

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, July 20, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Greetings from FLBC*

Hymn: "Standing On The Promises"

Scripture reading: Romans 7:7-25

James 2:9-11

The Apostle's Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "Only a Holy God"

"Worthy"

"Agnus Dei"

No Children's Church (resumes August 17th. Nursery is available)

Sermon: "Law and Gospel, Part One"

Galatians 3:21-27

Hymn: "To God Be The Glory"

Benediction

Postlude

*Door Offering for FLBC

Upcoming Events:

M 6:30pm FLBC Basketball Camp

Tu: 6:30pm FLBC Basketball Camp

Wed: 1:00pm FLBC Basketball Camp

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

6:30pm Youth BYBS @ HLC

Sun: 9:30 Fellowship

10am Worship service in the Sanctuary

Families leaving for FYBC

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

- July 21-23 **Basketball Camp** There will be four college students (two men, including Andrew Maxwell, and two women) from FLBC, and head men's basketball coach Logan Strand coming to play basketball with kids from our church and hopefully a few others from our area. They will be connecting with students, pointing the kids to Jesus through devotions and testimonies, and playing basketball. They will work on some skills, foster friendships, and will have age and gender appropriate scrimmages. There will also be a "best jersey contest." The kids are also encouraged to bring fun NBA, NCAA, etc., jerseys. There will be a couple prizes for that. It is open to boys and girls, middle school and high school. It is word of mouth, with no registration and no fees. This will be on Monday and Tuesday night at 6:30pm, and Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm, July 21st-23rd. The team will also be leading our youth group time at Helmar on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. Please see Pastor Alex for details.
- Cover art by Faith Mathre
- The Door Offering for Called to Care was \$1869 (plus gift cards)



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“Law and Gospel, Part One”
Galatians 3:21-27

Function One: _____

Function Two: _____

Function Three: _____

Coming this fall: Small Group Bible Studies

In lieu of a Wednesday evening Adult class, we will be starting in-home small group Bible Studies in September. The deacons are looking for 4 people who would be willing to host these small groups. They can take place any evening that you choose, and you only need to provide the location. You do not need to lead the study. Refreshments are at your discretion, but not necessary. The studies will run from September 7th through December 1st.

If you would be interested in hosting one of these small groups, or have questions, please visit the Welcome Center.

- Helmar is still in need of a leader for the Shoebox Drop-off during the National Collection Week (11/11-11/24) for Operation Christmas Child. For more details, please see Dan Hanback or Stacy Christian.
- The **FLBC Alumni Picnic** is happening August 2nd starting at 12:00 here at Helmar! Come and enjoy a free meal, just bring a side or dessert to share! There will be games (you are welcome to bring yard games such as bags, football, etc) and President Wade Mobley will give the devotional and a school update. All FLBC alumni, family, and friends are welcome, and it would be a great joy to fellowship together there. You do not need to be alumni to attend! The expectation is that this picnic will draw people from our area, across church lines, for a relaxed time of fellowship.

Spiritual Disciplines Sheet
7-20-25
Hide God's Word in your Heart

“For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.”
James 2:10

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If you would like to provide **fresh flowers** for the altar, in memoriam or celebration, please contact Lori Chelsen.

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**Welcome and thank you for attending our church service today!**  
If you are new to Helmar and are interested in finding out more about us, please talk with the greeters or stop by the Welcome Center.  
If you feel comfortable doing so, please share your contact info so that we can get to know you better. You can tear off this portion and drop it in the donation box or give it to an usher. We promise not to spam your phone or email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request:

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*We also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.*

1 Thessalonians 2:13

God makes His Word known to us through men, and He proclaimed it and had it written down especially through the apostles. St. Peter and St. Paul did not speak their own words, but God's Word, as St. Paul also assures the Thessalonians when he says to them, "We also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers."

The Word may well be preached to me, but no one can implant it in my heart except God alone. God must speak His Word to my heart, otherwise nothing comes of it. If God keeps silent, the Word is not really spoken to my heart. Hence no one will ever force me to give up the Word which God Himself has taught me. This I must know as certainly as I know that two and three make five. This remains true even if all councils say otherwise. If they say otherwise, I know that they are lying. Likewise, one yard is more than half a yard, this is certain. Even if the whole world says otherwise, I know that this does not change such facts. Who forces me to this conclusion? No one but the truth alone, which is so complete and so certain that no one can deny it.

This is also the case with the truth which God has implanted in our hearts. I am not so concerned about the opinion of Augustine, Jerome, St. Peter, St. Paul, or even of the archangel Gabriel from heaven—I want to have God's Word and what God Himself says.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 119:89-96

#### **PRAYER**

*Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and thank You for the sure and certain truth which You have set forth in Your Word. Make us steadfast and immovable in this truth, in and through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Excerpt from *Luther for the Busy Man* (Minneapolis, MN: Ambassador Publications, 2021), 272.

AFLC Promotion for July is the Free Lutheran Seminary

