

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

Pastor David Werges
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

May 3, 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 Verses 1,2/6,7

"For all the Saints"

ELW 422

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

LISTEN**FIRST LESSON****Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

² Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ Let your face shine up-on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND LESSON**1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal

priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to **John**, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon *"I Can Have Anything?"*

RESPONSE

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

ELW 367

RECOGNITION OF ARBOR DAY/EARTH DAY/SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

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.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. 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

"Rock of Ages"

ELW 623

BLESSING OF TRACTORS/EQUIPMENT & SEEDS

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 worshiping 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!

TAKE HOME VERSE

Make me understand the way of your commandments,
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

(Psalm 119:27)

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, Family of Charlie Schnitzler.

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.

Thank You for your prayers, cards and calls and for running errands for me. All of which has helped me recover from my surgery and accident. -Ferneva Brimacomb

TODAY silvery dogwood and American cranberry bush seedlings will be given away to anyone who wants one following worship services in recognition of Arbor Day, Earth Day and Soil and Water Conservation Week. A tree planting demonstration will be held at Hesper following the 10 am service.

Glenwood Lutheran Church, [1197 Old Stage Rd](#), will celebrate the restoration of its historic 1909 Hinner pipe organ. Join us for a short program and slide show in our auditorium TODAY at 1:30 pm. The program will continue at 3 pm in our beautiful sanctuary with Luther College Organist, Professor Alexander Meszler, and several of his students. Treats and coffee to follow. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you!

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.

Decorah Chorale presents *Illuminate* The Decorah Chorale will present its 30th Anniversary Spring Concert, *Illuminate*, TODAY at 7:00 p.m. in the Decorah High School Auditorium. *Illuminate* celebrates the power of music and its ability to radiate meaning and connection. The concert follows a journey from the first spark of musical expression to the ways music reveals hope, gratitude, and renewal. At the center of the program is Elaine Hagenberg's *Illuminare*, a five-movement work whose title means "to illuminate," - performed with an eighteen-piece chamber orchestra. The concert is free and all are invited to a reception following the concert to celebrate Decorah Chorale's 30th season.

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

The board of ed team is looking for white sheets for VBS June 15-18th. Please bring them to Burr Oak and leave them in the Sunday School room across from the art room. Thank you!

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@bohlutheran.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.

The Area Council of Churches will be hosting their Baccalaureate worship on May 3rd at 4:30 at Mabel First Lutheran.

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@bohlutheran.org or

Nan/Parish Office: Phone 563-735-5925

Email: secretary@bohlutheran.org.

The Highlands is hosting a plant sale to help raise funds for their garden funds. All items are free will donation, on May 16th from 9-4pm (or until sold out) at their new location 607 Highland Drive, Decorah.

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

An adventure you'll fall for!



New friends 🌿 Amazing experiments 🌿 Creative games
Super-fun snacks 🌿 Surprising adventures 🌿 Incredible music

Location: Burr Oak Lutheran Church
(church name)

Save these dates: Mon June 15th - Thurs June 18th
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun happens from: 6-8 pm with a meal
(daily start and end times)

For more information, call or visit: 563-735-5925 church office
(church phone number and web address)

Register online here: www.bohlutheran.org
(registration web address)

Burr Oak Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 3, 2026

Organist: Joyce Kallevang

Greeter(s): Judy McIntosh & Carol Thunberg

Reader: Diane Lovstuen

Communion Assistance: Diane Lovstuen

Acolyte: Colton Koch

Ushers: Scott Barth, Myrna Wilson, Ben & Kim Lange

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY: Laura's Sack Lunch serving from 11-1 @ Burr Oak church parking lot

TUES, May 5th: Church Council: BO @ 6:30, Joint @ 7, H to follow. All at Burr Oak

WED, May 6th: End of Year party for Wednesday School & Confirmation! 6-7:30@ Burr Oak

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WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$3,300.00 Offering April 26th: \$ 4,066.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 10, 2026

Organist: Renae McIntosh

Greeter(s): Jim & Cheryl Nagel

Reader: Denise Gjere

Acolyte:

Ushers: Wayne & Arletta Tweten, Fred & Cindy Leonhart

Hesper Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – May 3, 2026

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Greeter(s): Linda Folstad

Reader: Linda Folstad