Message Title:

"By Faith"

Preaching: Pastor Michael Stoops



Unity Service

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

10:00 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;
Deanna Parobeck, Organist; ***Roger McKinstry,*** Reader;
Connie Crowder, Roben & Colleen Dixon and Roger McKinstry, Greeters;
****Tracy Thompson, Verna Noel, Judy Stacy and Julie Utz,***
Communion Servers.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Butch Whitefoot in memory of Rose Mary.

Gather to Worship God

Prelude

("+" If able, please stand.)
(Congregation recites bold text.)

Welcome & Announcements

+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.
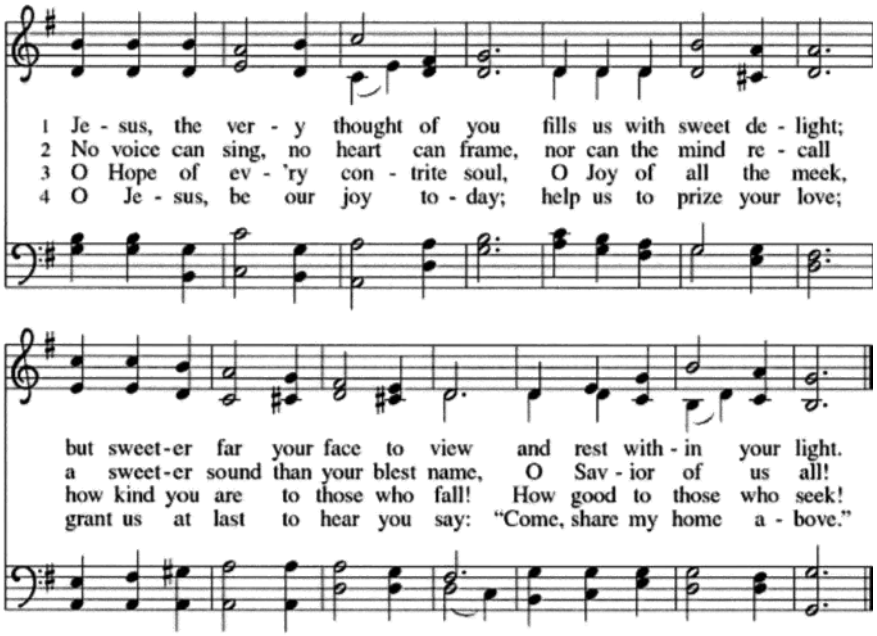
"How Good And Pleasant"

How good and pleasant it is
When we dwell together in unity
And praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
How good and pleasant it is
When we dwell together in unity
And praise the Lord Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
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Praise the Lord

Showers of blessing
Showers they fall
When we love and live in unity
When we lift one voice
Loud and strong

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"



Pastoral Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Responsive Reading — Psalm 34:1-9 (ESV)

[1]I will bless the Lord at all times; **his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
[2]My soul makes its boast in the Lord; **let the humble hear and be glad.**
[3]Oh, magnify the Lord with me, **and let us exalt his name together!**
[4]I sought the Lord, and he answered me **and delivered me from all my fears.**
[5]Those who look to him are radiant, **and their faces shall never be ashamed.**
[6]This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him **and saved him out of all his troubles.**
[7]The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, **and delivers them.**
[8]Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**
[9]Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, **for those who fear him have no lack!**

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

Scripture Reading — Romans 15:5-7 (ESV)

15: [5]May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6]that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
[7]Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

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"Come Jesus Come" Special Music

+The Prayers & Offering

A: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you keep your promises across every generation.

C: Make us a people who trust you when we cannot yet see the end.

A: Jesus, you're the better thing God planned for us, bringing everyone who trusts you home together.

C: Keep us close to the saints before us and to each other.

A: Holy Spirit, make us one in heart and mind, and sustain all those on our prayer list and all who suffer for their faith.

C: Keep us together in peace and give us endurance for the road ahead.

A: Lord, we trust that you are merciful and gracious,

All: Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Our Response to God's Word

+Words of Institution

P: 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.

+The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us pray in the words our Savior taught us:

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 ***"Lord I Need You"***

Lord I come I con - fess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall a - part
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one de - fense my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holi - ness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holi - ness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

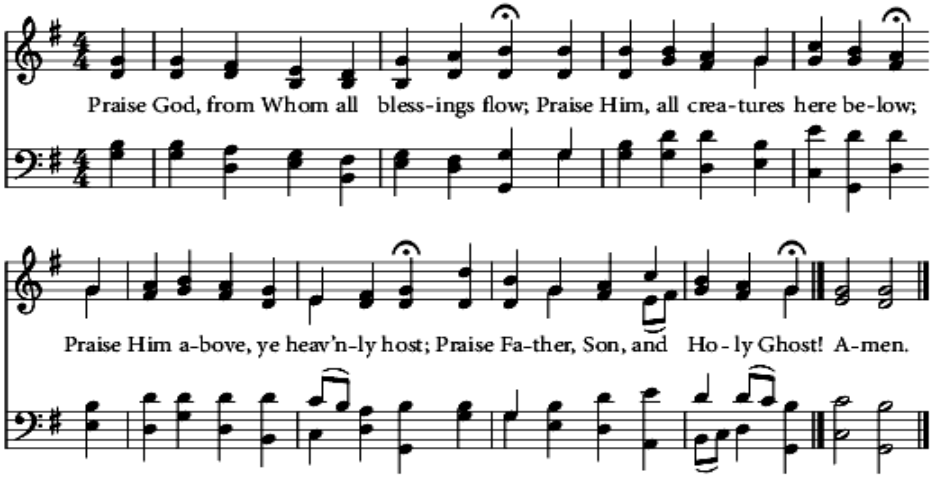
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one de - fense my righteous - ness
Oh God how I need You
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one de - fense my righteous - ness
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+Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

+Post Communion Canticle



"Jesus Does"

Who tells the sun to rise every morning
Colors the sky with the shades of His glory
Wakes us with mercy and love
Jesus does

Who holds the orphan comforts the widow
Cries for injustice feels every sorrow
Carries the pain of His children
Jesus does

So we sing
Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
('Cause) that's what Jesus does

Who understands the heart of the sinner
Showers His grace over all our mistakes
Washes us clean with His blood
Jesus does

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave
Who has the power to save
Jesus does

Oh what a Friend
Oh what a Savior
He's always been good
He's always been faithful
He came to my rescue
When I needed Him most
And saved my soul

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain
I love to tell the story;
Twill be my theme in glory
and tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. Refrain

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
Twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. Refrain

+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.

– 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** *(recovering from surgery 10/6);* **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: ***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)*; **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. 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:
David Scheid, Chris & Brenda Sedmak, and Josh, Sydney & Amelie Spaulding.

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 to sonya@hebronlutheran.org. We will continue to 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.

—HLC 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.

Second Sunday Fellowship TODAY! Stop by the Hospitality Room to enjoy donuts, beverages, and conversation! Refreshments provided by the church starting at 9:15 a.m., before the unity service at 10:00 a.m. The Annual Meeting will take place at 11:00 a.m.

ONE Worship Service TODAY, 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 tomorrow, 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!

Hope Cardmakers will meet this **Wednesday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m.** 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.

Operation Christmas Child: ***Shoeboxes are available for pick up. Stop by the table in the hallway, pick one and start filling it TODAY!*** 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**.

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.

To our friends at Hebron Lutheran Church: We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, fellowship and friendship you all have shown us on the occasion of our 70th wedding anniversary. We were married at Hebron Lutheran Church in 1956 and can't begin to count to the blessings that God has poured over us since. We are grateful for each other our amazing family, your love and support, and for Christ's enduring and everlasting love. God bless you all! ***Paul & Marilyn Hogan and family***

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

No Adult Bible Study or Adult Women's Bible Study today, Sunday, November 8th. Classes will resume next Sunday, November 15th.

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**.

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 on **November 11th. On Wednesday, November 18th the youth will be helping with the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party.**

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...
Currently we are 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.!

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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