

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

Pastor David Werges

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

ELW 883

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

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LISTEN**FIRST LESSON****Exodus 19:2-8a**

[The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.” So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

3 Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

4 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God's holy name.

5 Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

SECOND LESSON**Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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**Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]**

The holy gospel according to **Matthew**, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon**RESPONSE****HYMN OF THE DAY***“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

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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

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

A brief silence.

God of freedom, you ransomed Israel from slavery to be a holy people. As we observe Juneteenth this coming week, free us also to be a people who proclaim your liberating love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, you call all the earth to make a joyful noise to you. Let us join the chorus of the natural world in proclaiming your glory. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, you sent Jesus as peace for all of humankind. Bring an end to war and conflict, bring hope to places devastated by destruction, and sustain those who advocate for peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of grace, you pour hope and love into our hearts in times of shame and doubt. Protect those experiencing housing insecurity. Uplift anyone struggling with hopelessness, illness, or other worries. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of all, you call your children to serve in a plentiful harvest. Give us the wisdom to know how best to serve our local community and our neighbors. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of faith, we give thanks for the saints who earnestly seek you. Guide us as we seek to follow those who have led your church. 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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

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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.

"BE JESUSY" GRATITUDE PRACTICE FOR JUNE

Remember in prayer those in crisis due to war.

Pray for peace, ethical leaders, and those advocating for justice.

Take cards to Veteran's Hospitals.

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

TAKE HOME VERSE

**I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.
(Psalm 116:1-2)**

Noisy Offering for Kid's Lunch Club will be taken next Sunday, June 21st. During the summer months many children lose access to reliable meals they receive during the school year. Kid's Lunch Club responds to this challenge by providing free meals to youth through age 18 when school is out. Kid's Lunch also provides opportunities for youth and family activities. If you would like to help pack lunches or assist with distribution email decorahkidslunchclub@gmail.com or contact Shannon Putnam Dibble at 563-419-6624. You may also sign up online by going to decorahucc.org.

Pr. Dave will be taking a Sabbatical from June 15th to August 17th. During this time our church councils have made arrangements for coverage of worship services. (See the Summer Worship Schedule in the bulletin and newsletter). For pastoral care, funerals, or hospital visits contact Nan in the church office or Lisa. Please keep Pr. Dave in your prayers during this time away for rest and renewal.

Upcoming Summer Worship Schedule

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 Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - June 14, 2026

Organist: Renae McIntosh

Greeter(s): Eric & Jessica Rediske

Reader: Jessica Rediske

Ushers: Marc & Kathy Rosendahl, Delbert & Kathy Smith, Frank Snell

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MON-THURS, June 15-18th: Vacation Bible School 6-8pm Burr Oak.

TUES, June 16th: RUTH circle meets. Carol Schnitzler is Hostess

SAT, June 20th: M & M Women of the Church Annual Convention in Mason City

SUN, June 21st: 8:30am JOINT Worship @ Hesper, Noisy offering Collection

Donuts with Dad following worship

MON, June 22nd: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

TUES, June 23rd: 9:00 am Shared Ministry Meeting at Big Canoe Lutheran

FRI-SUN, June 26-28th: Laura Day's Celebration in Burr Oak

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WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$3,300.00 Offering June 7th: \$1,450.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 21st

8:30am Joint worship @ Hesper

June 28th

All are invited to Laura Day's Celebration Ecumenical Worship 10-11

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Needed to Meet Budget: \$2,372.00 Offering June 7th: \$845.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - June 21, 2026

Organist: Kathy Tollefsrud

Greeter(s): Linda Folstad

Reader: Linda Folstad

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. If you do not have a photo to submit, please still turn in your forms so we can get our membership database updated. **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 NOW UNTIL AUGUST for all members.

**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.