

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 3, 2025 - 9:00 am




Burke Lutheran Church
Reconnect.

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“Preach. Teach. Reach.”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C **Amen.**



Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW768

Lead me guide me a - long the way; for if you

lead me I can-not stray. Lord, let me walk each

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me

I am weak and I need thy strenth and pow'r
Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness
I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press
I am blind with - out thy light to see.

Help me through the dark-nes thy face to see
I am put - ting all my trust in thee
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be

lead me, O Lord, lead me

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C **Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

R ² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³ applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



- R ¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
 C ² **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**
 R ³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
 C ⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
 R ⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
 C ⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**
 R ⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
 C ⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**
 R ⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.
 C ¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
 R ¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.
 C ¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

- R ¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!
- R The word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL VERSE



P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

P ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?'" ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bryan Lagerstam

Please rise.

Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed,
 can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther,



and my heart has faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for thee!
 ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 though the storms may gath - er, still have peace with - in.



Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb; I will suf - fer
 Sin and hell in con - flict fell with their bit - ter
 Yea, what - e'er I here must bear, still in thee lies



nought to hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee.
 storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
 Music: GUD SKAL ALTING MAGE, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887



THE CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

P In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

R Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear especially Lisa, Mark, Marie, Tim, Bill, Pat, Mary, Dennis, Brittany, Kim Dwayne, Chris, Paul, Diane, Tom, Sara, Jeff, and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Greet one another with God's peace.*)

Please rise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somers C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contra dansen, 1710

Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949



Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU ARE VISITING TODAY: Thank you for joining us at Burke for worship and fellowship! Please sign a card in the pew and/or the visitor book in the narthex.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We teach that Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine. All are invited to the table to share God's grace. Grape juice is available in the center of the tray for those who desire it, as well as gluten-free wafers.

*Please fill out a communion card
and place it in the offering plate if
you are communing today.*

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PRAYERS & CARES

A Nursery (Youth Room) for children under six is located down the hallway near the church offices. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children at worship.

Our Prayer List: Contact the church office with prayer concerns. Unless otherwise advised, names remain on our list for two weeks.

Lisa Thompson

Marie McCoy

Mary Brantmeyer

Dennis Steward

Kim Sprecher

Dwayne Schultz

Paul Fritz

Tom Finhert

Mark Gehrke

Tim Lothe

Pat McCallum

Brittany Miller

Bill Schmidt

Chris McFarlin

Diane Wendt

Sara Cross

Jeff Larsen

Congregational Opportunities

QUILTING: Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 9:00am for June, July, and August.

BAND PRACTICE: Will be on hiatus for the summer.

BIBLE STUDY: Will be on hiatus for the summer.

JAM: Will be on hiatus for the summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin deadline is noon on Tuesdays. Send them to burkelutheran@att.net or drop them off at the office.

Hospitalized?: Please let the hospital staff know you are a member of Burke Lutheran Church so we are notified.

HAPPY 174 ANNIVERSARY, BURKE LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025



On Sunday, August 24, 2025, Burke Lutheran will celebrate its 174th anniversary! There will be historical bingo led by Mary TeWinkel and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass for the potluck coffee hour. Anniversary cake will be provided. If any long time members would like to tell their history with Burke Lutheran, it would be welcomed.

Donations needed for Silent Auction to be held on Rally Sunday, September 7, 2025. Donations will be collected by the church secretary during office hours until Wednesday, September 3. If you are able to donate a service to help lighten the load of someone, gift certificates can be created with the specific information.

CALL TO ACTION

August Food Pantry Focus: August focus is: “Boxed Dinners,” such as: Hamburger Helper, Rice/Noodle mixes, etc. Please place your non-perishable goods in the ‘Donations’ basket in the entryway and it will be delivered to the pantry.

Birthday Bags for River Food Pantry.

List of contents and bags are located in the entryway.

THIS WEEK AT BURKE

Wednesday, August 6	Quilting, 9:00am	
Sunday, August 10	Worship, 9:00am	

WORSHIP LEADERS

	August 3 - 9:00am Service	August 10 - 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Gloria Lundquist	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leaders	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner
Communion Assistant	Barb Hennings	Gloria Lundquist
Communion Prep	Jean Schnick	Jeannette Gehrke
Lay Reader	Barb Hennings	Sharon Hughes
Usher Team	Bob Lenzendorf David Hanson	Steve & Donna Frederick
Coffee Hour	Donuts	Donuts
Counters	Rose Haney Gloria Lundquist	Deb Brown Gloria Lundquist

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday 9:00am	Total	N/A
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WORSHIP SERVICE AT NORWAY GROVE MEMORIAL
820 RIVER ROAD, DEFOREST, WI
AUGUST 17, 2025

Please join us for Worship and Fellowship at Norway Grove Memorial on
Sunday, August 17th.

Worship: 9:00am - 10:00am (Fellowship to follow service.)
(No service at Burke Lutheran Church on August 17.)

Directions:

Starting from Burke Lutheran Church:

- ♦ Turn right to go North on Portage Rd.
- ♦ Turn left onto Hoepker Rd.
- ♦ Turn right onto US-51N
- ♦ Merge right onto I-39N
- ♦ Take exit 126
- ♦ Turn right onto County Rd V
- ♦ Turn right onto River Rd.
- ♦ Norway Grove Memorial Lutheran Church is on the right.