

August 25, 2024

EVERYDAY HEROS

Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:17

Here in America, we are surrounded with stories of heroism. We are inundated with superheroes, sports players, military officers, and small-town heroes. Enamored with the idea of defeating mighty foes and overcoming giant obstacles to save the day, we behold the mighty men and applaud.

But then we turn away to our everyday lives and mourn the glory that could have been ours. We wonder, When is it my turn?

We forget that all the best stories point back to the best story ever—that of Christ coming to earth as a man to live among us, bear our sorrows, die on our behalf, and forgive the sins of the world. We forget that He rose again, victorious over sin, death, and the devil, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

We forget that God has included us in His work. We forget that the works of God done through mankind aren't found primarily in the mighty men of old, but in the faithfulness of the everyday person. The preaching of Paul would have failed to reach the nations if scores of new believers hadn't remained strong in the faith, established churches, funded his ministry, and sent out missionaries of their own even after he had left them to start more churches. The Reformation of Luther would have failed to redeem the Church from her apostasy without the printers to spread his words, his friends saving him from certain death on the path from Worms, and everyday pastors taking up the call and spreading the Gospel anew to their congregations. Hauge's revival would have fallen flat without people inviting him into their homes, hosting small crowds in their living rooms, and fathers restarting catechetical instruction at their dinner tables. The AFLC would have died out long ago if it weren't for the faithfulness of the everyday believers coming to church on Sundays, supporting their pastors, raising their children in the faith, coming to the Annual Conference, and praying and supporting the ministries of the Association.

It's time to remember the calling with which we have been called (Ephesians 4:1). If you're waiting for your turn, know that it is now. "Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."

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AFLC Promotion for August is Parish Education



Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, August 25th, 2024
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "There Is Power In The Blood"

Scripture reading: Daniel 4:34-37

I Peter 2:13-17

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "Our God Reigns"

"Trust in You"

"Behold Our God"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "The Two Kingdoms of the Sovereign God, pt. 2"

Romans 13:1-7

Hymn: "My Savior's Love"

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Doxology"

Postlude

Mon. 3-5pm Food Pantry

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's
7-9pm Youth Group BYBS @ Rozema's

Sun: 9:30am Fellowship
10am Worship **last week in the FLC**
6:00pm GriefShare

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 and talk with Scott and Tina. We have a gift bag for you.

Sign up sheets for the upcoming **Ladies' Bible Studies** are available at the Welcome Center. Please note the time correction for the evening study.

*We are looking for volunteers to help with childcare for the mothers attending the evening study, September 12-November 21, 7:00-8:30 pm. Call Rich 630-212-1725.

Bulletin Art by Camden Zettergren

If you have missed any of the bulletins designed by our youth, the extras will be available in the FLC the first two Sundays of September.

The Helmar Quilters will be starting a new season with a breakfast on August 28th at 9am at Sunfield in Yorkville. See Myrtle Duvick for details.

Ladies' Prayer Hour begins on September 6th at 9am in the Fireside Room.

The Youth Group will launch their fall session on September 11th at 6:30pm. Anyone entering 6th grade is welcome to join them at that time.



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“The Two Kingdoms of the Sovereign God:
The Earthly, Left Hand”
Romans 13:1-7

I. What to do:

A. _____ vv. 1,2

B. _____ vv. 6,7

C. (Bonus) _____ I Timothy 2:1,2

II. Reasons to do it:

A. _____ vv. 1,2

B. _____ vv. 3,4

Consider God’s Full _____.

Consider Our Full _____.

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Rally Day—Our Sunday School and Fall schedule will launch on September 8th. Please be in prayer for the teachers as they prepare for the new classes. Plan to join us for a potluck picnic following the worship service that day. The church will provide chicken and beverages. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Seating will be available indoor and outdoor. Signup sheets are available at the Welcome Center.