

Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday in Advent

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Prelude

Opening Hymn #245 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Vs. 1-4

Welcome

Scripture Readings: Matthew 1:18-20 John 20:30-31

Confession of Faith—Nicene Creed

Communion (in seats)

"In Remembrance" "Jesus Paid It All"

Praise Team

Children's Church is Dismissed

Sermon: "A Hymn of Praise" Revelation 1:5b-7

Benediction

Praise Team

Postlude

There are offering boxes as you enter/exit the
Sanctuary for your tithes and offerings.

Helmar Lutheran Church

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***Standing on the Word of God,
Lifting Up Jesus Christ, Ministering to One Another
Helmar exists to be a:
Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making, Burden-Bearing
Church***

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This Week at Helmar...

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's
4:30-6:30pm After School Youth Program
6:30pm Advent Service
6:30pm H.S. Bible Study, JAM & BLAST

Thurs. 6:00pm DWWC Christmas Dinner

Fri. 9am Ladies Prayer Hour
5-7pm Food Pantry

Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study
3:00pm Christmas Caroling (meet at church)

Sun. 8:30am Fellowship Time
9:00am Sunday School
10am Worship
11:15-11:45 or 12 Practice for children with
speaking parts in the Christmas program



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A HYMN OF PRAISE
Revelation 1:5b-7

The Book of Revelation presents the unveiling of Jesus Christ. It reveals Jesus in all His glory. In addition, His ministry is demonstrated in the text today.

I. Jesus' _____ v. 5b

II. Jesus' _____ v. 5c-6

III. Jesus' _____ v. 7

Announcements

Ladies & daughters, we will see you Thursday for a special evening out. If you are not able to sign up because of a prior commitment and that commitment gets changed, please come Thursday night and enjoy yourself. There will be plenty of food! Sig Hagen will have a special message to get us looking forward to the Christmas season! Sign up in the FLC lobby so the committee can order the chicken. Please bring a dish to share.

Christmas Caroling- Be sure to sign-up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in caroling on December 10th at 3pm. We will meet at the church and go from there. Afterwards, we will meet back in the Fireside Room for refreshments and fellowship.

CHRISTMAS CARDS! There will be a box at the Welcome Center to deposit your Christmas Cards for those who regularly attend Helmar. Please have them in by 9am on December 18th! Thank You!

Christmas Program Practices for those with speaking parts will be on Sundays, December 4th and 11th following the church service for 30-45 minutes. Everyone will practice on Saturday, December 17th from 9-11am in the FLC. There will also be practice during the S.S. time on the 18th. The program itself will be during the church service that day.

THANK YOU! We would like to honor all who have volunteered to serve in any way at Helmar church during 2022. There will be a recognition banquet for adults and youth on Saturday, January 7 at 5 pm. The place is to be determined. There is no cost but please sign up at the Welcome Center. We need to know how many to plan for. If you have served in big or little ways, public or private, you are invited to the recognition. And, thank you for your service!

Clothing Drive! The Youth group is putting on a clothing Drive thru the rest of the year. Please bring in any and all sizes of good used or new clothes, shoes and boots. Please clean them before you bring them to us. All donations will be going to Bethany Park Clothing Center.

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2. Paper goods- napkins, cups, snack plates
3. Wrapping supplies- tape, gift bags, to/from stickers, tissue paper, wrapping paper
4. Cookies/snacks- homemade or bought
5. Display racks for store (will be returned)

If you (and/or your family) are interested in donating or volunteering, please contact Katie at 630-518-2221 or at theblessingbandits@gmail.com

LIVESTREAM- Be sure to watch our livestream events thru the Helmar App or at helmarlutheranchurch.com for better viewing. Sometimes there can be issues watching on Facebook live.

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