

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, August 30th, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"

Scripture reading: I Corinthians 15:20-23

John 11:25,26

Confession of Faith: Acts 17:24-28

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"

"Set Free"

"Goodness of God"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "The Imminent Return"

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Benediction

Hymn: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Postlude

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Upcoming Events:

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's  
6:30pm Youth BYBS at Brandon & Angie Niles'

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group

Sun: 10am Worship service—Communion and Baptism

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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Life Groups will resume the week of September 13th. The series will be "Ecclesiastes—Life is Worth Living". Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center. We are still in need of a host for the Yorkville area. Please see Dave Christian for more information. (815) 474-0440

Rally Sunday is September 13th! Sunday School and all of our fall activities will resume that week.

- Following the worship service, we will be having the Annual Church Picnic. It will be potluck. Last names ending in A-I can bring salads, J-P can bring hot dishes, and Q-Z can bring desserts. Of course, if you have a "signature" dish, you may bring that as well! The church will provide chicken, table service and beverages. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to help us know how much chicken to order.

September is a big month for the church. **Newsletters** are available at the Welcome Center and the South exit (and in your email). All of our classes and activities are listed there, as well as details to the upcoming changes in the bulletin format. Please take one so that you can be informed!

The **Ladies Bible Study** will meet on Thursdays for an 8 week course in the book of Ruth beginning September 17th at 9:30am in the library. Signup sheets are at the Welcome Center.



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Don Davidson
“The Imminent Return”
I Thessalonians 4:13-18

- I. _____ I Corinthians 15:3-4
- II. _____ I Corinthians 15:12-19
- III. _____ I Corinthians 15:20-23
- IV. _____ I Thessalonians 4:13-18
- V. _____ I Corinthians 15:51,52
- VI. _____ John 14:1-6

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A call to holiness is God's invitation for us to "commit our ways to Him" (Psalm 37:5). It's a recognition that "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

Now, some would perhaps scoff and say that a focus on holiness sounds rather legalistic. However, this emphasis need not denigrate into legalism. It is simply a call to live life in response to what God has done for us—that we would love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).

Jesus says it this way: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). In looking at this passage, it doesn't seem like Jesus is saying this arbitrarily or as a means to show us our inability. It seems that what Jesus really wants is for us to live in conformity to the will of God.

In the same way, if I ask my nine-year-old to clean his room, do I want him to come back and say, "Dad, I memorized exactly what you said: 'Clean your room'"? Or would I tolerate him coming back and saying, "Dad, I got a bunch of my friends together for a small group study on what it means to clean my room"? How about if he comes and says, "Dad, I learned how to say 'clean your room' in Greek"?

No! I want him to actually go and do what I told him to do! I want him to clean His room.

In the same manner, God has given us the revelation of His will for our lives—how to love and serve our neighbors; how to reflect Him to the world around us.

Therefore, as ambassadors for Christ, as a city on a hill, we go forth committing our ways to the Lord—living lives of holiness. Not to earn or merit God's favor, but because of a life changed by the favor God has shown to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

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AFLC Promotion for August is the Seminary

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Burden-Bearing Church***

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

8-30-2026

Hide God's Word in your Heart

**"But as many as received Him, to them He gave
the right to become children of God, *even* to those
who believe in His name,"**

John 1:12