

Message Title:
“Open Hands”

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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.

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;
Anthony Habib, Worship Assistant; *Kathy Bowman*, Director of Worship;
Deanna Parobeck, Organist; *Tracy Thompson*, Reader;
Linda Bryant & Verna Noel, Greeters; **Verna Noel*,
Tracy Thompson, Judy Stacy & Julie Utz, Communion Servers.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the people of Hebron Lutheran Church.

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

“When We All Get to Heaven”



1 Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus, sing his mer - cy and his grace:
2 While we walk the pil - grim path-way, clouds will o - ver - spread the sky;
3 Let us then be true and faith-ful, trust-ing, serv-ing ev - 'ry day;
4 On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon his beau - ty we'll be - hold;



in the man-sions bright and bless-ed, he'll pre-pare for us a place.
but when trav-'ling days are o-ver, not a shad-ow, not a sigh.
just one glimpse of him in glo-ry will the toils of life re-pay.
soon the pearl-y gates will o-pen; we shall tread the streets of gold.



When we all get to heav-en, what a day of re-joic-ing that will be!



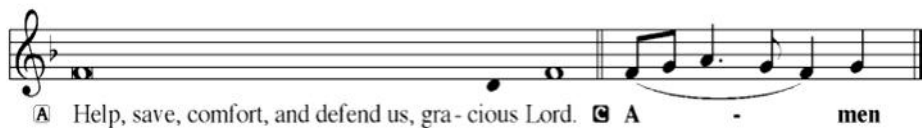
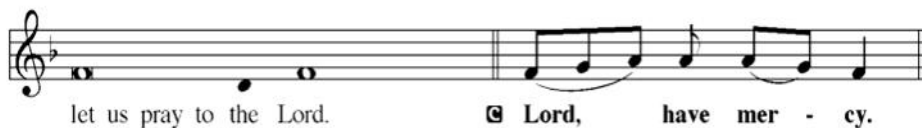
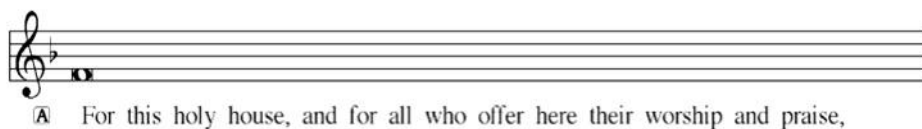
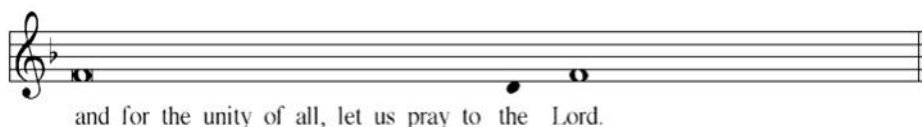
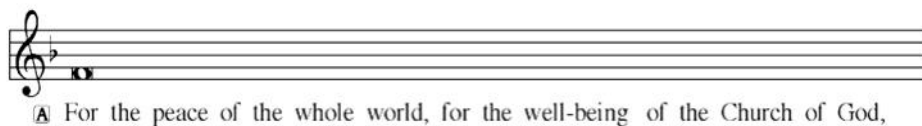
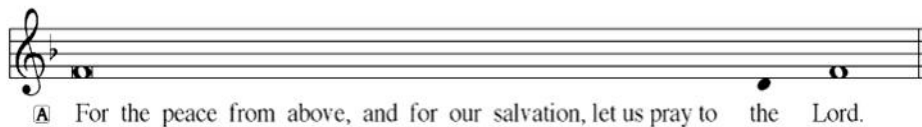
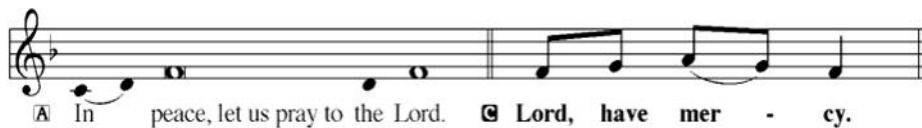
When we all see Je - sus, we'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry.

+Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

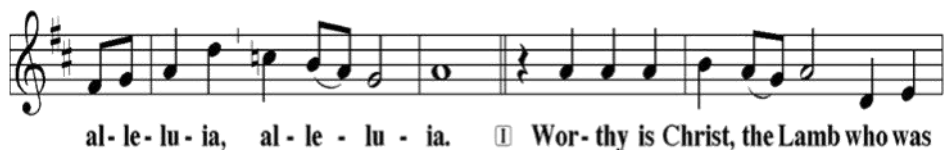
(The Congregation recites the bold text.)

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.**



+The Hymn of Praise



+Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray together:

C: **God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

We Hear God's Word

Responsive Reading

Psalm 37:3-7 (ESV)

³Trust in the LORD, and do good; **dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

⁴Delight yourself in the LORD, **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; **trust in him, and he will act.**

⁶He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, **and your justice as the noonday.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (ESV)

⁶The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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Our Response to God's Word

+Hymn of the Day

“Wonderful Peace”



1. Far a - way in the depths of my spir - it to - night rolls a
2. What a treas - ure I have in this won - der - ful peace bur - ied
3. I am rest - ing to - night in this won - der - ful peace, rest - ing
4. And I think when I rise to that cit - y of peace where the



mel - o - dy sweet - er than psalm; In ce - les - tial - like strains it un -
deep in the heart of my soul, so se - cure that no pow - er can
sweet - ly in Je - sus' con - trol, for I'm kept from all dan - ger by
Au - thor of peace I shall see, that one strain of the song which the



- ceas - ing - ly falls o'er my soul like an in - fi - nite calm. Peace! Peace!
mine it a - way while the years of e - ter - ni - ty roll.
night and by day, and His glo - ry is flood - ing my soul.
ran - somed will sing in that heav - en - ly king - dom shall be:



won - der - ful peace, com - ing down from the Fa - ther a - bove, sweep o - ver my spir - it for -



- ev - er, I pray, in fath - om - less bil - lows of love.

+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: Generous Father, every good gift comes from you — our breath, our work, our daily bread.

C: Loosen our grip on what we have and deepen our trust in your provision.

A: Lord Jesus, you gave everything — holding nothing back for yourself.

C: Free us from fear and form us in your generosity.

A: Holy Spirit, bless our ministry leaders and volunteers as they give of their time and gifts.

C: May we be a community marked by open hands and grateful hearts.

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.

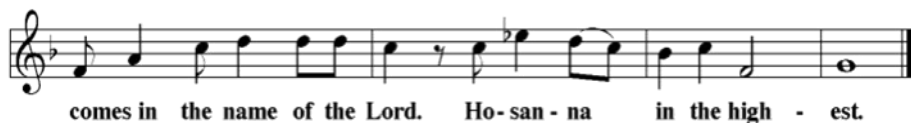
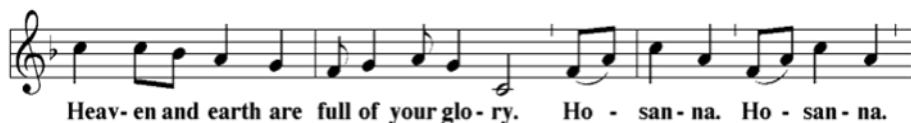
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 for two parts, Treble and Bass, in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first system of music covers the first two lines of the canticle, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men.

+Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray....

C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

+Closing Hymn *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Organ Postlude

— Prayers —

This Week, Please Pray For:

Members: Sharon Bennett (recovering from foot surgery); Carrie (Cook) Turner (recovering from neck ablation 6/25, Barb Cook's daughter); Bill Jarvi, Traci Markgraf & Pr. Dave Shockey (mission trip to Ethiopia 7/11—7/20); David Brown & Family (death of his wife, Patti 6/30); Marlene Becherer (health); Carley Current (health); Patty Stine & Family (death of her husband, Jeff 6/21); Lemmie Price (health issues); Tom Gibbs (health issues); Ron Rives (health); Beth Campbell (health); Elizabeth Potter (health) and Bev Tekulve (cancer).

Family/Friends of Members: Tricia Gieser (health); Sarah F. (health); Donald Park (recovering from open heart surgery); Cassidy Feldhaus (pregnant & baby boy has significant heart issues); David W. (health); Pr. David Jones (recovering from foot surgery, call the office for address); Savanna (recovering from traumatic bodily injury); Ken Firl (health concerns, Priscilla Mueller's dad); Fred Haas (upcoming back surgery 7/17); 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, **Sharon Bennett & Carrie (Cook) Turner**. Sharon's address is 1941 Tanners Cove Road, Hebron, KY 41048. Carrie's address is 6392 Thistlewood Lane, Burlington, KY 41005. 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: Norma Dieterlen, Matthew, Ellen, Milo & Nora Gregory, and Michael, Whitney, Maxwell & Miles Hollifield.

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. 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.

NO Second Sunday Fellowship TODAY. Our next Second Sunday Fellowship is scheduled for **Sunday, August 9th**. Refreshments will be provided by the Stewardship & Finance Team. We still have months that we are still 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 that month. The Sunday in September and December are open.

I just would like to say thank you to the card team and everyone who sent Patti cards and prayers. You will never know the impact it made on her. She fought the good fight and never lost her faith in God. My heart is broken, but God will show me the way. Thank you, **David Brown**

Prime Timers: Prime Timers is scheduled to meet tomorrow, **Monday, July 13th 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.**

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign Ended on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st! 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!**

SIGN UP TODAY: 5K RACE FOR RECOVERY! Outreach Opportunity for Recovery from Addiction. Hosted by Hebron Lutheran Church **Saturday morning, September 26th at 9:00 a.m.!** Registration is now open!
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 25th, 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 25th. 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 19th, 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-5th grade will resume in the fall.

Youth Group: Youth Group for grades 7th - 12th meets twice a month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth group will meet downstairs in the youth room on Wednesday July 22nd.

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, **Monday, July 27th. We will meet at Hebron Grille for lunch at 12:30 p.m.** and afterwards will meet at 1:30 p.m. to shoebox wrap/organize.

8/10 - Meet at Penn Station for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.
8/24 - Meet at Longnecks in Hebron 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.