

Message Title:
“Seek the Welfare”

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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;
Jim Wakefield, Worship Assistant; *Kathy Bowman*, Director of Worship;
Deanna Parobeck, Organist; *Roger McKinstry*, Reader;
Connie Crowder & Butch Whitefoot, Greeters; **Verna Noel*,
Tracy Thompson, Judy Stacy & Julie Utz, Communion Servers.

Today’s altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Deanna Parobeck in memory of her brother, Mike..

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

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”



1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free,
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty,



of thee I sing; land where my fa - thers died, land of the
thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and
sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake; let all that
to thee we sing: long may our land be bright with free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, from ev - 'ry moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our king.

+Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

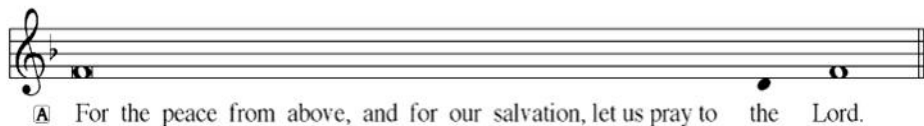
(The Congregation recites the bold text.)

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.**



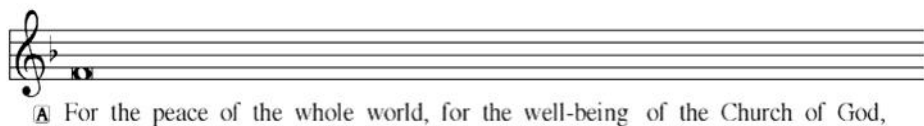
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



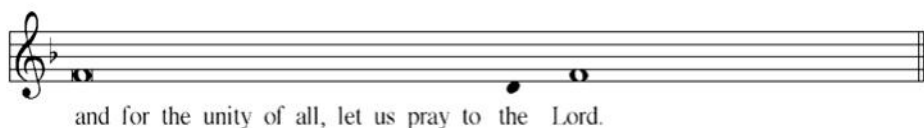
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



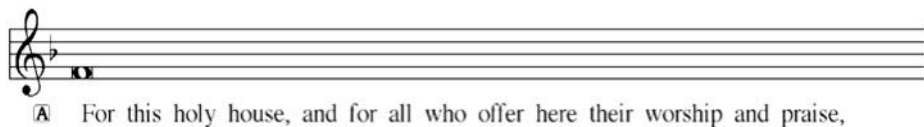
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



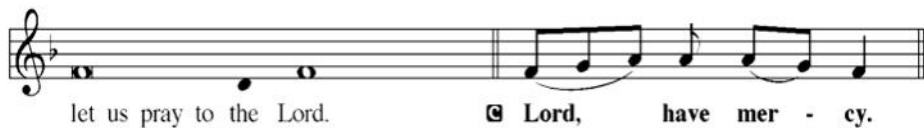
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



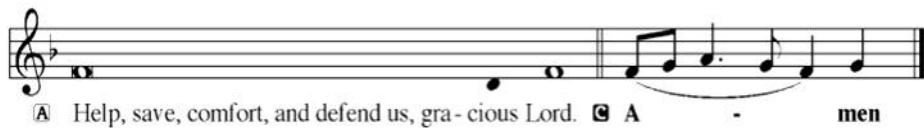
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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-to-ry 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-to-ry 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-to-ry 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, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We Hear God's Word

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146:3-10 (ESV)

³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, **in whom there is no salvation.**

⁴When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; **on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, **whose hope is in the Lord his God,**

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, **and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. **The Lord sets the prisoners free;**

⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹The Lord watches over the sojourners; **he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, **to all generations.**

Praise the Lord!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:11-17 (ESV)

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone.

Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Our Response to God’s Word

+Hymn of the Day *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
God’s holy house of prayer
has none that can compare
with “Jesus Christ be praised!”

Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space,
sing, all who see his face,
sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”
God’s whole creation o’er,
today and evermore,
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

+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: Sovereign Father, you raise up nations and bring them low, and your purposes stand forever.

C: Teach us to hold our earthly home with open hands and our heavenly citizenship with confidence.

A: Lord Jesus, you came not to be served but to serve — seeking the welfare of those around you.

C: Shape us into people who love our neighbors and work for the good of the places we inhabit.

A: Holy Spirit, give wisdom to those on our prayer list and to all who lead and serve in our communities.

C: Where there is division, bring peace; where there is injustice, bring courage to seek what is right.

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:
Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

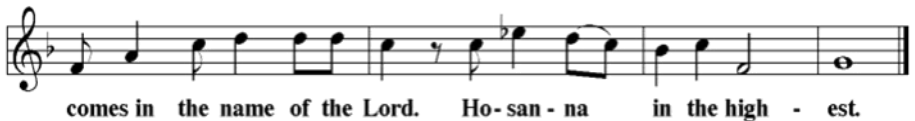
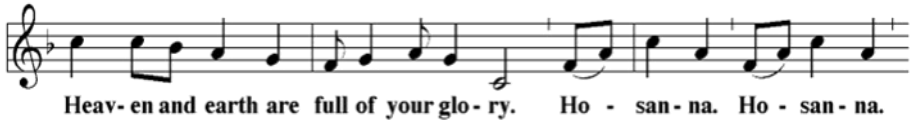
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 image shows a musical score for a Post Communion Canticle. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

System 1:
Vocal line: Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Piano line: Accompaniment for the first system.

System 2:
Vocal line: Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men.
Piano line: Accompaniment for the second system, ending with a double bar line.

+Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray....

C: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through 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 *“Battle Hymn of the Republic”*



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bo - som that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.



Refrain
Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

Organ Postlude

– Prayers –

This Week, Please Pray For:

Members: **David Brown & Family** (death of his wife, Patti 6/30); **Sharon Bennett** (recovering from foot surgery); **Marlene Becherer** (health); **Carley Current** (health); **Patty Stine & Family** (death of her husband, Jeff 6/21); **Lemmie Price** (health issues); **Tom Gibbs** (health issues); **Carrie (Cook) Turner** (recovering from neck ablation 6/25); **Ron Rives** (health); **Laura Gardner** (broken wrist); **Dale Ankenman** (health); **Beth Campbell** (health); **Michelle Ewing** (health); **Elizabeth Potter** (health) and **Bev Tekulve** (cancer).

Family/Friends of Members: **Cassidy Feldhaus** (pregnant & baby boy has significant heart issues); **Tricia Gieser** (health, pneumonia & recovering from gall bladder surgery); **Sarah F.** (health); **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 brother, **David Brown**. David's address is 1016 Meadowbrook Court, Hebron, KY 41048. 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: Rick & Nancy Anderson, Brad & Cindy Brown, Glenn & April Curry and Greg Curry.

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.

Our Second Sunday Fellowship is scheduled for next Sunday, July 12th. 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, I want to thank everyone for all the birthday card wishes I received for my birthday on 6/27.

Linda Conner

Annual Baby Bottle Campaign Ended last week 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!**

Hope Cardmakers: Hope Cardmakers meet this Wednesday of the month in the Hospitality Room at 10:00 a.m. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 8th.** 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 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.**

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 **Shoobox 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, July 6th.**

We will meet at Firehouse Subs for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and afterwards will meet at 1:30 p.m. to shoobox wrap/organize.

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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