

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
Because the LORD anointed me
To bring good news to the humble;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim release to captives
And freedom to prisoners;
To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,
To grant those who mourn *in Zion*,
Giving them a garland instead of ashes,
The oil of gladness instead of mourning,
The cloak of praise instead of a disheartened spirit.
So they will be called oaks of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. Isai-
ah 61:1-3

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly,
but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the
creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to
corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children
of God. Rom 8:20,21

It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep
standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of
slavery...For you were called to freedom, brothers and
sisters; only do not turn your freedom into an opportuni-
ty for the flesh, but serve one another through love. Ga-
latian 5:1,13

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AFLC content will return next week.

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**Helmar Lutheran Church**  
**Newark, IL**  
Sunday, June 30, 2024  
Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: “My Savior’s Love”

Scripture reading: John 4:23,24

Philippians 2:1-4

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: “This I Believe”

“Hymn of Heaven”

“Come, Jesus, Come”

Children’s Church dismissal

Sermon: “No Greater Joy”

III John 1:1-4

Benediction

Hymn: “Trust and Obey”

Postlude

Wed. 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Southern Belle’s

6-9pm Youth Backyard Bible Study @ the Benjamin’s  
Bring your swim gear!

Sun: 9:30 Fellowship

10am Worship **in the FLC**

**Welcome and thank you for attending our church service today.** If you are new to Helmar and are interested in finding out more about us, please stop at the Welcome Center and talk with Chad and Stacy. We have a gift bag for you.

**Lost and Found**--In June, there will be a table of lost and found items in the FLC. Please collect items that are yours. Anything not claimed today will be donated.

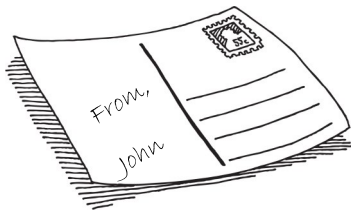
**Parade Float**—The VBS float for the Newark 4th of July parade needs riders! If your children would like to ride on the float, please meet in the NHS parking lot by 9:30am this Thursday. Sun protection and hydration is recommended. Beach towels, swim floats, snorkles, fins would be fun, but aren’t necessary. Adults to walk the parade route and hand out flyers for VBS and Helmarpa-looza are also needed. Contact Kristen Mathre for details.

**Volunteer Sign-ups**—Volunteer Sign-up sheets for VBS (still looking for more adults) and the Welcome Center are available as you leave.

**Open House**—our recently purchased home (from Bob and Pam Christian) will be open today from 9am-12, if anyone would like to take a look.

**Jim and Judy Larson** will be sharing an update on their ministry in Thailand on July 7th. There will be a door offering for them after the service.

There will be no **Children’s Church** during the month of July.



**June 30, 2024**  
**“No Greater Joy”**  
**III John 1:1-4**

John has been writing concerning fundamental Biblical truth. In this section, he talks of a follower of Jesus named Gaius who lives in the truth. Gaius is the first of three men we will meet in this brief letter.

I. Gaius was a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 1

II. Gaius was \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2

III. Gaius had a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3

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**GriefShare**-Grief counseling group will begin their next 13 week session on July 7th, 6:00-7:30pm in the Fireside Room. Please contact Tom or Linda Mathre for details, or visit <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/237701>.

**The Helmarpalooza committee** is still looking to raise about \$38 thousand dollars to cover expenses. A generous matching gift has been offered up to \$20 thousand. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord might be leading you to contribute in this area.

Volunteer sign up sheets are available starting today. You can also stop by the lobby for yard signs and flyers to hand out to friends and neighbors.