

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, May 31st, 2026
Trinity Sunday

Welcome

Welcome New Members: Robert Highbaugh; Chris, Janelle, McKenna, and McCallum Kreftmeyer; Jacob, Lucy, and George Rechsteiner

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Scripture reading: I Corinthians 6:9-11
Galatians 6:6-10

Baptism

Special Music: "Barocha"

Pastor's Porch: Sig Davidson

Praise Team: "How Good it is"
"Holy Forever"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "A Man Who Lost His Coat, Not His Character"
Genesis 39

Benediction

Hymn: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

Postlude

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Upcoming Events:

Tu: 6:30-8pm "I Love America" Choir practice in the FLC lobby

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

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group

Sun: 9:30am Fellowship  
10am Worship service

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21  
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Summer Backyard Bible Studies for the youth are back! We are looking for YOU to host the youth one Wednesday night this summer and share a Bible lesson, your testimony, or devotion. Sign up sheets and more information are available at the Welcome Center! Begins June 3rd.

The flowers on the altar today are in honor of Kynsey Mathre's 25th birthday (5/29), Dana Cryder's 30th birthday (5/31), and Ryan and Kailynn Orlando's 7th wedding anniversary (6/1).

On June 7th, Mikayla Durland, who is going on a medical missions trip to La Paz, Bolivia, with CCWM, will be here to share about her ministry. There will be a door offering following the worship service.

Registration is open for the **Family and Youth Bible Camp!** July 19-23rd at Cedar Lake, Indiana. Keynote speaker is Pastor Steve Larson and Don Davidson is leading an adult Bible hour this year. If you are a current HLC member, Helmar will help send you to camp. Reach out to Kristen or Jacob Mathre for more details. **Don't miss the June 15th camp T-shirt deadline!**

Register at <https://www.fybiblecamp.com/>



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YOU'RE INVITED

Sunday, June 14th 2026
2:00-4:00

12033 W Helmar Road
Newark, IL 60541

Come join us as we celebrate the
opening of our new office

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



May 31, 2026

“A Man Who Lost His Coat, Not His Character”
Genesis 39:6-18

In the text, we meet a successful man. The world system would not call him a success, but God would! The man is Joseph, a man of character and conviction. He was a godly man. But why? Here are some reasons.

I. A Godly Man Lives _____
vv. 2,3,21,23

II. A Godly Man Knows _____
vv. 8,9

III. A Godly Man Employs _____
v. 13

This is your opportunity to see the lovely Ministry House, which is the answer to prayer for a facility for the J2R ministry. Thank you to all those who have given time and talents to make this possible!

May 31, 2026

Have you ever been thirsty? Like, lost-in-the-Sahara kind of thirsty? Personally, I get thirsty pretty easily. When I forget to bring my water bottle somewhere, it only takes a few minutes before I start anxiously scanning my surroundings for a water source. In an ideal world (if, say, someone invented an auto-refilling water bottle), I wouldn't need to worry about my next drink.

What if I told you that our King has provided a better gift than even my water-crazy brain could have imagined? Jesus once cried, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink" (John 7:37b ESV). Yet Jesus was offering more than a cup of water to a dusty crowd. Jesus went on to say, "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water'" (John 7:38 ESV). John clarifies that this living water was to be delivered courtesy of the Holy Spirit, who was yet to come, because Jesus had not finished His mission.

Why does this matter to you? Jesus' offer of renewable refreshment hits at a core need that both you and I have: without Him, we can do nothing (John 15:5). Jesus offers spiritual life not just in a one-time exchange, but as an ongoing connection to the Triune Life-giver. If you've been united to Christ through faith in His work applied through water and the Word (Romans 6:5), then the same Holy Spirit who renewed you (Titus 3:5) now intercedes for you from within you (Romans 8:26), since He is the guarantee of Jesus' promises (2 Corinthians 1:22). If the Holy Spirit didn't graciously continue to nourish you, even your efforts to know God through His Word would be in vain (1 Corinthians 2:14). But praise God that He pours out His love into our hearts through His Spirit like an overflowing fountain every time we receive His Word (Romans 5:5).

With temperatures heating up, you know you'll need to hydrate your body this summer. Don't then neglect God's call to come and drink deeply, without cost, from the living waters that His Son opened through His death and resurrection for you (Isaiah 55:1). Prioritize time in God's Word this summer just like you'd prioritize a cool beverage on a sunny day. I guarantee that the refreshment that Christ offers by His Spirit through His Word will last longer than even the coldest bottle of water.

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AFLC Promotion for May is Youth Ministries

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet
5-31-2026

Hide God's Word in your Heart

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”
Romans 8:28