

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

Pastor David Werges
Holy Trinity, Joint worship
May 31, 2026
8:30am JOINT at Burr Oak

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

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

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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.

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

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LISTEN

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

- ¹ O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- ² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.
- ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- ⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.
- ⁶ You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
- ⁷ all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
- ⁸ the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
- ⁹ O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul writes: Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to **Matthew**, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

RESPONSE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

ELW 666

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

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick.

Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises.

Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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

"Rock of Ages"

ELW 623

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.

"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.

M & M Women of the Church WELCA Convention - Saturday, June 20, 2026 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church (2502 S. Jefferson St.; Mason City, IA). 8-9am: check-in; 9am Welcome & Worship followed by interest sessions: "Make A Prayer Journal" and "Northern Lights (an organization helping women in crisis). Registration is due by June 1st. Forms are available on the table in the Narthex of each church.

June 6, 2026 the Northeastern Iowa C3 (Creative, Collaborative Congregations) conference will meet at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly, IA. Attendees at the conference will receive assistance in determining their congregation's status in the realities of our current times. Resources will be available to assist in creating communities of belonging. Speaker Dr. Megan O'Toole of ISU will share demographic trends and ways in which contracting communities are currently working together. She will also share information about current trends in ELCA congregations and how we, in the Northeastern Iowa Synod are faring.

Upcoming Summer Worship Schedule

June 7th: 8:30am Hesper w/ Holy communion, Fellowship;

10am Burr Oak w/ Holy communion

June 14th: 8:30am Hesper Fellowship; 10am Burr Oak

June 21st: 8:30am Joint @ Hesper (**Donuts w/ Dad**)

June 28th: 10:00 am Ecumenical Services @ Barney's in Burr Oak, during Laura Days

July 5th: 8:30am Joint @ Hesper w/ Holy communion, Pr. Lenth leading

July 12th: 8:30am Joint @ Burr Oak

July 19th: 8:30am Joint @ Burr Oak.

July 26th: 8:30am Joint @ Burr Oak Hymn Sing

Aug 2nd: 8:30am Joint @ Hesper w/ Holy communion, Pr. Bracket leading

Aug 9th: 8:30am Joint @ Hesper

Aug 16th: 9:00 am Ecumenical service in Canton during Canton Day's off.

SAT, Aug 22nd: 7:00 pm - Campfire Worship & Marshmallow Fellowship in Hesper

Aug 23rd: 8:30am Joint @ Hesper

(Blessing of Backpacks & Recognition of EWALU Students)

Aug 30th: 8:30am Joint @ Hesper

Sept 6th: 8:30am Burr Oak w/ Holy communion Fellowship;

10am Hesper w/ Holy communion

Sept 13th: 9:00 am Hesper-Mabel Steam Engine Days Ecumenical Worship.

Sept 20th: 8:30am Burr Oak w/ Holy communion Fellowship;

10am Hesper w/ Holy communion

(acknowledge new confirmation students, 3rd Graders Receiving Bibles & 3yr old enter Wednesday School)

Sept 27th: 8:30am Burr Oak Fellowship; 10am Hesper

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.

Anyone interested in getting professional photos taken for the directory, please reach out to Nichole Hotvedt at 563-419-1524, she will be running a special for all members interested in getting photos taken.

**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 31, 2026

Organist: Kathy Tollefsrud

Greeter(s): Doris Patterson

Reader: Doris Patterson

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN, June 7th: 10am Worship w/HC

TUES, June 9th: Bible Study @ Highland Lutheran Church 2pm

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$3,300.00 Offering May 24th: \$ 4,323.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 7, 2026

Organist: Joyce Kallevang

Greeter(s): Elmer & Rose Hansen

Reader: Dainna Smith

Communion Assistance: Frank Snell

Ushers: Chad Wilson, Cory Wilson, Elmer Hansen, Steve Headington

Hesper Lutheran Church

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8:30am JOINT Worship @ Burr Oak

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN, June 7th: 8:30am Worship w/HC, fellowship to follow

TUES, June 9th: Bible Study @ Highland Lutheran Church 2pm

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$2,372.00 Offering May 24th: \$686.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – June 7, 2026

Organist: Joyce Kallevang

Greeter(s): Rhonda Hovden

Reader: Rhonda Hovden

Communion Assistance: Rhonda Hovden

TAKE HOME VERSE

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you
have set in their courses, what are mere mortals
that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?
(Psalm 8:3-4)