

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, October 19th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Reception of New Members: Donna Horn

Carol Wissmiller

Hymn: "There's Power in the Blood"

Scripture reading: Ephesians 3:16,17

II Corinthians 5:16-19

The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "Cornerstone"

"Build My Life"

"Jesus, Thank You"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "What God Wants for You"

Colossians 1:21-23

Benediction

Hymn: "Victory in Jesus"

Postlude

Upcoming Events:

Tues: 6:30pm Greven Small Group

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle
9am-2pm Quilting
2pm Adult Bible Study
6pm BLAST, JAM, and Youth classes

Thurs: 9:30am Ladies Bible Study
6:30pm Cryder Small Group
7pm Mathre Small Group

Fri: 7:30pm Pilon Small Group

Sun: 8:30 Fellowship
9:00 Sunday School
10am Worship service

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

- **Nate and Rhoda Jore** will be here on October 26th to share about their ministry in Uganda and their transition to International Orality Institute during the worship service. There will be a door offering to follow.
- **October 27th at 10am First Aid class.** Included will be instructions on the AED machines, first aid for choking, and hands-only CPR. The class will last about 2 hours and is limited to 12 participants. Please Sign up in the FLC by October 19th. An additional class is being scheduled for the evening of October 28th. That sign up is at the Welcome Center as well.
- **Ray and Ruthann Gorrell** will be here on November 2nd to share about their ministry during the worship service. There will be a door offering to follow.
- Thank you to everyone who signed up for the **Christmas Choir!** We will be singing 2-3 songs over the Advent/Christmas season. Our first practice will be November 9th at 4pm.
- **Right Now Media** resources are available for your use through the church subscription. [Right Now Media](#) (link is live in the online bulletin).

Operation Christmas Child

Michelle Holdiman will be leading the shoebox collection here at Helmar during National Collection Week (November 17-24). If you would be interested in engaging with donors and safeguarding these precious Gospel Opportunities, please talk with Michelle. Sign ups will be available at the welcome center in the FLC.

October 23rd—There will be a prayer walk for our church with the local OCC team. All are welcome to join us at 3:30pm.

November 14th (tentative)—3rd annual Operation Christmas Child packing party. We will be assembling and packing 200 shoeboxes as a way to share the Good News of Jesus with children in need around the world. More information will be coming soon!

There is an Amazon wish list (with QR code link) on the bulletin board if you would like to contribute items for our shoeboxes, but don't want to go shopping.

You may pick up shoeboxes to fill on your own starting October 12th in the Welcome Center. Individually packed boxes will need to be returned the week of November 17th-24th.

Last year, our boxes went to Malawi, Guyana, Suriname, and a Sensitive/Hard-to-reach country.



October 19, 2025 “What God Wants for You” Colossians 1:21-23

What God desires for every person is a saving knowledge of His powerful deliverance of people. In this section of Colossians, Paul points out the facts about God's Salvation.

I. The Fact of _____ v. 21

II. The Fact of _____ v. 22a

III. The Fact of _____ v. 22b

IV. The Fact of _____ v. 23

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*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadows of your wings.*
Psalm 36:7

This verse consists of two lines that praise God for His faithful care and kindness to those who trust in Him. The first line includes a Hebrew word that is so full of meaning it is hard to translate as just one word into English. It is the Hebrew word *chasid*, which includes the idea of love, faithfulness, mercy, kindness, or loyalty. It especially describes the LORD's relationship with those whom He has made covenant with. He sacrifices even Himself in order to be faithful to those whom He loves and has made promises to. That certainly is a precious thing for His people. It has value above all other things. As Paul writes, "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Philippians 3:8). To know God is to be known by Him, to be known by Him is to be loved. How amazingly precious it is to have His steadfast love! For it gives us eternal life.

The second line gives us an illustration of His faithfulness and kindness to us. It uses the image of a mother bird stretching out her wings to protect her babies. She puts her wings out to provide a safe place, a refuge, for her family. In doing this, the mother bird puts herself in between the chicks and whatever is threatening them. This is a fitting image to show us how God gives Himself to provide a safe place for us. He puts Himself in the way of judgment for sin, so that we can find refuge under His cross. He has taken that judgment on Himself, so that we can draw near to Him. That is faithfulness. That is lovingkindness and mercy and steadfast love for us. And He is faithful to continue to protect us in this life. When trouble comes, take refuge under His wings, for He loves and cares for you and has provided a refuge that you can flee to.

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AFLC Promotion for October is Home Missions

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Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,
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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

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Hide God's Word in your Heart

"For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

John 3:17,18