

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday after Easter**

How lovely are Thy dwelling places, O Lord of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the Lord; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. How blessed are those who dwell in Thy house! They are ever praising Thee. Psalm 84:1,2,4

Prelude

Hymn- "143 "This is My Father's World"

Welcome

Reception of New Members

Hymn- #692 "God Will Take Care of You"

Scripture Readings: Exodus 19:1-6 Revelation 5:6-10

Confession of Faith- Nicene Creed

Hymn- "Just As I Am"

Communion (in seats)

Pastoral Prayer

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)" "No Longer Slaves"

Children Dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon: "You Are The Church" I Peter 2:9-10

Benediction

Praise Team

Postlude

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***Standing on the Word of God,  
Lifting Up Jesus Christ,  
Ministering to One Another***

***Helmar exists to be a:  
Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making, Burden-Bearing  
Church***

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**This Week at Helmar...**

- Tues. 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg.  
7:00pm Trustee's Mtg.  
7:30pm Council Mtg.
- Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Southern Belle's  
9am-2pm Quilting  
2:00pm Adult Bible Study  
4:30-6:30pm Youth  
6:30pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, JAM & BLAST
- Fri. 9:00am Ladies Prayer Hour  
5-7pm Food Pantry
- Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study
- Sun. 8:30am Fellowship Time  
9:00am Sunday School  
10am Worship

May 7, 2023

**YOU ARE THE CHURCH**  
***I Peter 2:9-10***

Peter provides a description of the Church in these verses. We would do well to think about the Church, the “called out people of God.” But even more, we want the Holy Spirit to ignite our fellowship with His power, love, and grace!

Characteristics of the Church as listed in our text.

I. The Church is \_\_\_\_\_ v. 9

1. A Chosen Race
2. A Royal Priesthood
3. A Holy Nation
4. A People for God’s Own Possession

II. The Church Has a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 9b

III. The Church Has a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 10

**Announcements**

**Reception of New Members-**

Sharon Highbaugh	James Yates
Alicia Kearns	Eric & Emily Zettergren
Keith & Patti Kueteman	Camden & Easton
Ryan Orlando	Paul & Carol Zettergren
James & Rita Schaub	

**Family & Youth Bible Camp** at Cedar Lake, IN is July 23-27. Register by May 15 to receive a free camp t-shirt and avoid the \$10 late fee. Camp brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Info on any financial help from the church will be out soon.

**Donations** for the Suchers and Benjamins going to Mexico in June. They have received more than enough of the travel size donations, but if anyone would like to make financial contributions, that would be much appreciated.

**Graduates-** If anyone knows of someone from Helmar graduating from high school or college, please contact the office ASAP so we can be praying for them along with our Confirmation students. Thank You.