

August 11, 2024

FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN

Peace is a path opened to us by Jesus Christ. Without Christ's work we would continue to be at war with our Creator and also with His creation. But as Christians, we rejoice in the peace of God freely given to us and desire to be at peace with all men. As Christians, we follow the path of peace and extend to the people around us invitations to walk in peace. We follow that path even when it turns us to people we might not expect or even like.

Because God is not a God of confusion but of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33; Philippians 4:9), His children are to pursue peace with all men. This is no easy task. The Apostle Paul recognizes the difficulties of this when he instructs the Romans saying, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all" (12:18). You likely know, in your own experience, that your anger or fear has sometimes made it difficult or impossible for someone acting as a peace-maker to make peace with you. People can sometimes be hard to be around.

Despite our regularly combative attitudes, God graciously reminds us of the importance and blessedness of peace by calling us to pursue peace. Paul writes, "So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up building" (Romans 14:19). The Apostle Peter writes that whoever desires to love life and see good days should "seek peace and pursue it" (1 Peter 3:11).

So then, let us follow the path of peace. It will include for us, among other things, selfless sacrifice, forgiveness, and compassion. No doubt this seems like a difficult path, but we are walking on a path of peace with our Lord Jesus Christ who causes His peace to rule in our hearts (Colossians 3:5). We are walking on the path of peace *with Jesus* who has promised to be with us all the way (2 John 3). Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen (Hebrews 13:20-21).

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Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, August 11th, 2024
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

Scripture reading: Psalm 98:1-3

Numbers 6:22-27

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns: "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

"My Hope Is In The Lord"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "A Huge Hallelujah!"

Psalm 117

Benediction

Hymn: "To God Be The Glory"

Postlude

Tue. 6:30pm Deacons and Trustees Meetings
7:30pm Church Council Meeting

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's
7-9pm Youth Group BYBS @ Talley's

Sun: 9:30am Fellowship
10am Worship **in the FLC**
6:00pm GriefShare

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 stop at the Welcome Center and talk with Marlon and Sheila. We have a gift bag for you.

Sign up sheets for the upcoming Ladies' Bible Studies are available at the Welcome Center.

We are looking for 2 adults to serve in the Wednesday evening children's classes. Please see Kristen Mathre for more information.

Bulletin Art by Sopheya Wilson

By now most of you have seen the cross and clock artwork in the FLC. Both pieces were made by local woodworker Jim Feltes. We are thankful to him and his wife Rita, who helped with the installation, for making this addition to our church building possible.

Housing is needed for a TCS (Trinity Christian School) family who lost their home in a fire. If you know of a place they could stay temporarily, please contact the church.



**August 11th, 2024
"A Huge Hallelujah!"
Psalm 117**

This is a day of praise. We give glory to God! Why?
Let's see what Psalm 117 tells us.

I. A _____ to Praise God v. 1

II. _____ to Praise God v. 2a

1.

2.

III. A Concluding _____ v. 2b

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Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,
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Rally Day—Our Sunday School and Fall schedule will launch on September 8th. Please be in prayer for the teachers as they prepare for the new classes. Plan to join us for a picnic following the worship service that day. More details to come.