

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, November 30, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Scripture reading: Romans 14:1-4

I Corinthians 8:1-3

Confession of Faith: 2nd Article with explanation

Praise Team: "Crown Him"

"Your Name"

"Joy to the World"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "On Religious Substitutes"

Colossians 2:6-23

Benediction

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Postlude

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There will be a door offering for the shipping of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes following the worship service.

Upcoming Events:

Today: 4pm Choir practice in the lower level

Mon: 6pm DWWC Ladies Christmas Dinner in the lower level

Tues: 6:60pm Greven Life Group (last one until January)

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle  
6:30pm BLAST, JAM, and Youth classes

Th: 6:30pm Cryder Life Group—at Dave & Shira's  
(last one until January)  
7pm Mathre Life Group (last one until January)

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Hour  
7:30pm Pilon Life Group (last one until January)

Sun: 8:30 Fellowship  
9:00 Sunday School  
10am Worship service

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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- We are looking for a member of the church to oversee the group that meets on **Thursday nights to play basketball**. For details, please see one of the trustees.
  - There will be a **practice** for the Sunday School Christmas Pageant on Saturday, December 13th from 9:30-11am.
  - **Christmas Card Exchange**—As they have in the past, the youth group will be sorting Christmas Cards for the congregation. Bring in your Christmas cards for church members no later than December 14th (print names only on the envelope) and they will be ready for pickup after the service.
  - Our DWWC (Doing What We Can) sign-up sheets are available in the FLC lobby. All are welcome to take part. Be a participant. Be a servant. To God be the Glory!



**November 30, 2025**  
**“On Religious Substitutes”**  
**Colossians 2:16-23**

Warnings are very important. Sometimes they can mean the difference between life and death. The warnings that come to us from God’s Word should always be heeded.

I. A Warning Against \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 16, 17

II. A Warning Against \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 18, 19

III. A Warning Against \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 20-23

“But when the fullness of the time came,  
God sent forth His Son, born of a woman,  
born under the Law, so that He might  
redeem those who were under the Law,  
that we might receive the adoption as  
sons. Because you are sons, God has sent  
forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,  
crying, “Abba! Father!”  
Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a  
son; and if a son, then an heir through God.”  
Galatians 4:4-7



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## LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

TEXT: GEIRG WEISSEL      TUNE: THOMAS WILLIAMS  
*Ambassador Hymnal #1*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,  
Behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near,  
The Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
To whom this king in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart,  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! With us abide;  
Our hearts to Thee we open wide,  
Let us Thy inner presence feel,  
Thy grace and love in us reveal.

AFLC Promotion for November is the H.I.S. Fund

### **Helmar Lutheran Church**

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*Helmar exists to be a:*

***Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,  
Burden-Bearing Church***

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### **Spiritual Disciplines Sheet**

**11-30-25**

### **Hide God's Word in your Heart**

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

Psalm 107:1