

**Helmar Lutheran Church**  
**Newark, IL**  
Sunday, July 13, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Presentation by Shari Chapman\*

Hymn: "He Leadeth Me"

Scripture reading: Psalm 33:18-22

Ephesians 2:8-10

Apostle's Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "Praise"

"Evidence"

No Children's Church (resumes August 17th. Nursery is available)

Sermon: "The Joy of Obedience"

Psalm 32:8-11

Benediction

Hymn: "Trust and Obey"

Postlude

\*Door offering for We are Called to Care

Upcoming Events:

M-F: 9am VBS

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle  
6:30pm Youth BYBS @ Dave and Shira Christian's

Th: 7pm VBS Program

Sun: 9:30 Fellowship  
10am Worship service in the Sanctuary

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21  
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- **VBS News:** Starts tomorrow! Please be in prayer for all of those involved: health and strength for workers, a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, and much spiritual fruit!
- July 21-23 **Basketball Camp** There will be four college students (two men, including Andrew Maxwell, and two women) from FLBC, and head men's basketball coach Logan Strand coming to play basketball with kids from our church and hopefully a few others from our area. They will be connecting with students, pointing the kids to Jesus through devotions and testimonies, and playing basketball. They will work on some skills, foster friendships, and will have age and gender appropriate scrimmages. There will also be a "best jersey contest." The kids are also encouraged to bring fun NBA, NCAA, etc., jerseys. There will be a couple prizes for that. It is open to boys and girls, middle school and high school. It is word of mouth, with no registration and no fees. This will be on Monday and Tuesday night at 6:30pm, and Wednesday afternoon at 1 pm, July 21st-23rd. The team will also be leading our youth group time at Helmar on Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. Please see Pastor Alex for details.
- Cover art by Eloise Meyer



**July 13, 2025**  
**“The Joy of Obedience”**  
**Psalm 32:8-11**

Those who know the forgiveness of sins provided by Jesus and the Cross find joy in obedience to Him.

Obedience means:

I. Being \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 8,9

II. Being \_\_\_\_\_ v. 10

III. Being \_\_\_\_\_ v. 11

**Coming this fall: Small Group Bible Studies**

In lieu of a Wednesday evening Adult class, we will be starting in-home small group Bible Studies in September. The deacons are looking for 4 people who would be willing to host these small groups. They can take place any evening that you choose, and you only need to provide the location. You do not need to lead the study. Refreshments are at your discretion, but not necessary. The studies will run from September 7th through December 1st.

If you would be interested in hosting one of these small groups, or have questions, please visit the Welcome Center.

- Helmar is still in need of a leader for the Shoebox Drop-off during the National Collection Week (11/11-11/24) for Operation Christmas Child. For more details, please see Dan Hanback or Stacy Christian.
- The **FLBC Alumni Picnic** is happening August 2nd starting at 12:00 here at Helmar! Come and enjoy a free meal, just bring a side or dessert to share! There will be games (you are welcome to bring yard games such as bags, football, etc) and President Wade Mobley will give the devotional and a school update. All FLBC alumni, family, and friends are welcome, and it would be a great joy to fellowship together there. You do not need to be alumni to attend! The expectation is that this picnic will draw people from our area, across church lines, for a relaxed time of fellowship.
- The Door Offering for the Hiller's was \$1593.
- An additional \$1000 was donated for Gallos.

**Spiritual Disciplines Sheet**  
**7-13-25**  
**Hide God's Word in your Heart**

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”  
Romans 12:2

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If you would like to provide **fresh flowers** for the altar, in memoriam or celebration, please contact Pam Nelson.

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**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 talk with the greeters or stop by the Welcome Center.  
If you feel comfortable doing so, please share your contact info so that we can get to know you better. You can tear off this portion and drop it in the donation box or give it to an usher. We promise not to spam your phone or email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request:

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*"Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men."*

Luke 5:10

This is an evangelical word by which weak hearts may obtain consolation. We have seen in this Gospel how God looks after our bodily needs. He provided Peter with so many fish when he would have probably had enough with two or so. God also fills Peter so richly spiritually that he should have enough also in this respect to share it with others. He makes Peter a fisherman both bodily and spiritually. In a bodily manner, Peter catches so many fish that he can sell them; spiritually, however, he is to become a fisher of men, for he has the Gospel with which he is to bring in others and extend the kingdom of Christ.

When men come to faith, God gives them so much that they are in a position to help all men, outwardly with their property and goods, and from their spiritual resources they are equipped to teach others and make them rich inwardly. When men come to faith, they must proclaim it to others and tell others of their experiences.

The psalmist knew all about this when he wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners will return to thee" (Psalm 51:10–13).

When I believe, I come to know God. Then I also see what others are lacking and proceed to proclaim the Gospel to them. I am in a position as a believer to feed the hungry both bodily and spiritually.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE:** 2 Corinthians 5:11-15

#### PRAYER

*Thanks and praise be Yours, heavenly Father, for the riches of both bodily and spiritual blessings which You continue to shower upon us. Grant us the insights to use all these blessings to relieve the needs of our neighbors and for the glory of Your kingdom, in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

Excerpt from *Luther for the Busy Man* (Minneapolis, MN: Ambassador Publications, 2021), 254.

AFLC Promotion for July is the Free Lutheran Seminary

