Jason Tweten

Hesper Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 24, 2026

Organist: Rose Breitsprecher

Greeter(s): Rachel Werges

Reader: Rachel Werges

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Needed to Meet Budget: \$2,372.00 Offering May 17th: \$

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 31, 2026

8:30am JOINT Worship @ Burr Oak

TAKE HOME VERSE

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

O Lord, rejoice in all your works.

(Psalm 104:31)