

BURR OAK – HESPER LUTHERAN PARISH

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

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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

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LISTEN

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,

that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹² The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,

and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness shall go before the Lord

and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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 14:22-33

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

RESPONSE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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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

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.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of the climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For these congregations and their ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. 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

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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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,
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@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 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: 8:30am JOINT @ Burr Oak Fellowship & Kick off Carnival

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

Shared Ministry Community Worship and Potluck at Big Canoe.

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

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

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!

Side-by-Side Ride and Sweet Corn Boil

Sunday, August 23, 2026 (Rain Date Sunday, August 30th)

Highland Lutheran Church

3824 Highlandville Road; Decorah

11:15 am – Registration and Meal 12:00 noon – Ride begins (Ends at Highland Church)

\$10 for the meal: Bat, Sweet Corn, Dessert & Beverage

Ride Registration Fee is \$10. PreRegistration is encouraged by visiting the church website at bchlutheran.org. Click on the News & Events Tab, - then Upcoming Events.

NOTE: There is a road closure due to a bridge replacement. Use the Locust Road (or other road) to get to 380th St. Travel 380th St. until you reach the stop sign then turn left and continue ½ mile to the church. You are invited to come for just the ride, meal, or both. All are welcome!

TAKE HOME VERSE

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples

(Psalm 105:1)

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

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

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SUN, Aug 16th: All are invited to Canton Days off Ecumenical worship service, 9 am in the Fest Tent

MON, Aug 17th: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

FRI, Aug 21st: Life Serve Blood Drive at Stone Ridge Church in Decorah. 11 am - 5 pm

SUN, Aug 23rd: 8:30am JOINT worship @ H, Gabe Dahl Baptism.

Blessing of backpacks & recognition of EWALU Students

Noisy Offering collection For Mabel and Decorah area Food Pantries

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed to Meet Budget: \$3,300.00 Offering Aug 2nd: \$1,005.00

Hesper Lutheran Church

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Organist: Renae McIntosh

Greeter(s): Phil & Joyce Richert

Reader: Joyce Richert

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Needed to Meet Budget: \$2,372.00 Offering Aug 2nd: \$850.00

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS – August 16, 2026

All are invited to Canton Days off Ecumenical worship service