

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, November 2, 2025

Prelude
Welcome
Greeting from Ray and Ruthann Gorrell
Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount"
Scripture reading: Isaiah 11:1-531
I Corinthians 1:26
The Apostle's Creed
Communion
Praise Team: "The Battle and the Blessing"
"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"
"I Stand in Awe of You"
Children's Church dismissed
Sermon: "A Sacred Struggle"
Colossians 2:1-5
Benediction
Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
Postlude

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Door Offering for the Gorrells following the worship service.

Upcoming Events:

Tues: 6pm First Aid Class (sign up required)  
6:30pm Greven Life Group  
Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle  
9am-2pm Quilting  
2pm Adult Bible Study  
6pm BLAST, JAM, and Youth classes  
Thurs: 6:30pm Cryder Life Group  
7pm Mathre Life Group  
Fri: 7:30pm Pilon Life Group  
Sun: 8:30 Fellowship  
9:00 Sunday School—Gorrells  
10am Worship service

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- **The first aid classes** are scheduled for November 4th and 13th at 6pm. Sign ups are at the Welcome Center.
  - **Sunday School Parents:** If you child is able to participate in the Christmas Pageant this year, please reach out Ruth Karales to let her know. The Pageant will be during the worship service on December 14th, with a practice at the church the morning of December 13th.
  - **Veterans**—If you are a member or regular attendee and have not been honored in a Veteran's Day service on November 9th, please contact Don Davidson for an interview.
  - The Door Offering for the Jores was \$2115.00.
  - There will be a **Thanksgiving Eve service** on November 26th at 6:30pm.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Our shoebox packing party will be on November 15th at 10am. In preparation, you are encouraged to write personal notes to be included in the boxes, with pictures of your family if desired. You may also include your email address or the church's email address if you like. You might get a message from the recipient! Printed stationery is available at the Welcome Center. We are planning to pack 200 boxes, so multiple notes per family are welcome.

### **DWWC Christmas Dinner**

All of the women of Helmar, with their daughters, are invited to the DWWC Christmas Dinner. We plan to start Advent out right, with the blessings of joining together and setting our hearts and minds' focus on the real meaning of the season. Our event is Monday, December 1st, at 6pm in the lower level. We will enjoy seasonal songs and devotional scripture. Cynthia Younce will be speaking on "Be Still and Know That I Am God". You are encouraged to invite a friend to join us.

Ladies are asked to bring a dish to share and the committee will provide chicken. Please add your name and the number attending to the sign up sheet in the FLC. This helps the serving committee to provide adequate seating and meat for all. More details will be provided in the bulletin as they become available.



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**"A Sacred Struggle"**  
**Colossians 2:1-5**

Paul had a deep, heart concern for people. In fact, he "struggled" for them to know the Lord Jesus and His grace. In the text before us, we learn of Paul's wishes for the people.

I. Paul Wants Their \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2a

II. Paul Wants Their \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2b

III. Paul Wants Their \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 2c,3

IV. Paul Wants Their \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 4,5

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## ALL SAINT'S DAY

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints,” the psalmist declared (Psalm 116:15 NKJV). On All Saints Day, we remember the “saints” who have gone on before us. We remember them, not so as to worship them, for that would be idolatry, as Martin Luther writes in his Smalcald Articles. “Such honor belongs to God alone.”

A saint is simply a forgiven sinner—one who trusts in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, life, and salvation. Why remember the saints? Philip Melancthon writes in Article XXI of the Augsburg Confession, “. . . saints should be remembered so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for each of us in our own calling.” We remember the saints so that we can be encouraged and inspired to godly living by their exemplar lives.

God has richly blessed me with many a saint from whom I have received much encouragement and inspiration. I thank God always for them in my prayers. They were a tremendous encouragement to me while they walked this earth, and they continue to be an inspiration to me in their eternal dwelling place.

Are there such saints in your life? Thank God for them today and every day. May you be blessed by their memory in such a way that, in turn, your life may be a blessing to others.

Paul once wrote, “Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us” (Philippians 3:17). This is essentially what observing All Saints Day is all about—being blessed by the saints who have gone on before us that we in turn may be a blessing to those who come after us.

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***Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,  
Burden-Bearing Church***

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### Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

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### Hide God's Word in your Heart

“For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. “  
I Corinthians 2:2