Message Title:
"Fix Your Eyes"

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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; ***Barb Ankenman,*** Reader;
Linda Bryant & Verna Noel, Greeter/s; ****Tracy Thompson, Verna Noel, Judy Stacy and Julie Utz,*** Communion Servers.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan Mahan in honor of her children and grandchildren.

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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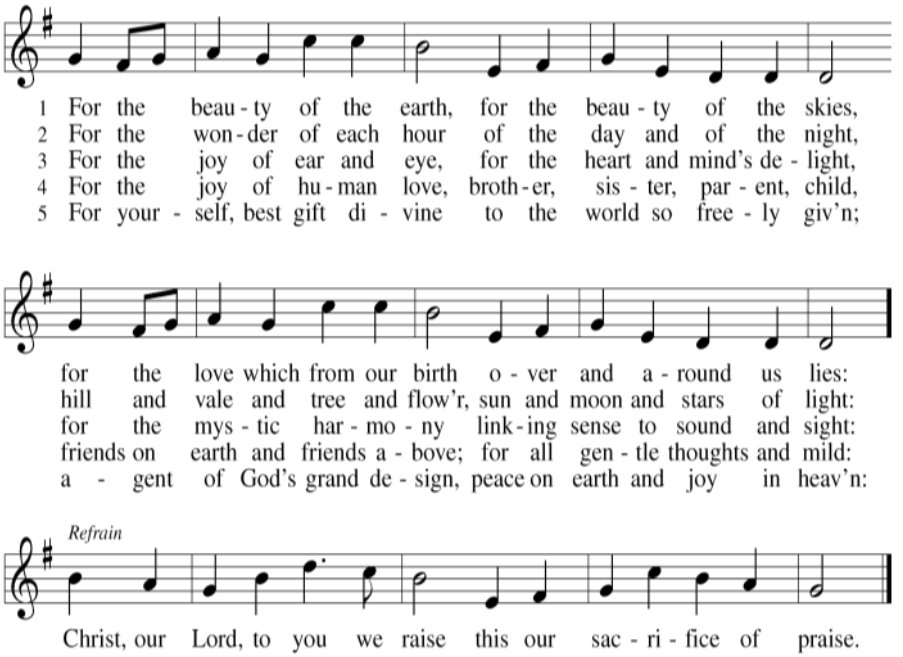
+Sharing of the Peace

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 ***"For the Beauty of the Earth"***

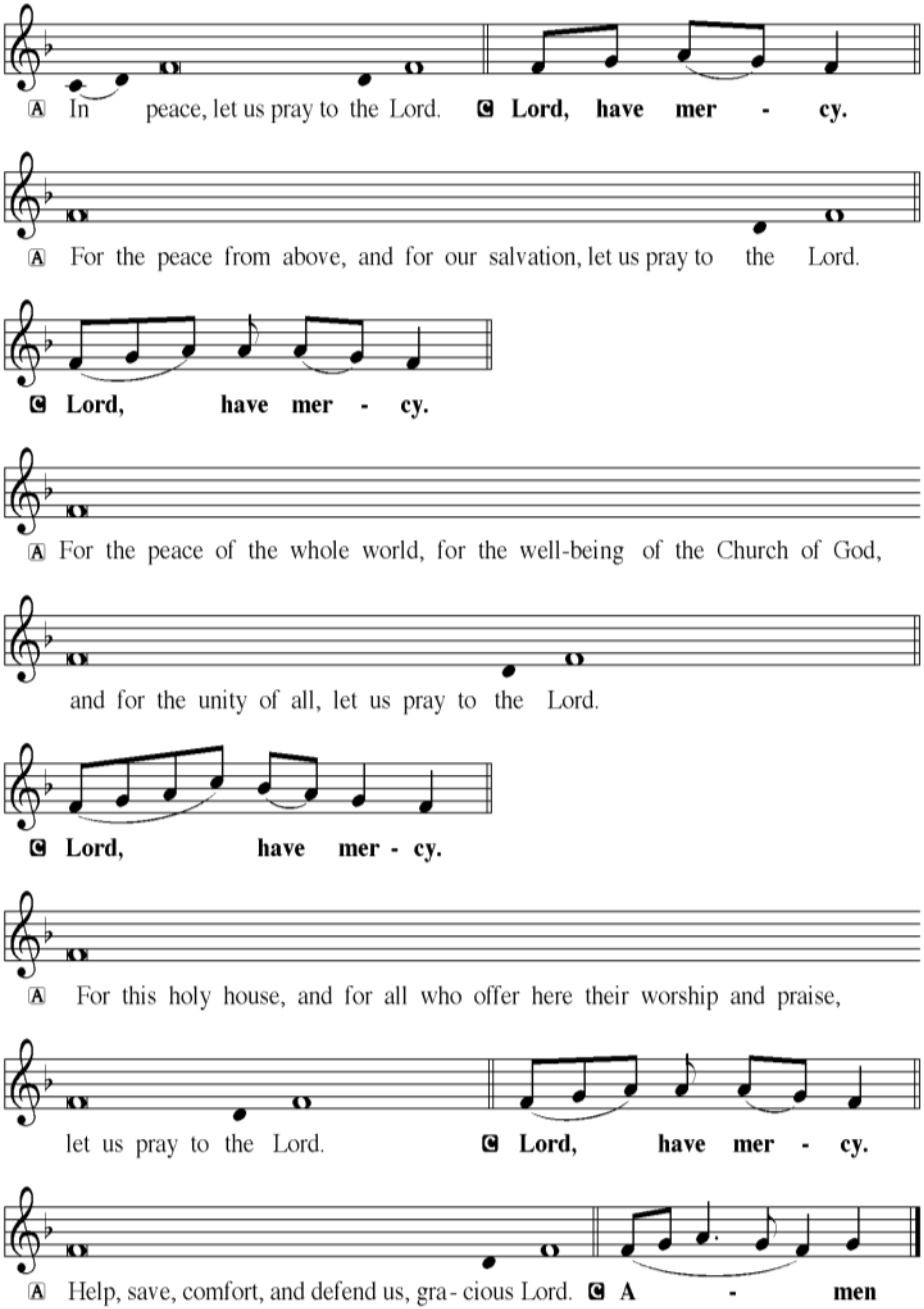


+Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

(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: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

We Hear God's Word

Responsive Reading

Psalm 121:1-8 (ESV)

[1]I lift up my eyes to the hills. **From where does my help come?**
[2]My help comes from the Lord, **who made heaven and earth.**
[3]He will not let your foot be moved; **he who keeps you will not slumber.**
[4]Behold, he who keeps Israel **will neither slumber nor sleep.**
[5]The Lord is your keeper; **the Lord is your shade on your right hand.**
[6]The sun shall not strike you by day, **nor the moon by night.**
[7] The Lord will keep you from all evil; **he will keep your life.**
[8]The Lord will keep your going out **and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

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

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (ESV)

4: [16]So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. [17]For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, [18]as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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Message

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Our Response to God's Word

+Hymn of the Day ***"Now Thank We All Our God"***



+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, you train your beloved children, and you're making us holy.
C: Teach us to trust your hand when the road is hard.

A: Jesus, you ran ahead of us, endured the cross, and now sit at God's right hand.
C: Keep our eyes on you when we grow tired.

A: Holy Spirit, strengthen tired hands and weak knees, and sustain all those on our prayer list.
C: Hold us steady, and make us thankful for a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

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

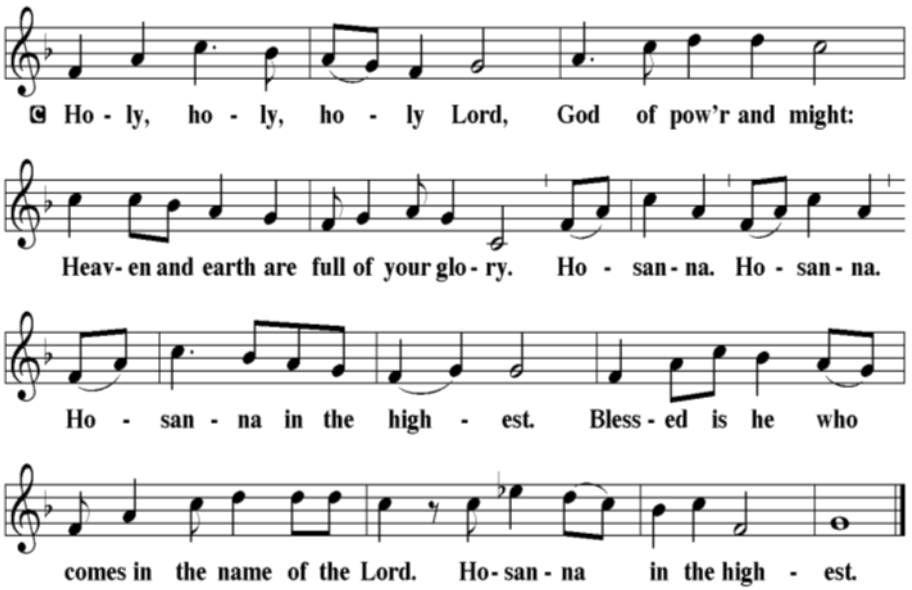
+The Great Thanksgiving

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***

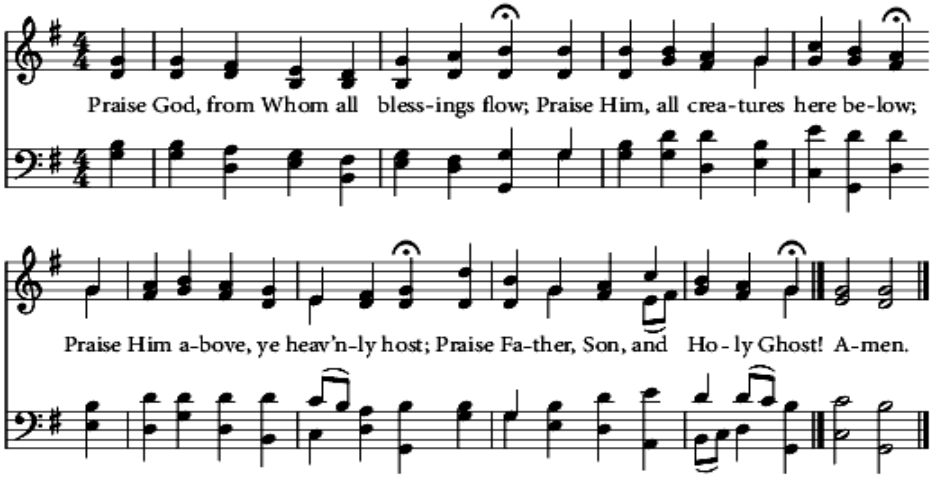
Holy Communion

+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: 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

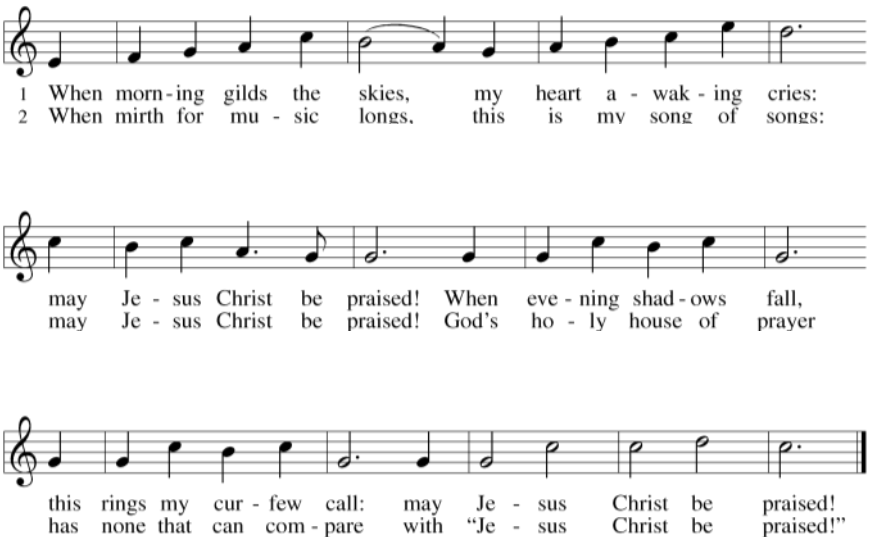
P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

+Closing Hymn *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*



5 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!

6 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!

Organ Postlude

– Prayers –

This Week, Please Pray For:

Members: **Greg Kelly & Family** *(death of his wife, Pam 10/26)*; **Glenn Curry** *(recovering from surgery 10/29);* **Mickey Jamesson** *(upcoming surgery 12/1);* **Beth Campbell** *(health)*; **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: ***Jon Burlew*** *(recovering from surgery)*; **Mike Reed** *(family friend of the Potter's, tough battle with cancer)*; **Steve Dixon** *(healing for his torn hamstring)*; **Brianna P.** ; **Sharon Gant** *(close friend of Cyndi Kuhn, suffered brain aneurysm last week)*; **Gary Moore** *(home hospice care, brother-in-law to the Minsers)*; **Roy Russell** *(Cheryl Sheet's father, fractured hip)*; **Wrenleigh Brake** *(Ray & Jayna Brake's 10 mo. old granddaughter, heart issues she is recovering from heart surgery 10/15);* **Jeff Webster** *(Bill Martin's nephew)*; **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)*; **Diana R.** *(ALS)*; **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);* **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. 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:
Paul & Judy Stacy, Merissa Thompson & her children, Marin, Morgan & Jackson, and Julie Utz.

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.

Annual Meeting News: Our Annual Meeting took place last Sunday, November 8th after a 10:00 a.m. unity service. Nancy Habib and Verna Noel were elected and Ray Brake and Debbie Kloos were reelected to serve on council for the next three years (2027-29). The proposed 2027 operating budget was voted upon and approved as well. **If you missed the Annual Meeting and would like a copy of the Bulletin of Reports and other handouts, they are available in the Hospitality Room today.**

To our Hebron Lutheran Church Family, Jayna and I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you for your thoughtful prayers and offer of financial support for our baby Granddaughter, Wrenleigh and her parents Tyler and Sheridan Brake. Your words and support have been a blessing to us, and we cannot say enough about the warmth and extension of God's love for his children you have shown to us. With your continued support of prayers, we are very encouraged for a complete recovery of our granddaughter. God Bless, ***Raymond and Jayna Brake***

Operation Christmas Child: Shoeboxes are available for pick up. Stop by the table in the hallway, pick one and start filling it **TODAY!** **Boxes are due back on Wednesday, November 18th at 10:00 a.m.** You are also invited to join us for our Annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party (pizza provided) on **Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.**! Everyone in the congregation is welcome to **participate in the packing event. Please consider joining us to help with this awesome rewarding ministry here at Hebron Lutheran Church.** We need people to help with prep work (at 3:30 p.m.), during the event (starts at 6:30 p.m.), and for clean-up (ends at 8:00 p.m.). Sign up at the table in the hallway. For more information/details and to help during any of these times, call or text Traci Markgraf at 859-653-6191 or email: **tracim@fuse.net**.

Helpers Circle *Cookie Exchange*: The Helpers Circle Cookie Exchange will be **Sunday, December 6th, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.** Please bake **5 dozen** of the same cookie. We will enjoy some cookies as we craft and then exchange the rest of the cookies.

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, December 9th**. 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 at 859-689-7590 for more information.

Prime Timers' Potluck Luncheon/Fellowship! Prime Timers we will meet again on **Monday, December 14th 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. ***Mark Goetting, Randy Graves & Paul Stacy*** **will be our hosts.** We look forward to seeing you and bring a friend!

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 - 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. 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 – The Women's Adult Sunday School class is studying **Philippians** this fall using Lydia Brownback's guide, *Philippians: Living for Christ*. Led by **Debbie Kloos**, 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 – Join us for an Adult Sunday School class focusing on **the life of Peter** and his **New Testament letters, 1 Peter** and **2 Peter**. Led by **Rick Kloos**, 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**.

The church office will be closed **Thursday, November 26th & Friday, November 27th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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**.

On Wednesday, November 18th the youth will be helping with the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party.

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 on **December 2nd.**

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.

For Operation Christmas Child...
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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