

**Helmar Lutheran Church**

**Newark, IL**

Sunday, December 17, 2023

Third Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: #265 "The First Noel"

"Glory"

Presented by the S.S. children and youth

Written and directed by Kary Niles

Speaking parts: Korra Wilson, Charlotte Wilson, Payton Yaggie, Christian Pilon, Brooklyn Osmond, Eloise Meyer, Redington Sucher, Nahlise Sucher, Eli Benjamin, Autumn Mathre, and Adaline Mathre

Scripture Readings: I Timothy 6:6-10

Colossians 3:5-11

Sermon: "Grace and Instruction" Titus 2:12-14b

Benediction

Hymn: #277 "Hark! The Harold Angels Sing"

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. 3-5pm Food Pantry

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study at Southern Belle's

6:30pm JAM, BLAST

6:30pm Advent Service

Sun. 9:30am Fellowship Time

10am Worship

4:30pm Christmas Eve Service



**December 17, 2023**

**“Grace and Instruction”  
Titus 2:12, 14b**

As we spend some time in this portion of Scripture, we find that grace has a teaching role in our lives. Advent is a great time to let God’s Instruction have a priority in our lives.

Grace instructs us:

- I. To say \_\_\_\_\_ to sin v. 12a
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- II. To \_\_\_\_\_ life v. 12b
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- III. To \_\_\_\_\_ our Owner v. 14b

## **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.

**Christmas Cards & Offering Envelopes-** Be sure to check the table in the back of the gym to see if there are any Christmas cards with your name on them. Also, if you use offering envelopes, they will be there too.

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

**Christmas Break-** There will be No Sunday School and No Children’s Church on December 24th and 31st. Nursery will be parent-led (not staffed) on those dates. There will be No Wednesday night church December 27th and January 3rd.

**Grief Share-** Grief counselling group hosted by Tom and Linda Mathre will be meeting from January 4th-March 28th , Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Fireside Room. Lessons are not cumulative, so if you miss a week, you will not have to “catch up”. You may register online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org), or just come as you are!

**FYI...**After 16 years, Sue Johnson is retiring as Helmar’s secretary. Stacy Christian is stepping into that role, so you may contact her through the church email, or at 630-251-6733 with any church related needs that you have.

**Spiritual Discipline Sheet**  
**12-17-23**

**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**
- Jim & Judy Larson in Thailand
- Jon & Hannah Lee in Brazil
- Journey To Restoration
- 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.**