

**Helmar Lutheran Church**  
**Newark, IL**  
Sunday, October 12th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Operation Christmas Child Kick-off

Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Scripture reading: John 1:1-5

II Corinthians 4:1-4

The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "Battle Belongs"

"In Christ Alone"

"O Praise the Name (chorus)"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "A Supreme Savior"

Colossians 1:15-20

Benediction

Hymn: "My Savior's Love"

Postlude

Upcoming Events:

Tues: 6:30pm Greven Small Group

6:30pm Deacons/Trustees Mtg; 7:30pm Council Mtg

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

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

- Praise the Lord! The door offering for Light of the Moon ministries was \$3556!
- **October Newsletter** is available at the Welcome Center.
- **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. We are working on scheduling additional classes.
- **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.
- **Christmas Choir** sign ups are available at the Welcome Center!

## **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 18th**—Prep for our shoebox packing party at 10am. We will be assembling pencil packs, adding labels, and glueing pictures inside the lids of the boxes. This should not take much time, especially if lots of people come! We are still in need of a few toy items for our boxes. You can see a list of what is needed on the bulletin board 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!

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.



**October 12, 2025**  
**“A Supreme Savior”**  
**Colossians 1:15-20**

“Our God is an awesome God,” we sing during worship. And, we are sincere in our praise. But our text gives more content to the meaning of “awesome” as we consider Jesus’ preeminence!  
He is supreme and four reasons are given in our text today.

I. Jesus is Supreme Because of His \_\_\_\_\_  
v. 15

II. Jesus is Supreme Because of His \_\_\_\_\_  
vv 16,17

III. Jesus is Supreme because of His \_\_\_\_\_  
V. 18

IV. Jesus is Supreme because of His \_\_\_\_\_  
vv. 19,20

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#### TEACH ALL NATIONS

Have you ever thought about Alaska as a mission field? In Mathew 28, Jesus tells His followers to “Go therefore and teach all nations.” It sounds simple, but how can you “teach all nations” in Alaska? The AFLC Alaska Mission in Naknek, Alaska, exists to share Jesus in the Bristol Bay area through a variety of ways including Christian radio and running The Net ministry each summer for commercial fishermen and cannery workers.

KAKN Radio began with the goal of spreading the Gospel in the village of Naknek through Christian music and preaching programs. Since flying is the main mode of transportation, radio is a simple way to have people hear God’s Word. Through the years, KAKN has provided a Christian presence, daily weather reports, local high school basketball broadcasts, and opportunities for the community to come in and record parts of our Read Through the Bible program. In 2024, KAKN joined the world of online streaming. You can listen at KAKN.org, TuneIn, or you can ask Alexa! Through online streaming, we have gained listeners in other parts of Alaska, the Lower 48, and 177 countries! This gives us a great opportunity to reach the world for Christ!

KAKN and the Alaska Mission have a unique opportunity to share Jesus in the summer months. The commercial salmon fishing season brings the world to us! Many fishermen and cannery workers from all over the world head to Naknek. The small village of 400 explodes to a population of 10-15,000 each summer. These folks travel from South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. This offers many opportunities to teach the nations about Jesus! Since KAKN is the only Christian radio station in the area, the fishermen and workers will often listen as they work. A highlight of our summer is running The Net, a coffee hospitality house where visitors can enjoy free coffee and sweet treats. We provide Bibles and tracts for the workers in many languages. They are handed out along with prayers by the ministry teams from the Lower 48 that come serve at The Net.

Alaska may not be a foreign country, but it is a mission field. I love hearing about how God is working in the lives of our listeners and enjoy seeing the teams interact with people who come into The Net. Maybe God is calling you or your congregation to join us in the summer. We would love to see you! Thank you for keeping all of us in your prayers!

Miss Maggie Johnson  
KAKN Assistant Station Manager  
Naknek, Alaska

AFLC Promotion for October is Home Missions

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

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#### **Spiritual Disciplines Sheet**

**10-12-25**

#### **Hide God’s Word in your Heart**

“The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace,  
Because he trusts in You.”

Isaiah 26:3