

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, June 21st, 2026
Father's Day

Welcome

Hymn: "God of Our Fathers"

Scripture reading: Exodus 34:4-7

Psalm 103:1-5

Confession of Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "The Love of God"

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

"God, You're So Good"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon Series: "The Goodness of God 250"

Part Two: "There is a Time..."

Ecclesiastes 3:8

Benediction

Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"

Postlude

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Upcoming Events:

M: 3-5pm Food Pantry

Tu: 6:30-8:30pm "I Love America" Choir practice in the lower level

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

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group

Sun: 9:30am Fellowship  
10am Worship service

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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Registration is open for the **Family and Youth Bible Camp!** July 19-23rd at Cedar Lake, Indiana. Keynote speaker is Pastor Steve Larson, and Don Davidson and Jim Osmond are leading adult Bible studies this year. If you are a current HLC member, Helmar will help send you to camp. Reach out to Kristen or Jacob Mathre for more details.

Register at <https://www.fybiblecamp.com/>

VBS is coming July 6-10th and we need you to join us in sharing Jesus with the children in our community! Please sign up at the welcome center to volunteer.

Stacy will be traveling to South Africa with Samaritan's Purse and out of the office from 6/17 through 6/24. You may call or email the church office as normal with anything you need. Please do not contact Stacy's personal number during this time.



June 21st, 2026

**“There is a Time...”
Ecclesiastes 3:8**

As we head toward the 250th birthday of our nation, we are going to spend the Sundays in June, and the first in July, focusing on the Judeo-Christian heritage of our country.

What we learn from the founding of our nation, among other things, is that there is a time to take a stand.

I. Are you _____?

II. Are you _____?

III. Are you _____?

IV. Are you _____?

June 21, 2026

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

Exodus 20:12

Father’s Day invites us to reflect on one of God’s timeless commands: “*Honor your father.*” It is more than a rule about family, it is a call to live out God’s heart of love and respect within the relationships that shape us most deeply.

To “*honor*” means to show respect, gratitude, and recognition for the role of fatherhood. For some, that is a joyful act. A response to years of love, sacrifice, and steady care. For others, those words are hard to hear. Not every father has lived honorably, and not every memory brings comfort. Yet God’s command remains, not to burden us, but to free us. To lift our eyes beyond human failure and help us see that “*honor is first an act of worship to God,*” who is always faithful.

And to fathers who carry regret. To those who feel they’ve failed, been absent, or spoken words they wish they could take back, hear this word of grace: God is not finished with you. The same God who commands honor also extends mercy. Through Jesus Christ, forgiveness and new beginnings are always possible. You cannot change the past, but by God’s grace you can shape what comes next. You can still love, still lead, and still point your family to the One who restores broken hearts.

The fourth commandment comes with a promise: “*that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.*” God blesses those who choose forgiveness, humility, and reconciliation. When we honor our fathers and when fathers seek to walk in God’s ways, healing can begin. The home becomes a place of grace, and God’s love takes root where pain once lived.

On this Father’s Day, we thank God for every faithful dad, and we remember that our ultimate hope and comfort is in our Heavenly Father, who never fails, never leaves, and never stops loving. He welcomes every father and every child to come home through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your perfect love. Help me to honor my father, and help fathers everywhere to walk in Your grace. Heal what is broken, restore what is lost, and make our homes reflect Your heart. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

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AFLC Promotion for June is Evangelism and Discipleship

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

6-21-2026

Hide God’s Word in your Heart

“And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.”

Acts 17:26