

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Hymns “Nothing But The Blood” “Come Thou Fount”

Flute Solo—Angie Lombardo “Praise to the Lord”

Scripture Readings— Romans 1:8-12 Philippians 1:3-11

Pastoral Prayer

“Battle Belongs” “Confidence” “Soon and Very Soon”

Children dismissed for Children’s Church

Sermon “Gratitude For a Church” I Thessalonians 1:1-4

Hymn “Amazing Grace”

The Benediction

Postlude

There are offering boxes as you enter/exit the sanctuary for your tithes and offerings.

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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...**

Today 11:30am Church Picnic

Tues. 6:30pm Deacons Mtg.  
7:00pm Trustees Mtg.  
7:30pm Council Mtg.

Wed. 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Southern Belle’s  
1:30pm Dessert Fellowship  
2:00pm Adult Bible Study  
6:00pm Ice Cream Social  
6:30pm Adult & H.S. Bible Study, JAM & BLAST

Thurs. 6:30pm Faith Circle

Fri. 9:00am Ladies Prayer Hour

Sat. 8:00am Men’s Bible Study  
10:00am Safe Families Training

Sun. 9am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship (nursery provided)



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**.Series Theme: AWESOME GOD/LIVELY CHURCH  
“Gratitude For a Church” (1 Thessalonians 1:1-4)**

In this letter a strong, loving relationship is presented between a pastor and a congregation. G. Osborne writes: “It (the letter) provides a thrilling example of affection in extremely hard times and how that affection can make severe trials bearable.”

In the text today, as Paul prays for the people, he remembers what God has done for them. Specifically, Paul is grateful for three spiritual effects of their conversion.

1. They Had a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3

2. They Had a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3

3. They Had a \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3

For further study:

1. What do you note about the beginning of the Thessalonian church? (Acts 17:1-8)
2. How are Paul and the others described? (Acts 17:6)
3. Do we need to point to “another king”? (Acts 17:7). Who and why?
4. There is an atmosphere of persecution as Paul ministered to the Thessalonians. Do you sense increasing persecution toward Christians in America today? How?

## Announcements

**Annual Church Picnic** at 11:30 TODAY. Serving will be indoors and you may either eat or outside. After eating, there will be a Bounce House for the kids, plus volleyball and basketball. Bring your lawn chairs for a fun afternoon!

**Franklin Graham’s “God Loves You” Tour** on Sun., Sept. 19 at 4pm. More info at our Welcome Center.

**Discover Helmar New Members Classes-** A series of 4 classes will be held during the Sunday School hour beginning on September 26. All sessions are led by Pastor Lombardo and meet in his office. If you are thinking of becoming a member of Helmar or just want more information, check out these classes. Contact Pastor Lombardo for more information.

**Missing Chainsaw**—The L.E.R.T. chainsaw is missing from our maintenance building. If you borrowed it or know anything about it, contact John Chally.

**Free Beginning Guitar Class-** An introductory guitar class is being offered for anyone who is interested. This 5 session class will be taught by Kristy Bunge on Monday evenings beginning September 27 thru October 25. If anyone has a guitar you'd be willing to loan for use in the class, please contact Kristy or Sharon. This is a wonderful way to praise our Lord and fun too!

**Lost & Found-** Please check the lost & found basket by the refreshment area in the FLC. There are also a number of Bibles on the counter behind the Welcome Center. Some have names, others do not. Please put your name in your Bible so we can return them to you when left here.

**YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT-** The youth group is looking for air hockey, foosball, arcade games, etc. Please contact Tyler if you have any you're willing to donate or if you know of anyone that would. Thanks!