Sunday, December 18, 2022 **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds: praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! Psalm 150:1-2, 6

Prelude

Welcome

"A Tale of Light and Darkness" by the Sunday School

Children's Church is Dismissed

Sermon: "From Darkness to Light" Colossians 1:13-14

Benediction

"Joy To The World" Vs. 1 &2

Postlude



Come and Worship Please join us for our Candlelight Properties at 4:30pm in the FLC on December 24th. Christmas Day worship will be at 10am in the sanctuary.

> There are offering boxes as you enter/exit the Sanctuary for your tithes and offerings.

Helmar Lutheran Church

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This Week at Helmar...

Mon. 3-5pm Food Pantry

Wed. NO BLAST or adult classes tonight. 6:30pm JAM & H.S. Class

Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service

9:30am Fellowship Time Sun. 10am Christmas Worship

Updating the Helmar Church Directory

It's time to update the church directory! We will be switching to a new program called "Instant Church Directory" which provides both an online format and a printable format. Members who choose to do so may make an account with the website and download the phone application to access the directory at any time. This also allows one to make updates to their families information at any time, with the birth of a new child or a change of address throughout the year. There are also options to print your own copy at home or to order spiral-bound copies if desired.

Updates may be submitted via email to Dana Cryder at helmardirectory@gmail.com. Please include: Names (first and last) of all household members, home and individual phone numbers, if applicable, home and individual email addresses, if applicable, home address, and a current family picture attached in the format of JPED or PNG. If you have difficulty uploading a picture in the correct format, we will be offering informal family pictures taken via iPhone after church on January 1st and 15th that Dana can upload as your family directory photo.

We would like to have all entries updated and uploaded by Sunday, January 29th, 2023. Instructions for downloading the application and creating an account to access the directory will be provided in greater detail at that time.

Please note families may opt to have their home address hidden from other members; please indicate in your email if you would prefer your home address hidden.

If you have any questions regarding the new directory, please contact Dana via the email address above.

Thank You!

Announcements

CHRISTMAS CARDS! Be sure to check the table after the service today to see if you have any Christmas Cards to be picked up! Thank You!

THANK YOU! TODAY is the LAST DAY to sign up for the recognition banquet for adults and youth on Saturday, January 7 at 5 pm. The place is still to be determined. There is no cost but please sign up is necessary so we know how many to plan for. If you have served in big or little ways, public or private, you are invited!

Clothing Drive! The Youth group is putting on a clothing Drive thru the rest of the year. Please bring in any and all sizes of good used or new clothes, shoes and boots. Please clean them before you bring them to us. All donations will be going to Bethany Park Clothing Center.

LIVESTREAM- Be sure to watch our livestream events thru the Helmar App or at helmarlutheranchurch.com for better viewing. Sometimes there can be issues watching on Facebook live.

DWWC and Church Handbook sign-up sheets have been taken down. HOWEVER, we are still in need of ushers and scripture readers. Contact Tina, text or call (815-791-2642) BEFORE she tracks YOU down! :)

Giving Statements— Those who have received statements in the past will receive them this year. If you didn't receive one last year, but would like one this year, PLEASE let the office know ASAP. Also, if you'd like to cancel or start using offering envelopes, please let the office know as well.

Year End Giving– If you want your donations counted for 2022, please have them in by December 31st!