Message Title:
"Since We Have a High Priest..."

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops

Reformation Sunday
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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]: 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;
Anthony Habib, Worship Assistant; ***Kathy Bowman***, Director of Worship;
Deanna Parobeck, Organist; ***Pam Goetting,*** Reader;
Nancy Schmeal & Butch Whitefoot, Greeters; ****Maria Wakefield, Anthony Habib, Katie Saunders and Butch Whitefoot,*** Communion Servers.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by
Rick & Debbie Kloos in honor of their parents.

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.

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before the whole company of heaven
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to have mercy on me
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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.

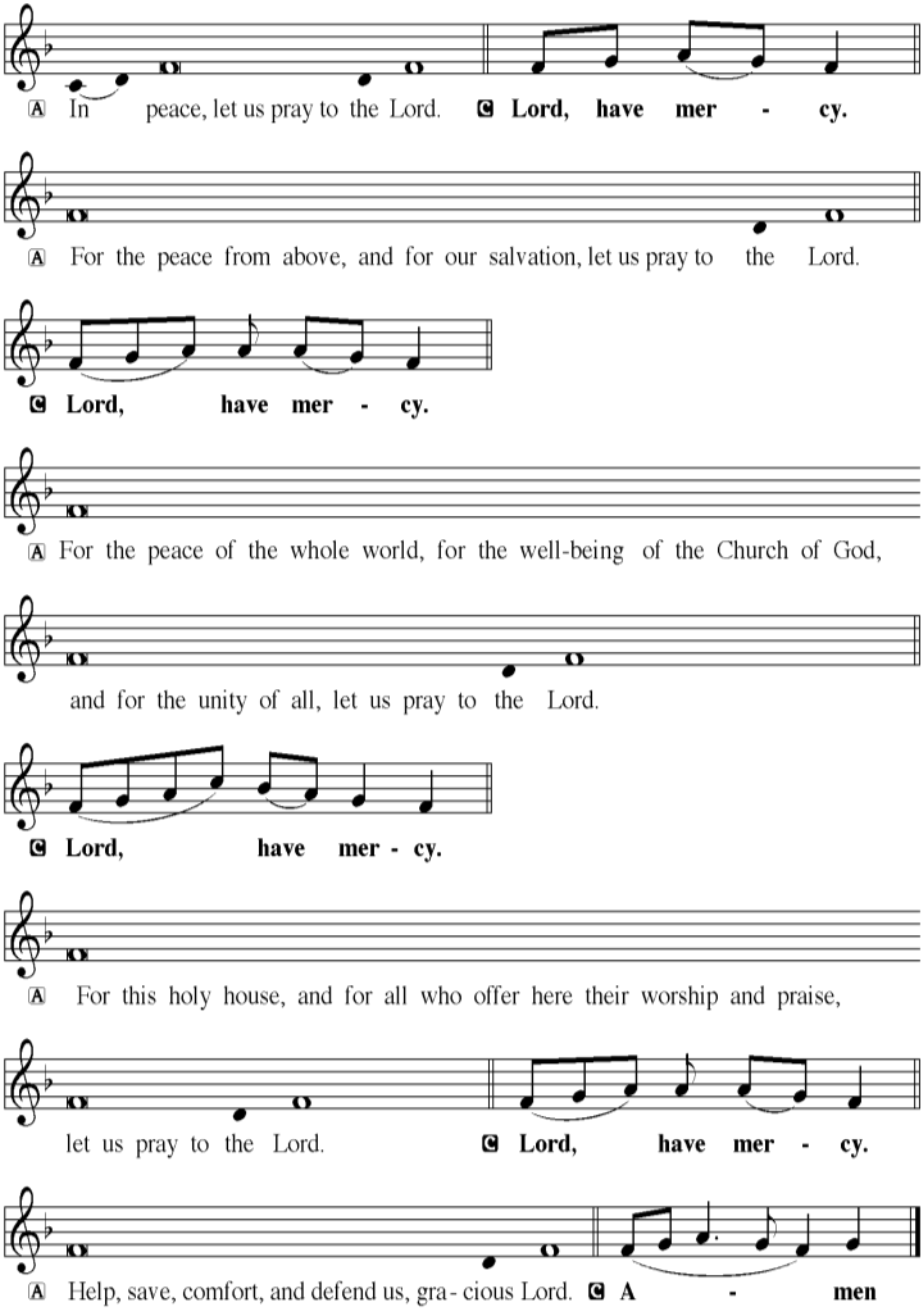
+Opening Hymn ***"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"***

+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: Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

We Hear God's Word

Responsive Reading — Psalm 46:1-7 (ESV)

[1]God is our refuge and strength, **a very present help in trouble.**
[2]Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way, **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
[3]though its waters roar and foam, **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
[4]There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, **the holy habitation of the Most High.**
[5]God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; **God will help her when morning dawns.**
[6]The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; **he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
[7]The Lord of hosts is with us; **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading — Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)

1:[16]For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [17]For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

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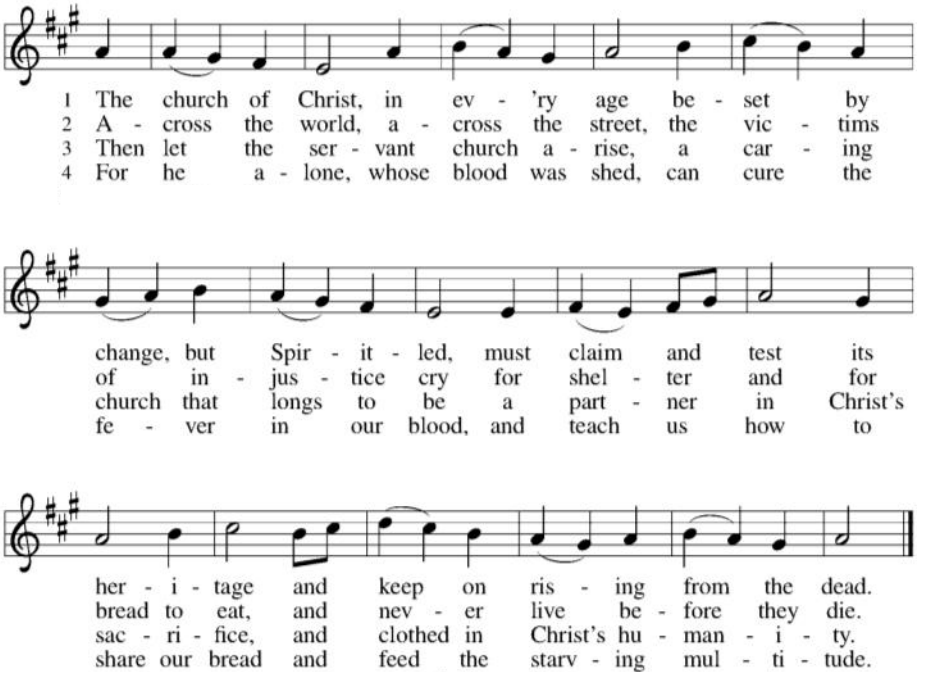
Our Response to God's Word

+Hymn of the Day ***"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"***



+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: Father, through every age you have called your church back to the gospel — the righteous shall live by faith.

C: Thank you for reformers past and your faithful people today who hold to that same confidence.

A: Jesus, you opened a new and living way for us to draw near with a true heart and full assurance of faith.

C: We hold fast to that confession without wavering, for you who promised are faithful.

A: Holy Spirit, stir us up to love and good works, and keep us from neglecting to meet together.

C: Bind our staff, council, and leadership together, that none of us would drift apart as the Day draws near.

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

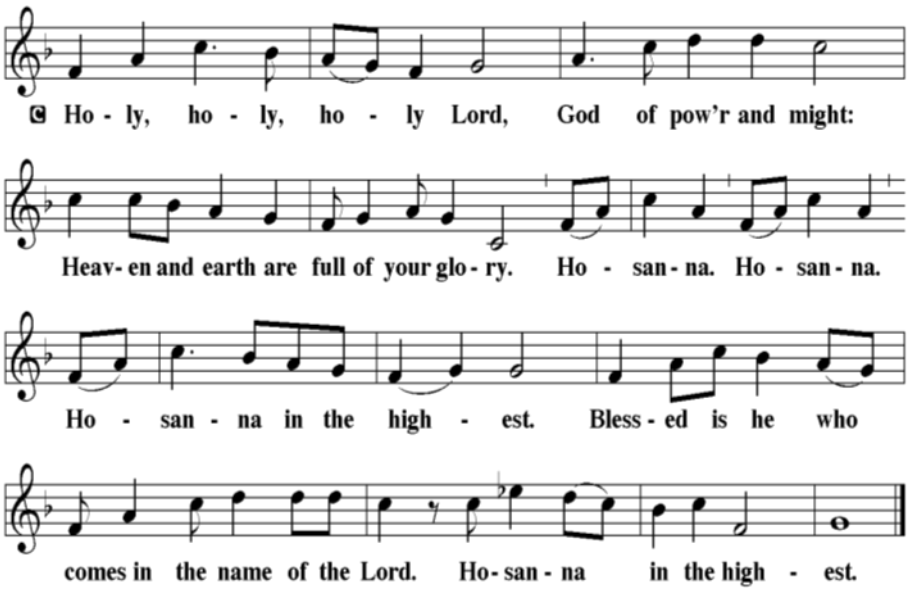
+The Great Thanksgiving

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***

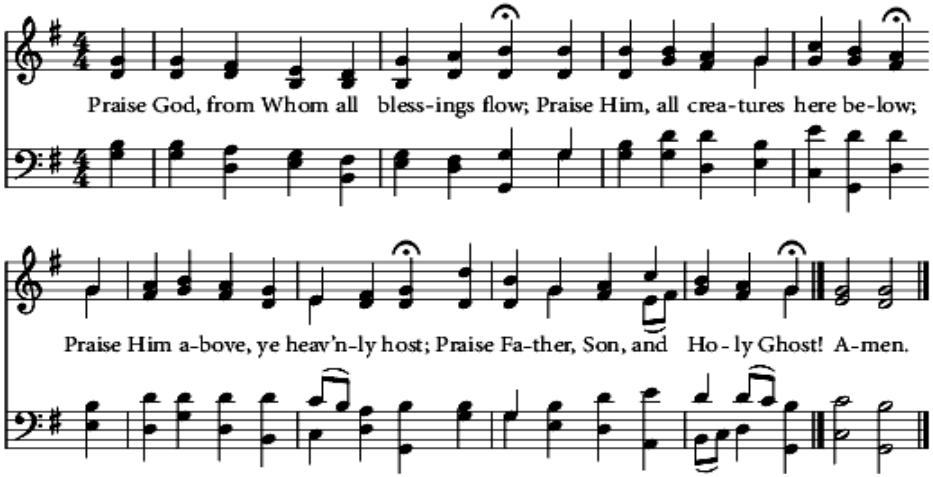
Holy Communion

+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



+Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray….

C: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same 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 *"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"*

Stand up stand up for Jesus
Ye soldiers of the cross
Lift high His royal banner
It must not suffer loss
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed

Stand up stand up for Jesus
The trumpet call obey
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day
Ye that are men now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose

Stand up stand up for Jesus
Stand in His strength alone
The arm of flesh will fail you
Ye dare not trust your own
Put on the gospel armor
Each piece put on with prayer
Where duty calls or danger
Be never wanting there

Stand up stand up for Jesus
The strife will not be long
This day the noise of battle
The next the victor's song
To Him who over-cometh
A crown of life shall be;
He, with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally

Organ Postlude

– Prayers –

This Week, Please Pray For:

Members: **Glenn Curry** *(upcoming surgery 10/29);* **Mickey Jamesson** *(recovering from surgery 10/6);* **Kari Goetz & Family** *(death of her father, Glenn McKibben 9/18)*; **Beth Campbell** *(recovering from brain surgery 9/23)*; **Sarah Bond** *(back issues/sciatica);* ***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: **Jeff Webster** *(Bill Martin's nephew)*; **Wrenleigh Brake** *(Ray & Jayna Brake's 10 mo. old granddaughter, heart issues she is recovering from heart surgery 10/15);* **Karen Crowell and family** *(death of her husband, Steve 10/14)*; **Sarah F.** *(health)*; **Donna Dixon** *(continued heart health)*; **Art Kremer** *(cancer, brother of Tim Kremer)*; **Mirah McKinstry** *(Roger & Lesley McKinstry's granddaughter, limb girdle muscular dystrophy)*; **Shirley Stephenson** *(hospice care, family friend of the Osborne family)*; **Tricia Gieser** *(health)*; **David W.** *(health)*; **Ken Firl** *(health concerns, Priscilla Mueller's dad)*; **Denise Bobst** *(stage 3 lung cancer, never smoked, radiation/chemo, sister-in-law of Debi Graves);* **Fred Haas** *(recovering from back surgery);* **Diana R.** *(ALS)*; **Kayla Gray** *(continued lung recovery, childhood friend of Jacqueline Stoops)*; **Sarah K.** *(cancer)*; and **Nicole Sexton** *(continued healing from a kidney transplant)*.

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 brohter, *Glenn Curry*. Glenn's address is 3128 Robin 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:
Avi Morris & her son, Layne, Roger Neltner, and Deanna Parobeck.

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)*; **Joshua Houck** *(Navy Pilot, nephew of Debbie Kloos)*; **Major Jake Ricks** *(nephew of Anita Bernardo)* **Army 2Lt Lillian Rose** *(granddaughter of Phil & Louise Rose);* 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.

ATTENTION DATE CHANGE...The Church Council will meet Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

ONE Worship Service on Sunday, November 8th, at 10:00 a.m. followed by our Annual Meetings: This is a special day of praise and fellowship! Elements of the Traditional and Modern Worship Services will be combined for a truly inspirational experience to celebrate our unity in Christ as God's faith family at Hebron Lutheran Church**. Please come at 9:15 a.m. for donuts, coffee and fellowship in the Hospitality Room before the worship service begins. Hebron Lutheran Church Foundation Meeting will begin shortly after the service ends followed by the Church Annual Meeting. We will be electing four new council members this year and voting on the 2027 church budget.** We hope you will be able to stay for these very important meetings! **Kids' Church will meet at 10:00 a.m. on this Sunday.**

You are Invited to Prime Timers' Potluck Luncheon/Fellowship! Come join us for some food and fellowship at our next Prime Timers gathering on Monday, November 9th at 11:45 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. ***Maria Dallas, Joe & Kathleen Jones and Butch Whitefoot have volunteered to be our hosts/hostesses***. We will have a short devotion and recognize birthdays and anniversaries for the month. Please bring a covered dish or two if you are coming as a couple. Drinks and tableware will be provided. After lunch, the fun begins with games and prizes. We welcome all over the age of 55^{+} to come and anyone can bring a friend or two, even if they don't attend Hebron Lutheran Church. We hope to see you there!

SAVE-THE-DATE: You are invited to the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party **Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.**! Please consider joining us to help with this awesome rewarding ministry here at Hebron Lutheran Church. For more information/details call or text Traci Markgraf at 859-653-6191 or email **tracim@fuse.net**.

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 **rickloos@outlook.com**.

Children / Youth Information

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 **Wednesday, October 28th and November 11th.**

Outreach

For Loaves & Fishes...
Help Us Fill the Collection Bin! Items needed for our fall/winter needs include **adult size hoodies, toboggan hats, and gloves.** New or gently used items are welcome. For example, ***Dollar Tree fleece gloves are the best with hand warmers and they have already arrived ahead of the cold weather.*** Every donated item helps someone stay a little safer, more comfortable, and better able to navigate daily life. Items can be placed in the designated bin in the hospitality room or dropped off to the church office now through the beginning of December.

Abraham's Blessings: In recent years, Hebron Lutheran has partnered with Abraham's Blessings International to fund fresh water wells in Kenya, Africa. They are holding their eighth annual fundraiser on **Saturday, November 7th, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Christian Center (18687 Pribble Road, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025).** If you are interested in attending the fundraiser this year, please contact David Eichenberg to reserve your seat at our church's table.

For Operation Christmas Child...
During the months of October - 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 and organizing donations. You have lots of opportunities to find your favorite activity to support this ministry.

Join us for some great fellowship **Monday, November 16th. 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.

11/18 - Shoebox packing party at 6:30 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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HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH **To know Him and to make Him known.**