

Message Title:
“Let Us Hold Fast”

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

11:00 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]: We love teaching our children about Jesus. Kids, from **kindergarten to 5th grade**, are invited to join us for Kids' Church. Children can sign in before the worship service, and they will be dismissed during the service to head to Kids' Church. Our caring leaders are excited to welcome your kids and help them connect with God in a way that is meaningful and engaging.

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;
Kathy Bowman, Director of Worship;
Dixon Family, Communion Servers & Greeters.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Randy & Debi Graves in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary.



Today's Celebration!

Welcome & Greeting

Table4Twelve

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Your Kingdom

Lamb Of God (Hallelujah Lamb of God)

Pastor Michael Stoops

“Let Us Hold Fast”

Holy Communion and The Lord’s Prayer

Table4Twelve

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

The Lost Are Found

Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

— Prayers —

This Week, Please Pray For:

Members: **Beth Campbell** (health, upcoming brain surgery 9/23); **Sarah Bond** (back issues/sciatica); **Mickey Jamesson** (upcoming surgery 10/6); **Fred Wege & Family** (death of his wife, Jeri 8/31); **Renee Hughes & Family** (death of her mother, Martha Adams 8/30); **Carrie (Cook) Turner** (health); **Ron Rives** (health); **Sam Miller** (health); **Marlene Becherer** (health); **Carley Current** (health); **Elizabeth Potter** (health) and **Bev Tekulve** (cancer).

Family/Friends of Members: **Donna Dixon** (recovering from surgery 9/15); **Art Kremer** (cancer, brother of Tim Kremer); **Mirah McKinstry** (Roger & Lesley McKinstry's granddaughter, limb girdle muscular dystrophy); **Lindsay Stinson** (David Eichenberg's daughter, birth of her daughter, Delilah Marae 9/18); **Shirley Stephenson** (hospice care, family friend of the Osborne family); **Jeff Webster**; **Tricia Gieser** (health); **Sarah F.** (health); **Donald Park** (recovering from open heart surgery); **David W.** (health); **Savanna** (recovering from traumatic bodily injury); **Ken Firl** (health concerns, Priscilla Mueller's dad); **Fred Haas** (recovering from 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** (home from the hospital with oxygen & outpatient physical therapy, childhood friend of Jacqueline Stoops); **Sarah K.** (cancer); **Nicole Sexton** (continued healing from a kidney transplant); 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, **Sarah Bond & Beth Campbell**. Sarah's address is 6293 Remington Cove, Burlington, KY 41005. Beth's address is 6766 Crisler Court, 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: Jim & Laura Beckman, Mark & Michelle Ewing, and Mike & Gina Ford.

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) **Army 2Lt Lillian Rose** (granddaughter of Phil & Louise Rose); and **Joshua Wilson** (Marines, grandson of Larry & Judy Gurnsnis) 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.

With Thanks... To the members of Hebron Lutheran Church, we are beyond grateful for the kindness, cards, phone calls, and love you have shown during our families loss of Jeri Wege. We want to thank each one of you and express our gratitude. With Love, **Tiffany & Jeff Wege & Family**

God's Table Meal: You're invited to join us this Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. downstairs in the Friendship Hall for an opportunity to create new friendships and community while sharing a complimentary meal.

Helpers Circle: Helpers Circle will meet this **Thursday, September 24th**, at Hebron Lutheran Church at **7:00 p.m.** in the Hospitality Room. Please come and join this fun group of women for food and fellowship. LaDonna Perry will be hosting and Barb Winhurst will have the program. For information about Helpers Circle contact Julie Utz at 859-760-4844.

Conner Homecoming Parade! Volunteers needed to hand out waters in the Conner High School Homecoming Parade—it's fun to be in a parade! Help us make Hebron Lutheran Church known in our community! Join us at the Conner High School Homecoming parade **THIS Friday, September 25th!** If you are planning to participate you will need to be at Goodridge Elementary no later than 5:00 p.m. If you would like to participate or have questions, please reach out to Roben Dixon robendixon@gmail.com, Katie Saunders katherine.stacy@yhoo.com or sign up on the sheet in the Hospitality Room.

Foundation Requests: We have reached the point of the year for the 2027 Foundation requests to be received. Applicants can pick the form up at the church office or it can be emailed to you. It is easy and will help the applicant organize the request and the amount to be requested. According to the Mission Statement for the Foundation requests are for education, charity, outreach, mission, and religious purposes for Hebron Lutheran Church and community. **Applications can be received between September 1st through Sunday, October 11th.** The Board will meet in October to review requests and present a recommended budget at the Annual Meeting. If you have questions, please contact Foundation President, Larry Benne at 859-689-7792 or Treasurer, Pam Goetting at 859-630-3449.



4th Annual “Luther Run” - RACE FOR RECOVERY!

What: An outreach opportunity for recovery from addiction.

When: Saturday, September 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Hebron Lutheran Church

Register to run or walk today. The cost to register is \$45.00!

Click on the QR code to register.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Purchase food and beverages
- Set up tents, tables and chairs
- Drop off barricades to close intersections
- Help with registration and packet pick-up



(Sign up to volunteer at the table in the hallway TODAY!)

For more information contact the church office at 859-689-7590 or email:

info@hebronlutheran.org.

SAVE-THE-DATE: Hebron Lutheran Church’s Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat will be **Saturday, October 17th!**

Reminder...Ministry Leaders: If you would like to include information/updates about your ministry, please email: **sonya@hebronlutheran.org** on or before **Sunday, October 18th**. Your article with information about your ministry and mission will be included in the Annual Report of Hebron Lutheran Church and distributed at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 8th**. If you would like to look at a previous report please contact Sonya at 859-689-7590 during church office hours.

ATTENTION! The 11:00 a.m. worship service is in **NEED** of more help counting the offering Sunday mornings on the 3rd Sunday of the month. If you are available to help please contact LaDonna Perry at 714-348-5301 or call/email the church office.

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

Men’s Saturday Morning Bible Study - Fall 2026: Men! Join your fellow brothers in Christ as we begin a new study on the Book of Romans. Come join us for lively discussion and learning as we explore the book of Romans each Saturday **from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.** in the church Hospitality Room. **Come see why the Apostle Paul was Lutheran before being Lutheran was cool!** Our study is open to all men from 15 years to 115 years old. Contact Keith Sholander at **wksholander@gmail.com** or at 859-479-7331 for further information.

Women's Adult Sunday School Class – Has begun! The Women's Adult Sunday School class has begun a new study on **Philippians** this fall using Lydia Brownback's guide, *Philippians: Living for Christ*. This warm, accessible study walks through Paul's letter chapter by chapter, helping women explore joy, humility, unity, and steadfast faith in Christ. Though written from prison, Philippians overflows with confidence in Jesus, contentment in every circumstance, and a call to shine as lights in the world. Led by **Debbie Kloos**, this class offers meaningful fellowship, thoughtful discussion, and spiritual growth for women at any stage of their walk with Christ. Join us today, in **Room 202 at 10:15 a.m.** between services. Come be refreshed by God's Word and strengthened by community. Questions? Contact Debbie at **859-816-8490** or debbiekloos@gmail.com.

Adult Sunday School Class – Has Begun! New Adult Sunday School class has begun, focusing on **the life of Peter** and his New Testament letters, **1 Peter** and **2 Peter**. Led by **Rick Kloos**, the first three sessions will follow Peter's journey through the Gospel accounts—from Jesus' call by the Sea of Galilee to Peter's confession, struggles, and restoration. These lessons highlight Peter as a real, grace-shaped disciple. The class will then move into an in-depth study of Peter's letters, exploring themes of hope in suffering, holy living, spiritual growth, and standing firm in faith. Together, these books reveal the heart of a seasoned shepherd and fit beautifully within the wider witness of the New Testament. All men and women are warmly invited to join us today, in **Room 205 at 10:15 a.m.** between services. Come grow in faith, deepen fellowship, and discover how Peter's life and writings continue to strengthen believers today. Questions? Contact Rick at **859-803-5163** or rickkloos@outlook.com.

Children / Youth Information

Sandyland Acres Youth Outing (*others in the church are welcome to join us.*) **The youth will be going on a haunted hayride at Sandyland Acres in Petersburg, KY on Friday, October 2nd.** If you are planning on going meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. **\$10 for your ticket to ride needs to be given to Joe Hopperton by Wednesday, September 23rd.** Bring additional money the night of the hayride, if you wish to purchase snacks. **Let Joe know by Wednesday, September 23rd,** if you are planning on participating. Call/Text him at 859-743-6105 or email joe@hebronlutheran.org.

Can You Help Provide a Meal For Youth Group on a Wednesday night? The meal can be very simple, to whatever you would like to prepare. Ordering pizza is always a great option, as well. We have approximately 20-25 people, including adults. **The youth eat around 6:30 p.m., but we are there around 6:00 p.m. to set up.** If you are interested and would like to help on a Wednesday, or contribute monetarily, for food, call or text Joe Hopperton at 859-743-6105. **You can also sign up on the youth bulletin board in the Hospitality Room.** Thank you for thinking of our youth and helping!

Kids' Church Sunday Mornings: Kids' Church for K-5th grade is offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. For information, questions or if you would like to volunteer to help with Kids' Church or in the nursery, contact Sydney Spaulding, Director of Children's Ministry and Nursery at: sydney@hebronlutheran.org.

Youth Group: Youth Group for grades 8th - 12th meets twice a month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth group will meet downstairs in the youth room this Wednesday, September 23rd and Wednesday, October 14th.

Outreach

For Operation Christmas Child...

During the months of September - November we will be collecting toys & wow items for Operation Christmas Child! We are looking for items such as: *toys, barbie dolls, cars, books, flashlights, games, puzzles, stickers, silly putty, hair accessories, jewelry, balls, play doh, coloring books, etc.* We will still continue to accept all donations and shoeboxes, so bring in what you can donate. 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, September 28th. We will meet at LaRosa's in Hebron for lunch at 12:30 p.m.** and afterwards will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the church to shoebox wrap/organize.

10/12 - Meet at Penn Station for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and church at 1:30 p.m.

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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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For information about Hebron Lutheran Church or our activities be sure to visit our website at www.hebronlutheran.org or call the Church Office between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The latest newsletter and weekly bulletins are available on our website.



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