

**Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL**

Sunday, August 9th, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"

Scripture reading: Acts 4:1-4

II Peter 1:16-18

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "Days of Elijah"

"Behold Our God"

"Only a Holy God"

Sermon: "If You Die Without Jesus"

Luke 16:19-31

Benediction

Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"

Postlude

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Please Note: Pastor Lombardo will be out of the office August 11th-31st.

Upcoming Events:

Tues: 6:30pm Deacons/Trustees Mtg, 7:30pm Council Mtg

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's  
6:30pm Youth BYBS at the Kittelson's (parsonage)

Fri: No Ladies Prayer Group in August  
5-7pm Food Pantry

Sun: 10am Worship service—Phil Kittelson speaking

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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Life Groups will resume the week of September 13th. The series will be "Ecclesiastes—Life is Worth Living". Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center. We are still in need of a host for the Yorkville area. Please see Dave Christian for more information. (815) 474-0440



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**“If You Die Without Jesus”
Luke 16:19-31**

I. You will be _____ v. 22

II. You will be _____ vv. 23-26

III. You will want _____ vv. 27,28

IV. You will know _____ vv. 29-31

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“Where were you when I established the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.”

Job 38:4

Here’s a tip: When God is asking you sarcastic, rhetorical questions, it’s best to say nothing. For the most part, Job spoke the truth about God. But there were times when he questioned God’s justice and goodness. There were times when Job justified himself and declared God to be in the wrong.

How often do we question God for how He governs the affairs of the world and, more personally, how He governs the affairs of our own lives? The truth is, we only see a fraction of a fraction of what is really happening.

In this final section of the book, God asks Job dozens of rhetorical questions, each one highlighting the gulf between God’s wisdom and Job’s finitude. Job finally responds to God: “I am so insignificant. How can I answer you? I place my hand over my mouth. . . . I spoke about things I did not understand, things too wondrous for me to know” (40:4; 42:3).

Job is never told why he was afflicted so terribly, losing his family, his livestock, and his health. (Only we, the readers, receive revelation about the behind-the-scenes interactions between Satan and God in chapters 1-2.) Although Job was never told why those things happened, I think he received something better. He heard God speak. He learned of God’s infinite wisdom. Then, he experienced how God graciously reversed his fortunes by giving him twice as much as he had once possessed.

There’s so much we don’t know about God and His governance over the world. Our perspectives are limited by our creatureliness and by our sin. Yet, God has revealed to us everything we need to know in His Word and in His Son. By God’s grace in Christ, our fortunes, too, have been reversed—receiving righteousness and adoption because Jesus bore our sin and suffered God’s wrath. We don’t (we can’t) know everything—but we know that God is wise and that He is good.

I believe Paul’s words in Romans 11:33-36 summarize what Job learned the day that God spoke to him:

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!*

*“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”*

*“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”*

*For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory
forever. Amen.*

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

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

8-9-2026

Hide God’s Word in your Heart

**“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. “**

Romans 6:23