

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, November 8th, 2026
23rd Sunday after Trinity

Prelude
Welcome
Recognition of Veterans
"God Bless America"
Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
Scripture reading: Psalm 66:1-4
Psalm 67:1-7
Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed
Pastoral Prayer
Praise Team: "God is For Us"
"King of Kings"
"The Cross"
Sermon: "Worshipping God!"
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
Benediction
Hymn: "Abide with Me"
Postlude

Members of Helmar's Prayer Team will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service to meet with those who desire to receive Christ as Lord and Savior, those who wish to renew their relationship with Jesus, or those who need prayer for specific needs. Anointing with oil, according to James 5:14 is available upon request.



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"Worshipping God!"
Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

In this section Solomon considers false and true worship. Our consideration today is: How are we to worship God when we come to church? The text provides some answers.

I. Take Worship _____ v. 1a

II. Pay Attention _____ v. 1b

III. Avoid Foolishness _____ vv. 2-7

Upcoming Events:

Mon: 7pm Mathre Life Group (Yorkville)

Wed: 9am-2pm Quilting
2pm Adult Bible Study
6:30pm Christian Life Group (Newark)
6:30pm BLAST, JAM, HS

Th: 6:30pm Gengler Life Group (Yorkville)

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Hour
5-7pm Food Pantry
7:30pm Pilon Life Group (Minooka)

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

Life Group Study Questions are available on the ledge outside the sanctuary, or online.

Outside the sanctuary and in the FLC there are plastic army persons to be taken home and placed as a reminder to pray for those in service protecting our country. May the power of Prayer be their protection!

Save the Date: Our Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be December 13th during the morning worship service. There will be a dress rehearsal on December 12th from 9:30-11am. Please contact Ruth Karales if you have any questions. 815-791-6566

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Refuge in God by Dwelling in Him

Most parents seek ways to protect their children and make their world a better place. Their efforts build a more efficient life to get the most out of every moment and every dollar. They are not merely seeking a shelter or dwelling place, but an important place their families want to return home to. Sadly, too frequently, the focus of earthly homes is only for worldly comforts, lacking the centrality of Christ and the Word of God.

The best-built house combined with the most efficient human plans may provide comfort, but never salvation. A home is not just a building. A home is a place of love and forgiveness, built on the foundation of Christ Jesus and the truth of God's Word.

A home is where we dwell secure and can be described by the hymn, "O Give us Homes Built Firm upon the Savior," written by Barbara Hart. Consider these lyrics:

Give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung;
Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.

Born again one comes to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Trusting and holding to the truth of His Word results in one abiding in Him. First John 4:13 tells us that "we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit." Friends, as we find peace in God and trust in His inerrant word, let us remember what He has created. Deuteronomy 33:27a says, "The eternal God is your dwelling place."

America may have only been born 250 years ago, seeking to dwell in the freedoms which we now live under. But there is more than just American freedom and way of life to consider for our families. We need to abide in the freedom granted to us in Christ and to live with the realization that God has always loved His children and has reserved for them, for us, a heavenly home in His kingdom.

This year let us return to the time when Americans were not ashamed of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us be Americans who share and live out their Christian faith in every aspect of daily life. In our local congregation and in our family homes, let us take refuge in God by dwelling in Christ alone.

Rev. Ronald Smith
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