

**Helmar Lutheran Church  
Newark, IL**

Sunday, December 31, 2023  
Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

Scripture reading: Isaiah 40:3-8

James 1:5-17

The Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer:

Praise Team:

Sermon: "New Year, Same Lord Jesus"

Benediction

Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Postlude

**Helmar Lutheran Church**

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

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**This Week at Helmar...**

- Wed. 2 pm Adult Bible Study  
Studying Hebrews with David Jeremiah
- Thurs. 7:00-8:30pm GriefShare,  
13 week (non-cumulative) grief counseling group  
meets in the Fireside Room
- Fri. 9am Ladies Prayer Time  
Fireside Room
- Sun. 9:30am Fellowship Time  
10am Worship



**December 31, 2023**

**“New Year, Same Lord Jesus”  
Hebrews 13:1-8**

I. Jesus is the Lord of \_\_\_\_\_.

II. Jesus is the Lord of \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Jesus is the Lord of \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Announcements**

**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. We have a gift bag for you.

Last day to pick up free **2024 Calendars** in the FLC!

Our only fundraiser for the Food Pantry, **The Kumla Supper** is on January 20th. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are on the table in the FLC.

**Offering Envelopes & Year-End Statements**—assigned offering envelopes are available in the FLC lobby. To request a giving statement, please contact the church office at [helmarlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:helmarlutheran@gmail.com).

**Door Offering**—Helmar has had the privilege of developing a close relationship with and sending money monthly to Jonathan & Indira Maraj for over 50 years. We all remember many stories and have been incredibly blessed by his teaching. After his passing a few months ago, Indira has decided to carry on with their ministry. And she is traveling to India and to Nepal. They also accumulated some medical expenses over the last few years. On Sunday, Jan. 7 we will have a Door Offering to assist her with bills and with her continued ministry.

Thank you, The Missions Committee

**Men’s Bible Study**-Men, you are invited to the Wednesday 6:30 am Men’s Bible study resuming Jan. 10. A new study titled: “A Journey with Jonah” will start. We meet at Southern Belle’s restaurant in Yorkville.

**Audio/Video/Music Team**-A planning meeting will be held on January 23rd at 6:30pm. Please plan to attend.

**Spiritual Discipline Sheet**  
**12-31-23**

**Hide God's Word in your Heart**

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

**Pray for:** All men and women serving our country and specifically those from our congregation:

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| LCpl Aden Baker   | Lt. Col Jeff Moore   |
| TSgt Terry Frank  | SSgt. Kirsten Thomas |
| A1C Morgan Thomas |                      |

**Pray for:** Our Shut-ins.

Karl Michaelson—Regency, Morris

- **Pray for: Missionaries**
- Todd and Barbara Shierkolk in Mexico
- Jeff and Jane Swenson in Kansas-Alaska Mission
- Cup of Cold Water Ministries
- The situation in Ukraine and Israel



Prayer Requests.....

Chris Behl— cancer treatments

Donna Brown— cancer

Jody Burke—cancer

Bob Cervenka— throat cancer—Pray that he might be able to breath on his own, without a trach

Steve Chamberlain—cancer

Linda Chally—stroke recovery

Bess Christian— PT for back, hoping to avoid surgery

Bob Christian has been released by his doctor and is doing well. However, prayer would still be appreciated as he gets used to being on his feet and feeling secure in that and gains strength.

Carol Christian— health

Jim—cancer

Justin Leggett— health

Jim Johnson— stroke recovery, cancer

Jim Leifheit—cancer

Sharon & Jon McKanna— Jon's ongoing health issues

Eli McManus—health

Dietrich Rosenwinkel— heart issues

Dick and Lotretta Volker—serious health issues

Tom Washko— serious health issues

**\*Please contact the office to add or remove someone to our list to help it stay current each month.**

**Thank you.**