

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 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.**



GATHERING SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

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.

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

C Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

R ¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 33:12-22

R ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

C ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

R ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

C ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

R ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

C ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.

R ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

C ¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

R ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

C ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.

R ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

R ¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

P Jesus said: ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bryan Lagerstam

Please rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE CREED

**C 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,

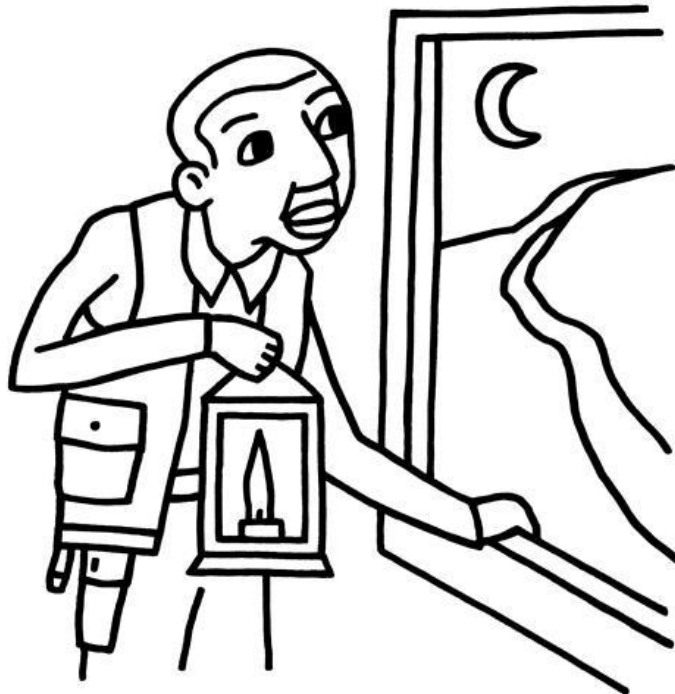
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.



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 Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

R Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Let your loving kindness be on those in need especially Lisa, Mark, Marie, Tim, Bill, Pat, Mary, Dennis, Brittany, Jeff L., Kim, Dwayne, Chris, Paul, Diane, Tom, Sara, Jeff H., and all those we name upon our lips or in our hearts. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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 God thanks and praise.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Please rise.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



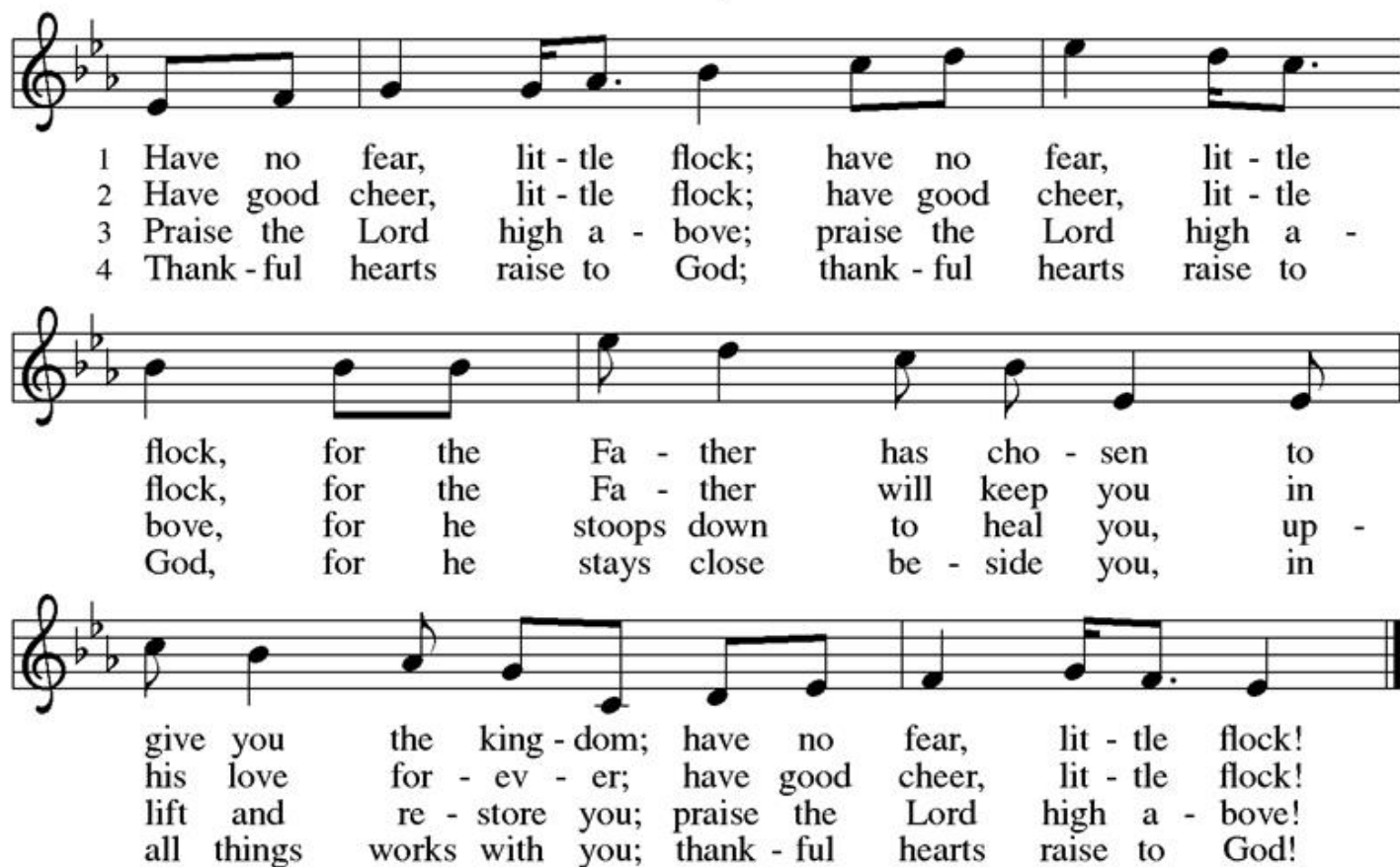
fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to

flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in

give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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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.**

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis-played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl G. Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989
Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine
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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

Pat McCallum

Kim Sprecher

Paul Fritz

Sara Cross

Mark Gehrke

Tim Lothe

Dennis Steward

Bill Schmidt

Diane Wendt

Jeff Hildebrand (friend of Chris & Diane McFarlin)

Jeff Larsen

Mary Brantmeyer

Brittany Miller

Dwayne Schultz

Tom Finhert

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.

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.

Light of Life & Sunday Bulletin Articles

If you have news you’d like to see in the Sunday bulletin announcements and/or Light of Life newsletter:

1. Email your submissions to burkelutheran@att.net (please indicate in the subject line whether it is for the bulletin, LOL or both), or
2. Mail to church, 5720 Portage Rd, Madison, WI 53718, or
3. Turn it into the church office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Noon on Tuesdays

LIGHT OF LIFE DEADLINE: 20th of the month

THIS WEEK AT BURKE

Tuesday, August 12		Congregational Open Forum, 6:30pm Council, 6:45pm
Wednesday, August 13	Men's Breakfast, 9:00am	
Sunday, August 17	Worship at Norway Grove Memorial Lutheran Church, 9:00am	

WORSHIP LEADERS

	August 10- 9:00am Service	August 24 - 9:00am Service
Organist/Pianist	Susie Kittel Moore	Susie Kittel Moore
Music Leaders	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner	Chris Grefe Dave Wisner
Communion Assistant	Gloria Lundquist	David Hanson
Communion Prep	Jeannette Gehrke	Gloria Lundquist
Lay Reader	Sharon Hughes	Tim Wachs
Usher Team	Steve & Donna Frederick	Karl & Shari Patzer
Coffee Hour	Donuts	Potluck
Counters	Deb Brown Gloria Lundquist	Sharon Hughes Jean Schnick

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sunday 9:00am	Total	38
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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.