

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

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10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2026
8:30am Hesper

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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

"O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

ELW 658

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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LISTEN

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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 14:13-21

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

RESPONSE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

ELW 515

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For these congregations, that they bear faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: 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

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: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

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

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

ELW 325

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!

We extend a warm welcome and express our thanks to Pr. Steve Brackett, Assistant to the Bishop, who is leading our worship service this morning. Pr. Dave continues his Sabbatical until the end of August.

TAKE HOME VERSE

**I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

(Psalm 17:6)

Prayer Concerns

Jonathan Allen, Stacy Nelson, Diane & Jason Daft, Trisha Ryan, Gwen Allen, 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 Anthony 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 AUGUST

Give the gift of life and be a blood donor. Watch for a blood drive scheduled in your area.

BLOOD DRIVE - Mabel-Canton Community, will be held at American Legion, Mabel, on Wednesday, August 5, 2026 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm Blood Shortage - Critical- Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Mabel, MN to schedule an appointment.

Upcoming Summer Worship Schedule

Aug 9th: 8:30am Joint @ Hesper

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

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: Shared Ministry Community Worship and Potluck at Big Canoe.

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

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

Mabel Area Council of Churches - School Supplies fundraiser Help us raise enough funds to provide FREE school supplies to ALL the Mabel-Canton students.

You can mail any cash/check donations to the following address.

Mail to: Area Council of Churches (ACC)

**c/o Myrna Wilson
225 South Robert St.
Mabel, MN 55954**

Thank you for your support, ACC

Eunice Circle is having the Jerusalem Road, (*they sing Country, Bluegrass, and Gospel*), come play at Green Lea Manor on August 18th at 2pm.

Wilmington Lutheran Church and Thrivent Financial are sponsoring free movies and popcorn some Wednesdays this summer. Movies will be shown at the Spring Grove Cinema at 1:30 pm. The schedule is:

Wednesday, August 5: "Singin in the Rain"

Everyone is welcome to come out of the summer heat and enjoy a good movie and some tasty popcorn!

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.

Burr Oak Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – August 2026

8:30am Joint Worship @ Hesper all of August

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN, Aug 9th: 8:30 am worship in Hesper, Fellowship following worship.

TUE, Aug 11th: Dawn Circle meets 9:15am, Sheri Borcharding, hostess
2:00 pm - GATHER Bible Study at Highland Lutheran

THUR, Aug 13th: Hope Circle meets 6:30pm, Rhonda Peterson, hostess

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$3,300.00 Offering July 26th: \$2,232.00

Hesper Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – August 2, 2026

Organist: Joyce Kallevang

Greeter(s): Rhonda Hovden

Reader: Rhonda Hovden

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN, Aug 9th: 8:30 am worship in Hesper, Fellowship following worship.

TUE, Aug 11th: 2:00 pm - GATHER Bible Study at Highland Lutheran

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$2,372.00 Offering July 26th: \$

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – August 9, 2026

Organist: Renae McIntosh

Greeter(s): Joyce Richert

Reader: Joyce Richert

A day trip by car is planned for August 18, 2026 to tour the Lutheran World Relief warehouse and Global Health Ministries in the cities. Departure will be between 6:00 & 6:30 pm from Big Canoe Lutheran. Plans are to arrive at LWR facilities at 9:30 am for a tour, then to lunch at Perkins and on to Global Health Ministries after lunch. There will be an opportunity to work on a service project as well as some shopping time. Arrival back at Big Canoe estimated to be between 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Cost is \$20 for transportation. Meal and shopping on your own. Contact Anna Jetson by phone or text at 952-240-9569 if you would like to go or want more information, or Linda Folstad at 563-419-7427. All are welcome!