

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

8:30am JOINT worship at 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

"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.

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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

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN verse 1

"Borning Cry"

ELW 732

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM SCARLETT WHITE (insert)

BAPTISMAL HYMN verse 2-4

"Borning Cry"

ELW 732

LISTEN

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

² Test me, O Lord, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ I have not sat with the worthless,

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;

I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,

that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to **Matthew**, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon ""

RESPONSE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just As I Am"

ELW 592

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 the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the congregations gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. 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

"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,
Kory Courtney, Lorraine Peterson, Kirsten Dejarlais Snell, Diane Eiken, Marcia Fawcett, Steve Headington,
Brooke Tweten, Juanita DeLong, Barb Halverson, 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@bohmlutheran.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.

September Worship Schedule

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 JOINT @ Burr Oak Fellowship & Kick off Carnival
(acknowledging new confirmation students, 3rd Graders Receiving Bibles &
3yr old enter Wednesday School)

10:00 am Shared Ministry Community Worship and Potluck Meal at Big Canoe Lutheran Church

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

**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

Burr Oak Bazaar will be held on September 16th at 7pm. Items can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday, September 15th from 5-7 and Wednesday, the day of the bazaar anytime after 2pm. More raffle tickets can be requested from any Bazaar Committee Member.

The Area Council of Churches invite the public to attend the ecumenical worship service that will be held on Sunday morning, Sept 13th, at 9am, on the Hesper Mabel Steam Engine Days grounds as a part of the 74th Annual Hesper Mabel Steam Engine Days Celebration. Driftless Revival and area clergy will lead at worship. A Free will offering will be collected, offering will be equally distributed between the Decorah and Mabel Area Food pantries. All Are welcome!

RSVP in Decorah is looking for some great volunteers 25 years and older willing to participate in our third grade Pen Pal letter writing program for the new school year at Carrie Lee, St. Ben's, East Elementary Waukon, and St. Pat's Waukon. Write 3 or 4 letters (depending on school) and meet your Pen Pal at the end of the program during a short celebration meeting. Arrangements can be made to scan or fax letters if you go away for the winter. If you are interested in a rewarding experience, please contact RSVP at 563-277-5181 or neirsvppenpalprogram@gmail.com.

Dear 3yr olds entering Wednesday School, 3rd grader and incoming confirmation students,
We extend a special invitation to you to attend joint worship on Sunday, September 20th at 8:30am in Burr Oak. We will be acknowledging all **3yr olds entering Wednesday School, 3rd graders, along with incoming confirmation students.** We encourage grandparents, sponsors, mentors to all join us as well. Following worship there will be fellowship and a Kick off Carnival where you can pre-register your kid(s) for Wednesday School and Confirmation.

We hope you are able to join us.

If you submit the information on the form below we will list the names in **September 20th bulletin** of those that are joining Wednesday School and Confirmation this year along with all 3rd graders. If you could please let Nan know by email or mail by September 4th.

Child's full name:

Parent's Names:

Grandparents:

Sponsors:



The endowment fund is money that has been donated through gifts such as memorials, wills, and estates. The money is invested in many different CDs, mutual funds, etc. The endowment fund consists of a perpetual fund in which the principal will be retained and only the interest is used and a building fund from which both principal and interest can be used, all to enable the further growth of our church, its ministries and stewardship opportunities. To carry out the purpose of the endowment fund an Endowment Fund Committee meets in the beginning of the year at the annual meeting and decides how the money will be used. Some examples of how the money is used are: quilting supplies for the quilts donated to the graduating high school seniors, confirmation classes, Wednesday School, Luther League and layette kits. The committee also investigates ways in which the fund can be invested. The Endowment Fund would also like to say a big thank you to the Meatball Supper Committee and the Burr Oak council for their generous donation of \$1,000 towards the Perpetual fund base.

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.

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 30, 2026

8:30am Joint Worship @ Hesper all of August

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TODAY: Worship and Music Meeting following 8:30am worship

SUN, Sept 6th: 8:30am worship w/ HC, fellowship to follow

TUES, Sept 8th: Bible Study @ Highland Lutheran Church 2pm

EUNICE circle meets at Pizza Ranch. Marlene McCabe is Bible Study Leader

WED, Sept 9th: Church Council: Individual meetings @ 6pm, JOINT@ 6:30, all @ Hesper.

Set up at Steam Engine Grounds following

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$3,300.00 Offering Aug 23rd: \$2,935.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – September 6, 2026

Organist: Kathy Tollefsrud

Greeter(s): Jason and Tami Bohr

Communion Assistance: Tami Bohr

Reader: Tonya Tollefsrud

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

Hesper Lutheran Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – August 30, 2026

Organist: Kathy Tollefsrud

Greeter(s): Linda Folstad

Reader: Linda Folstad

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – September 6, 2026

Organist: Kathy Tollefsrud

Greeter(s): Rick and Donna Rasmussen

Communion Assistance: Donna Rasmussen

Reader: Donna Rasmussen

TAKE HOME VERSE

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts
of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

(Psalm 105:3)