

**Helmar Lutheran Church**  
**Newark, IL**  
Sunday, June 14th, 2026  
Second Sunday after Trinity

Welcome

Hymn: "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Scripture reading: Nahum 1:6,7

II Timothy 2:14-19

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Baptism

Praise Team: "Behold Our God"

"Homesick for Heaven"

"The Goodness of God"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon Series: "The Goodness of God 250"

Part Two: "A Refuge from the Storm"

Psalm 62

Benediction

Hymn: "The Solid Rock"

Postlude

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Baptism of  
Jay Howard Mathre  
DoB: 3/29/2026

Parents: Jared and Kynsey Mathre

Grandparents: Marlon & Sheila Mathre, Scott & Tina Cryder

Sponsors: Jacob & Kristen Mathre

"But Jesus said, 'Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

Matthew 19:14

Upcoming Events:

Tu: 6:30-8pm "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. **Don't miss the June 15th camp T-shirt deadline!**

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.

The Door Offering for Mikayla Durland was \$2336.

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.



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Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2026

2:00-4:00

12033 W Helmar Road  
Newark, IL 60541

Come join us as we celebrate the  
opening of our new office

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



**June 14th, 2026**

**“A Refuge in the Storm”  
Psalm 62:8**

This is your opportunity to see the lovely Ministry House, which is the answer to prayer for a facility for the J2R ministry. Thank you to all those who have given time and talents to make this possible!

June 14, 2026

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Psalm 46:1

Psalm 46:1 is a favorite for all generations and stands as a beacon of hope in the midst of chaos. It is believed that this verse was written during uncertain times—possibly amid invasions or natural disasters. Without question it encapsulates a profound Biblical truth: *God's unwavering reliability when life unravels.*

The word “refuge” presents a fortress, a safe haven from enemies or peril. In the ancient Near East, cities like Jerusalem relied on fortified walls for protection. The psalmist points out that God Himself is that impenetrable shield. “Strength” implies not just endurance but an inner fortitude that empowers us to stand firm no matter the peril or chaos. The phrase “a very present help” is particularly striking—translated from Hebrew *matsa* (to find or attain), it suggests God is not distant or delayed but immediately accessible, like a rescuer arriving just in time.

Biblically, this theme is repeated throughout Scripture. David, fleeing Saul’s wrath, found God as his rock (Psalm 18:2). Jesus echoed this truth in the New Testament, calming the storm (Mark 4:39) to reveal His presence over chaos. The verse even inspired Martin Luther’s hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” a rallying cry during the Reformation’s trials.

Today, Psalm 46:1 speaks volumes to anxiety, pandemics, or personal crises. When economies falter or relationships fracture, it invites us to shift focus from circumstances to our savior Jesus! It’s a call to prayer, trusting Jesus’ nearness rather than self-reliance. As the psalmist concludes, “Be still, and know that I am God” (v. 10)—a reminder that true peace flows from recognizing His supremacy.

However, Psalm 46:1 isn’t a magic formula, but it is a lifeline. It assures believers that in every trouble, Jesus, God the Son and Savior, is not only sufficient but intimately involved. When we call on His name and embrace His truth, it transforms fear into faith, weakness into resilience. Whether facing physical unrest or quiet despair, we can claim this promise: *Our refuge stands eternal, our help ever-present.*

Pr. Tom Parrish  
AFLC Evangelism and Discipleship Board  
Mendota Heights, Minnesota

AFLC Promotion for June is Evangelism and Discipleship

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***Helmar exists to be a:  
Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,  
Burden-Bearing Church***

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**Spiritual Disciplines Sheet**

**6-7-2026**

**Hide God’s Word in your Heart**

“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.’”

John 8:31,32