

**Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL**

Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn #249 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; 33:14-18

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

Communion

Praise Team

Children Dismissed for Children's Church

Sermon: "The Gospel Preacher" Luke 4:16-22

Benediction

Hymn #244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Postlude

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

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This Week at Helmar...

- Mon. 6:00pm DWWC Ladies Christmas Dinner
Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Southern Belle's
6:30pm BLAST
6:30pm Advent Service
Fri. 9am Ladies Prayer Hour
5-7pm Food Pantry
Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study
Sun. 8:30am Fellowship Time
9am Sunday School
10am Worship



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**“The Gospel Preacher”
Luke 4:16-22**

On this First Sunday in Advent we are reminded of the essence of Jesus’ first coming. He came bringing a distinct message of God’s grace and mercy. Let’s look at the text and consider two realities.

I. The _____ v. 18a

II. The _____ vv, 18b-19

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 Desk. We have a gift bag for you. It would also be helpful if you could fill out the enclosed **Friendship Registry**, so that we can send you the newsletter and other information, such as weather closures, etc.

D.W.W.C. Ladies Christmas Dinner is TOMORROW, December 4, at 6pm in the Lower Level. It is a potluck (please bring a dish to pass), with the church providing the chicken. The speaker for the evening will be Cindy Akre. "It's All About Jesus" is the message to be shared. We are looking forward to our hearts being refreshed and to hear of the hope and peace found only in Jesus. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we know how many to plan for.

Library—There is a copy of “Brave at Heart: A Christian Coach’s Journey through Life & Cancer” in our church library. A book written by Blake Sebring about Marc Davidson. Please only check it out for 2 weeks. It is also available to purchase on Amazon.

Children’s Christmas Program Practices-

Speaking parts only: Sunday, Dec 3rd & 10th right after church for about 30-45 minutes

Everyone: Saturday, Dec. 16th from 9am – 11am (we may get done early)

Everyone: Sunday Dec. 17th during Sunday school time

We’ll be presenting the program during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 17th.

2024 Calendars are available at the Welcome thru the end of December.

Spiritual Discipline Sheet
12-3-23

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:

LCpl Aden Baker	Lt. Col Jeff Moore
TSgt Terry Frank	SSgt. Kirsten Thomas
1stLt Shawn O'Malley	A1C Morgan Thomas

Pray for: Our Shut-ins.

Karl Michaelson—Regency, Morris

- **Pray for: Missionaries**
- David & Marivel Hiller in Bolivia
- Paul & Paula Jarot in Florida
- Pregnancy Information Center
- 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—recovering from surgery
Carol Christian— health
Lois Clauson family
Betty Enger family
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.**