

**Helmar Lutheran Church**  
**Newark, IL**  
Sunday, March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: “Our Great Savior”

Scripture reading: Romans 6:1-7

Philippians 3:7-10

Confession of Faith: The Apostle’s Creed

Communion

Praise Team: “Covered by the Blood of Jesus”

“O Praise the Name”

Children’s Church dismissed

Sermon: Series: “Truths to Consider”

“Part Two: Consider Knowing God”

Psalms 103:15-18

Benediction

Hymn: “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Postlude

Upcoming Events:

\*The Adult Bible Study and All Life Groups will not be meeting during Lent. They will resume the week after Easter.

**Today:** 12-3pm Celebration of Life for Sarah Thomas

Wed: 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Southern Belle’s

6:30pm BLAST, JAM

6:30pm **Lenten Service** in the lower level (with Youth Group)

Th: 9:30am Ladies Bible Study

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group

Sun: 8:30 Fellowship

9am Sunday School—**Discover Helmar Class**

10am Worship service

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

**Lenten Schedule**

- Lenten Services are being held every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the lower level. The theme this year will be “Keeping Near the Cross”. The Adult Bible Study and the Life Groups will not meet from February 17th through Good Friday. They will resume on April 7th.
- **Easter Choir**—practice begins today, in the lower level after the worship service. We will plan to sing Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.
- There will be an **Easter Pageant** presented by our Sunday School children on Palm Sunday, March 29th during the Worship Service at 10am. **Parents**, there will be a rehearsal on March 28th from 9:30-11:00am for all grade 8 and under.
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 6:30pm on April 2nd
- Good Friday Service at 6:30pm on April 3rd
- Easter Sunday—No Sunday School. Worship Service at 10am

- The HLC kitchen is grateful to everyone who has brought “take out” containers. We have an ample supply for now. We will let you know when we need a restock. Thank you!
- **Fill a Lunch, Fill a heart!** The children’s ministry is hosting a Lunchable donation for our food pantry kids! Please bring Lunchables to church during the month of March before church on Sundays and Wednesday nights.  
Main donation item: Lunchables!  
Also, can bring fruit snacks, fruit roll ups, dessert like/individually wrapped snacks.  
Please drop items off in the plastic bin in the FLC lobby.

~We want to thank all of you for the prayers and kind words you expressed to us when Don went home to be with his Lord and Savior. Thank you, ladies, for providing the food for the luncheon and all the work involved in that. We greatly appreciate all of you. A special thank you to Pastor and Angie who came immediately to the hospital and shared the precious Word of God and sang praises as they ministered to us. We were blessed!

The Don Greven family

~We are very thankful to Jared and Kynsey Mathre for the last year and a half that they have served faithfully as our youth directors, however, as they embark on their new adventure as first-time parents, they will be stepping back from this role. We will be seeking someone or a couple to fill this very part-time position starting late spring/early summer. If this is something you may be interested in, we will be accepting applications during the month of March. For more information or to apply, you may use the link provided or talk to Brandon Niles.



**March 1, 2026**  
**Series: Truths to Consider**  
**“Consider Knowing God”**  
**Psalm 103:15-18**

What is it to live “knowing God”? The apostle Paul’s motivation was that he “might know Him” (Philippians 3:10). This is a worthy ambition for us as well. Our text helps us to consider knowing God.

Knowing God Means:

I. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 17

II. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 18

III. \_\_\_\_\_ v. 18

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### **Walk as Children of the Light**

*For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord, walk as children of Light. Ephesians 5:8 NASB 1995*

One of the main questions that Paul addresses in the second half of Ephesians is, “Does the fact that we are believers in Christ affect how we live in this world?” His answer is an emphatic “Yes!” Throughout the letter Paul uses the simple metaphor of walking to describe how a person lives. Our walk is how we think, speak, and act in this world as we follow Christ.

In Ephesians 4:1, Paul commends the believers in Ephesus to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.” They were called through the Gospel of Christ to adoption as sons of God through Jesus Christ. In Him they received redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of their sins, and the hope of eternal life as the grace of God was lavished on them (Ephesians 1:3-12). Then they are called to walk in keeping with the high calling with which they have in Christ.

Again, in Ephesians 4:1, Paul instructs them to walk no longer as the unbelievers walk—in the sensuality and impurity of the old life. Now they are to walk in the truth, kindness, and tenderheartedness of the new life.

Then in Ephesians 5:1-2, Paul encourages them to be imitators of God and “walk in love, just as Christ loved you and gave Himself up for us.” The Christian’s life reflects the life of Christ and is a walk of self-sacrificial love in service to God and to our neighbor.

Following this, in Ephesians 5:8, Paul writes decisively of the sharp break between the old life and the new life of the believer: “you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.” They were formerly part of the realm of darkness which is under the judgment of God, but now they are part of the realm of light where the grace of God reigns supreme, where there is forgiveness, peace, and joy, and the promise of eternal life.

How should we walk? Walk as children of light. You are no longer of the realm of darkness, but of the realm of light.

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AFLC Promotion for March is the General Fund

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Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,  
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### **Spiritual Disciplines Sheet**

**3-1-2026**

### **Hide God’s Word in your Heart**

“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;”

Philippians 3:10