Helmar Lutheran Church Newark, IL Sunday, September 8, 2024 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude Welcome Hymn: "The Solid Rock" Scripture reading: II Corinthians 5:16-21 Hebrews 11:1,2 The Nicene Creed Praise Team: "O Come to the Altar" Communion Praise Team: "O Come to the Altar" "Yet Not I" "My Worth is Not in What I Own" Children's Church dismissed Sermon: "A Gift From God" John 14:27 Hymn: "He Hideth My Soul" Benediction Table Prayer Postlude

- Tues. 6:30pm Deacon's/Trustee's Meeting 7:30pm Council Meeting
- Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's 9am Quilting 2pm Adult Bible Study 6:15pm Ice Cream Social 6:30pm Classes for Preschool through Adults
- Thurs. 9:30am Ladies Bible Study in the lower level 7pm Ladies Bible Study in the lower level
- Fri. 9am Ladies Prayer Hour in the Fireside Room 5pm Food Pantry
- Sat. 8am Men's Bible Study
- Sun: 8:30am Fellowship 9am Sunday School for all ages 10am Worship 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 Alex and Rachel. We have a gift bag for you.

If you have missed any of the **summer bulletins** designed by our youth, today is the last today to pick them up at the Welcome center.

The Saturday morning **Men's Bible Study** will begin meeting again starting on September 14th at 8am at the church. Please see John Chally or Dave Christian for details.

Books for the Ladies' Bible Study are available at the Welcome Center. They are \$9 each.



Peace seems to be an elusive quality for many people today. Most want personal peace but relatively few find it. This text offers great encouragement for knowing and experiencing God's peace. It is, indeed, peace for troubled hearts.

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Henry and Pam Cryder are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on September 12th. Their family will be hosting an open house here at church on September 15th. Details are on a personalized invite in the FLC lobby welcome center. If you will be able to celebrate with us, please sign up and indicate how many attending so we have an estimate. Thank you!!

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THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

Imagine that you are on a sunrise hike or sitting quietly by a lake. You are greeted by the sweet sound of birds singing and the first warmth of the sun. Surrounded by the beauty of God's creation, what song comes to mind?

One of the songs that would come to my mind is "This Is My Father's World" written by Maltbie Babcock. Babcock was tall, strong, athletic, gifted, and well-educated. Called into pastoral ministry at a young age, he served a congregation in upstate New York. It was a beautiful area not far from Niagara Falls. He would hike and run in the hills, telling his secretary as he went out, "I'm going out to see my Father's world." How fitting that we think of this song as we go out in nature.

In Psalm 50:10-12, God declares,

For every beast of the forest is mine, The cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, And all that moves in the field is mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, For the world and its fullness are mine.

Do you ever feel like life has gotten out of control? Maybe your week didn't go as planned or someone dear to you has gotten sick. There are many moments in life that we wish we could control, but isn't it good to know that your Father is in control and cares for you. He cares for you in the day-to-day. He cares for you in your suffering. He cares enough to send His Son to conquer sin and death. He cares enough to give abundant and eternal life to those who believe.

Those who are trusting in Christ will someday join the great multitude the Apostle John hears in Revelation 19:6: "Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.'"

Dear reader, never forget "that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet."

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