

Message Title:  
*“Watch Your Words”*

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

9:00 a.m.

# Welcome to Hebron Lutheran Church!

## As You Worship in Person or by Live Streaming!

Welcome to the worship of people engaged in the greatest mission in the world: following Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, the Messiah sent from God whose mission is, in his very own words, “to seek and save the lost.” The life-transforming message we must tell everyone, simply put, is “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life!” Welcome to the Kingdom and mission of God, everyone! Welcome to eternal life with God and all God’s redeemed!

**Guests:** We believe that you are not here by accident. We invite you to fill out a Connect Card with whatever information you feel comfortable sharing. If we can support or pray for you in any way, please let us know. You can also contact the church by calling 859-689-7590 or visiting the Church website [hebronlutheran.org](http://hebronlutheran.org).

**Holy Communion:** We believe that Holy Communion is a gift of grace. We practice "Open Communion," which means if you are a follower of Jesus, you are welcome to share this sacred meal with us.

**Offering:** We believe that God is generous, and we have been invited to share generously. An offering basket is available at the entrance/exit doors of the sanctuary for those who would love to contribute financially to the ongoing work of Hebron Lutheran Church. You can also give by text at 844-436-1665. Include a dollar sign with the amount (example \$100) you wish to give in the message area.



**Kids' Church [9 am // 11 am]:** Will resume in the fall.

**Nursery Available [9 am // 11 am]:** We love having children with us, and we also know parents may need a little extra peace of mind. Our nursery, for **infants through age 6**, is located just across the hall from the sanctuary.

### **Serving in Worship:**

*Pastor Michael Stoops*, Preaching & Presiding;

*Jim Wakefield*, Worship Assistant; *Kathy Bowman*, Director of Worship;

*Deanna Parobeck*, Organist; *Sue Neal-Smith*, Reader;

*Connie Crowder & Butch Whitefoot*, Greeters; *Anthony Habib*,

*Katie Saunders, Maria Wakefield & \*Butch Whitefoot*, Communion Servers.

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Mickey Conner in celebration on Linda's birthday.

## Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

+Confession & Forgiveness

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

I confess to God Almighty,  
before the whole company of heaven,  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned by my own fault  
in thought, word, and deed.

I pray God Almighty  
to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins,  
and bring me to everlasting life.

**C: Almighty and merciful God**

**grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

**I confess to God Almighty,  
before the whole company of heaven  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have sinned by my own fault  
in thought, word, and deed.**

**I pray God Almighty  
to have mercy on me  
forgive me all my sins,  
and bring me to everlasting life.**

P: Almighty and merciful God  
grant you healing, pardon, and  
forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

+Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you!**

Please share a welcoming word and wave as a sign of God's love.

+Opening Hymn “*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*”

What a fellowship what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus  
Leaning leaning  
Safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

(Repeat Chorus)  
What have I to dread what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
(Repeat Chorus)

# +Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

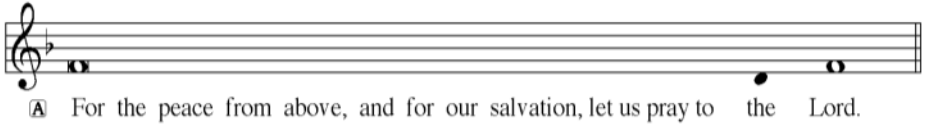
(The Congregation recites the bold text.)

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.**



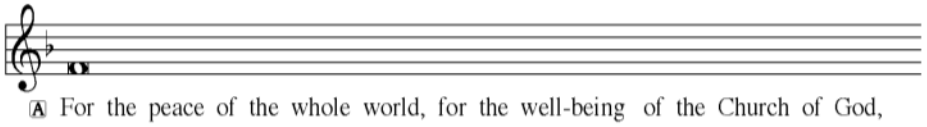
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



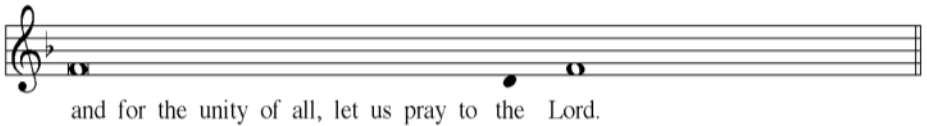
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



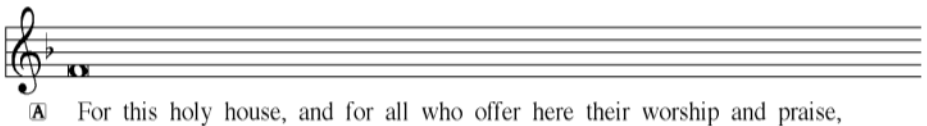
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



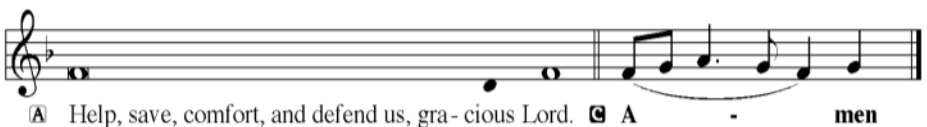
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.




**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

# +The Hymn of Praise



♩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



♩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② For the Lamb who was



slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



♩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## +Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray together:

**C: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## We Hear God's Word

### Responsive Reading

Psalm 141:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! **Give ear to my voice when I call to you!**

<sup>2</sup>Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!**

<sup>3</sup>Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; **keep watch over the door of my lips!**

<sup>4</sup>Do not let my heart incline to any evil, to busy myself with wicked deeds **in company with men who work iniquity, and let me not eat of their delicacies!**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Scripture Reading

James 3:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Our Response to God’s Word**

+Hymn of the Day *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.

### +The Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. 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**

### +The Prayers

A: God of truth, you spoke the world into being and your words bring life.

**C: Let our words reflect your grace and carry your truth.**

A: Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh — full of grace and truth.

**C: Guard our tongues from harm and teach us to speak with wisdom and kindness.**

A: Holy Spirit, bless our staff, council, and leadership as they speak and lead.

**C: May every word we offer build up rather than tear down.**

A: Lord, we trust you are merciful and gracious.

**All: Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

### +The Offertory Prayer

[We give online, by text, and at the baskets in the front and back of the sanctuary.]

A: Let us pray for God's blessings upon our tithe and offering:  
Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us— our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## +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 and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## +Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### +The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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***

### Holy Communion

#### +Communion Blessing

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

**C: Amen**

#### +Post Communion Canticle

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes marked with fermatas. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment.



## – Prayers –

### This Week, Please Pray For:

**Members:** **Patti Brown & Family** (death of her mother, 6/24); **Patty Stine & Family** (death of her husband, Jeff 6/21); **Lemmie Price** (health issues); **Tom Gibbs** (health issues); **Carrie (Cook) Turner** (neck ablation 6/25); **Greg Goodridge** (recovering from a recent burn accident); **Traci Markgraf** (death of her mother, Barb Ellis); **Ron Rives** (health); **Patti Brown** (health, stage 4 liver & lung cancer); **Laura Gardner** (broken wrist); **Dale Ankenman** (health); **Beth Campbell** (health); **Michelle Ewing** (health); **Elizabeth Potter** (health) and **Bev Tekulve** (cancer).

**Family/Friends of Members:** **Pr. David Jones** (recovering from foot surgery, call for address); **Savanna** (recovering from traumatic bodily injury); **Chris P.** (health); **Ken Firl** (health concerns, Priscilla Mueller's dad); **Heather** (fiancé recently passed away, friend of Anita Bernardo's); **Fred Haas** (upcoming back surgery 7/17); **Tina B.** (recovering from major oral surgery); **Tricia Gieser** (health); **Denise Bobst** (stage 3 lung cancer, never smoked, radiation/chemo, sister-in-law of Debi Graves); **Diana R.** (ALS); **Kayla Gray** (Vanderbilt ICU, heart/lung issues, childhood friend of Jacqueline Stoops); **Sarah K.** (cancer); **Nicole Sexton** (continued healing from a kidney transplant); **Katie Burlingame** (recovering from breast cancer treatments); and **Donna Elchesen** (kidney disease, sister of Debbie Kloos).

**Card of the Week:** We have a “Card of the Week” each week for the congregation to send encouraging cards to a specific person/s. If you or someone you know needs encouragement or prayers, please fill out one of the prayer care cards in the pew. Send a card to our sisters, **Patti Brown & Patty Stine**. Patti Brown's address is 1016 Meadowbrook Court, Hebron, KY 41048. Patty Stine's address is 8520 Gunpowder Road, Apt. #310, Florence, KY 41042. You are welcome to send cards to anyone you wish, but if you don't usually send cards, we encourage you to perhaps send a card to the person highlighted each week for “Card of the Week”.

**Prayer Care People of the Week:** Greg, Elizabeth, Andrew & Jackson Moore, Joseph & Hilde Pitcher and Louise Rose.

**Armed Forces Members and support staff known to HLC:** **Ray Santa Cruz** (Cathy Fellow's nephew); **Jack Gerken** (14032 W. Mustang St., Unit #4464, Luke AFB, AZ 85309, family friend of the Owens); **Major Jake Ricks** (nephew of Anita Bernardo) and **Joshua Wilson** (Marines, grandson of Larry & Judy Gurksnis) and **Mollie Wilson** (Navy, wife of Joshua Wilson).

If you wish to place someone on the prayer list please call 859-689-7590 or email your prayer request to [sonya@hebronlutheran.org](mailto:sonya@hebronlutheran.org). We will print prayer concerns in the bulletin for four weeks. Please call 859-689-7590 or email if your request has been removed and you would like to have it included longer.

## — Announcements & Activities —

*Join us this morning in the Hospitality Room for a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate.* In the Hospitality Room you can also find our monthly newsletter, and **Our Daily Bread (daily devotionals)**, as well as other items.

**Please make a note that the church office will be closed next Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Everyone have a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**

**Our next Second Sunday Fellowship is scheduled for Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.** We are in **NEED** of a host/hostess. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Hospitality Room, call or email the church office. If we don't have a host/hostess, we will **NOT** have Second Sunday Fellowship in July. If you are interested in hosting a Second Sunday Fellowship, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Hospitality Room, call or email the church office. The Sundays in July, September and December are open.

Hebron Lutheran Family & Friends, thank you to everyone for all the cards, kind words and prayers. It has been very comforting during this time of mourning. *Traci Markgraf*

**Greeter Training TODAY:** To all greeters or anyone interested in becoming a greeter. Hebron Lutheran Church is having a small greeter program given by **Dep. Chris Saunders TODAY, Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.** Everyone is encouraged to attend this program. If you are unable to come to this, there will be another session in the fall. We will meet in the hospitality room.

**Annual Baby Bottle Campaign Ended last week on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>!** Thanks to all who participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky. It is through your prayers and support that we are able to continue our pro-life mission of education, supporting and empowering people before, during and after an unplanned pregnancy, while uplifting the sanctity of human life. On behalf of every client they serve, may you be blessed for your efforts. **If you still have a baby bottle please bring it as soon as possible, it is NOT TOO Late!**

**Hope Cardmakers: Hope Cardmakers meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Room at 10:00 a.m.** Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.** Supplies are provided, but some people choose to bring their own. We can always use more hands. **No experience is needed.** Join us for fun, fellowship and an opportunity to share God's love with cards. Cards have been sent to our shut-ins, our card people of the week and many of the people on our weekly prayer list. Please call the church office 859-689-7590 for more information.

**Prime Timers: Prime Timers is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room.** All adults age 55 or older are welcome to attend. Please bring a dish or two to share for each person attending. Tableware and drinks will be provided. At this time we **NEED** a host/hostess for the months of **August & September.** Please call, email or sign up on the bulletin board. **If we don't have a host/hostess signed up for any month, we will NOT have Prime Timers for that month.**

**SIGN UP TODAY: 5K RACE FOR RECOVERY!** Outreach Opportunity for Recovery from Addiction. Hosted by Hebron Lutheran Church **Saturday morning, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.!** Registration is now open!  
**[runsignup.com/Race/KY/Hebron/HebronLutheranRunforRecovery5k](https://runsignup.com/Race/KY/Hebron/HebronLutheranRunforRecovery5k)**

## **Adult Discipleship Opportunities**

Classes will resume in the fall.

## **Children / Youth Information**

**Upcoming Youth Kayaking Trip! Upcoming Youth Kayaking Trip on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, leaving the church at 8:30 a.m. - Everyone within the church ages 12 years and older is welcome to attend.** The youth (ages 12 years and older) will be going on a kayaking trip at Green Acres Kayak, located at 10465 Suspension Bridge Road in Harrison, Ohio, on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. They invite anyone else in the church who is 12 years or older to come along. Youth can attend for free. **The cost is \$40.00 per adult, but free if you are willing to chaperone.** Please wear an appropriate bathing suit and bring your water shoes. If you would like, you may also bring a small cooler. **Let Joe Hopperton know by Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to go and if you would like to chaperone.** Youth will return by 5:00 p.m. to the church. You may also contact Joe at 859-743-6105 with any additional questions you may have regarding the trip.

*\*If it rains the event will be canceled.*

**Kids' Church:** Kids' Church for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade will resume in the fall.

**Youth Group: Youth Group for grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> meets twice a month.** The time for youth group is from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth group will meet downstairs in the youth room this **Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> and on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **Outreach**

**During the months of July and August we will be collecting school supplies for Operation Christmas Child!** We are looking for items such as: *pens, sharpened pencils, scissors, glue sticks, stickers, notebooks, protractors, rulers, small books, flashcards, solar calculators, etc.* Please remember **NO liquid items and NO bars of soap.** You can place your donated items in the bin in the Hospitality Room.

Join us for a **Shoebox Wrapping/Organizing Day**—We will be wrapping boxes, making jump ropes, and organizing donations. You have lots of opportunities to find your favorite activity to support this ministry.

Join us for some great fellowship, tomorrow, **Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.** **We will meet at Penn Station for lunch at 12:30 p.m.** and afterwards will meet at 1:30 p.m. to shoebox wrap/organize.

**7/6 - Meet at Firehouse Subs for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.**  
**7/27 - Meet at Hebron Grille for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.**

# Hebron Lutheran Church Information

3140 Limaburg Road, Hebron, KY 41048

## Sunday Worship Services:

9:00 a.m. (Traditional with Kids' Church)

10:15 a.m. Adult Learning Classes

11:00 a.m. (Modern with Kids' Church)

Live Streaming for 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday Services - Hebron Lutheran Church YouTube

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To know Him and to make Him known.