

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, August 17, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Proverbs 6:20-23

Confession of Faith

Praise Team: "You Are My All In All"

"O Praise The Name"

"King of Kings"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "When You Have the Lord"

Psalm 103:1-5

Benediction

Hymn: "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

"Doxology"

Postlude

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There will be a farewell cake fellowship for the Woodworth family following the worship service in the FLC. All are welcome!

Upcoming Events:

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle  
6:30pm BYBS @ the church

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

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21  
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- The Adult Bible Study will resume on September 10th at 2pm in the library. They will be studying I & II Samuel. Please see Mac or Patti McKenna for details.
- The Helmar quilting group will resume on September 10th, from 9am to 2pm in the lower level. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month and would love for you to join them!
- BLAST (preschool-5th grade), and youth classes will resume here at the church on September 10th. There will be an ice cream social at 6 pm.
- Midweek Adult Small Groups will begin the week of September 14th. Look for sign up sheets in the Welcome Center next Sunday.
- The Ladies' Bible Study will begin on September 18th at 9:30am in the library. There will not be an evening study. They will be starting a new study on the book of Nehemiah, "The Call to the Wall". See Angie Lombardo for details. Signup sheets are available at the Welcome Center.
- Bulletin art by Ashley Pilon
- Stacy Swenson will be here on October 5th to share an update on Light of the Moon ministries and Ahava house with the adult and high school Sunday school classes. We will be meeting in the lower level at 9am.

Rally Sunday

September 7th

- Sunday School classes will be kicking off for the new year on September 7th at 9am. There will be a dedication of the Sunday School teachers in the Sanctuary and then the children will be dismissed to their classes.
- Following the worship service, we will be having the Annual Church Picnic. It will be potluck. Last names ending in A-I can bring salads, J-P can bring hot dishes, and Q-Z can bring desserts. Of course, if you have a “signature” dish, you may bring that as well! The church will provide chicken, table service and beverages.
- Please sign up for the picnic at the Welcome Center so that we know how much chicken to order.
- There will be activities planned for children and adults.
- We are working with the Yorkville Fire Department to provide training on the anti-choking devices and the AED in the building on Rally Sunday. This is not confirmed yet. If it does happen on the 7th, we will schedule it for another time.



August 17, 2025 **“When You Have The Lord”** **Psalm 103:1-5**

Here in this psalm, David focuses on God’s goodness. The Holy Spirit encourages us to not forget the amazing benefits we have received from the Lord, not because they are deserved, but because of His grace and mercy in Christ. Please note what you do when you have the Lord in your life:

I. _____ v. 1

II. _____ v. 2

III. _____ vv. 3-5

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"It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant."
Matthew 20:26-28

For many people, the leadership experience can be summed up in two words: do better. We all lead, and it's a balancing act, especially for leadership in the church. Those you lead want different things, and the path you lead along is full of decisions, pitfalls, and places where few are willing to go. But that's the idea. You're the leader, so do your job. It's easy to grow cynical with a view like this, and unfortunately, cynicism seems to be a quality all poor leaders have (that and an appalling disregard for the classics—"The Princess Bride" comes to mind, but more on that later).

This year at the Free Lutheran Bible College has been an incredible journey for me. Through serving on Student Council and discussing leadership with Dr. Wade Mobley in the "Thorpe Program," God has gifted me so many ways to grow in my faith. Events, outreaches, Bible studies—each of these things offer ways to see God work in new ways through community and leadership. But what is "leadership" all about? To quote Inigo Montoya, "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."

At FLBC, I've learned that leadership is all about people. Nowhere is this more evident than in the ministry of Jesus Christ, and I have found the New Testament studies at FLBC to be just as insightful into the heart of leadership as the classes devoted to leadership. Paul states in Romans 12:3 that we should not "think of ourselves more highly than we ought to," but rather put others before ourselves. Christ emulates this perfectly, providing an example of servanthood, humility, and sacrifice that we call "servant leadership." Christ loved people before He led them. For myself, it is so easy to lead without love, and leadership like this so quickly devolves into cynicism, seeing and expecting the worst in those you serve. It brings jealousy, pride, and hate—all things that not only hinder our relationship with others, but with God. Servant leadership is entirely different. Seeing those we serve as children of God brings peace and joy into our leadership journey. It opens our hearts, draws us nearer to God, and allows Him to work through us more powerfully.

The leadership experience can be summed up in two words: see clearer. See the wonder of serving and loving God's creations.

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