

Précis of the sermon by Rev. Judy Paulsen August 18, 19, at Lake Joseph Community Church titled "Who is Jesus and why does it matter?"

The text was based on Hebrews 1:1-4. Hebrews almost did not make it into the Bible because it was uncertain who wrote it and for whom it was written. The sermon focused on two main ideas about Jesus that the writer of Hebrews wanted to get across. The first was that, although glimpses of God are revealed through nature, through His actions in the Old Testament and through the words of the prophets, they are like a shadow of the real God. Through Jesus, God is revealed by being Himself. The second idea addresses the Jewish worldview that regular sacrifices are necessary to demonstrate a renewal of their covenant with God. In Hebrews, Jesus is described as the perfect sacrifice who will open the way to God, which sin has closed off. The Jesus of the book of Hebrews invites us to worship Him and give ourselves to Him as the Lord of Life. Rev Paulsen encouraged us to take 25 minutes to read this book of the Bible