

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, August 24, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Scripture reading: Isaiah 40:8-11

I Peter 2:18-25

Confession of Faith: Acts 17:24-28

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "Blessed Be Your Name"

"Same God"

"What A Beautiful Name"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "No Other Shepherd"

Selected Scriptures

Benediction

Hymn: "Trust and Obey"

Postlude

Upcoming Events:

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle
6:30pm BYBS @ The Benjamin's

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

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

- 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.
- 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 Adaline Mathre.
- 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.
- We are still looking for a couple of families to help with Children's Church. This is a great opportunity to impact our little ones with a love for Jesus, God's Word, and His Church! Please see Kristen Mathre for details.

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.

*The training by the Fire Department mentioned last week will be scheduled at another time. To help us know how many classes to arrange, please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested. The training will include instructions on the AED devices in the building, and hands only (no certification) CPR.

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- Midweek Adult Small Groups will begin the week of September 14th. Each group will be studying the sermon for the upcoming Sunday. They are as follows:

~Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Don & Mary Greven’s in Newark
~Thursdays at 6:30pm at Scott & Tina Cryder’s in Minooka
~Thursdays at 7pm at Marlon & Sheila Mathre’s in Newark
~Fridays at 7:30pm at Brian & Carrie Pilon’s in Minooka

- Look for sign up sheets in the Welcome Center.
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*We are looking for someone to keep the refrigerator in the FLC stocked with pop & water and pick up more drinks when needed. Please see Stacy Christian if you are interested in taking on this job.



August 24, 2025 “No Other Shepherd”

A shepherd is a person who obviously cares for sheep. He tends, leads, cares, and protects. The “shepherd” concept, according to Scripture, points to God and His care for us. Today we consider the encouraging descriptions of our Shepherd from the Word.

I. Jesus is our _____ Shepherd (John 10:11,14)

II. Jesus is our _____ Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20)

III. Jesus is our _____ Shepherd (I Peter 5:4)

Spiritual Disciplines Sheet
8-24-25
Hide God's Word in your Heart

“The Lord is my shepherd,
I will not be in need.”
Psalm 23:1

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If you would like to provide **fresh flowers** for the altar, in memoriam or celebration, please contact Lori Chelsen.

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**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 talk with the greeters or stop by the Welcome Center.  
If you feel comfortable doing so, please share your contact info so that we can get to know you better. You can tear off this portion and drop it in the donation box or give it to an usher. We promise not to spam your phone or email.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request:

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At the Free Lutheran Bible College, students are placed in discipleship groups. We call them D-groups. Groups of two to three students are paired with a mentor and meet weekly as a group. During these meetings, we dive into a specified topic or passage of Scripture after completing a weekly assignment. These groups are designed to model what disciple making looks like as we consider how we will intentionally pour into others now and in the future.

At FLBC we have many opportunities to grow in our faith. However, D-groups provide an extremely unique opportunity unlike anything else we have here. School and life are extremely busy. The D-group setting provides a time and space to sit down and have an open conversation about the Bible and life. In the busyness, it is easy to overlook the value of having intentional conversations that point each other back to Jesus. During this time, I have especially appreciated the chance to catch up and pray for each other. It has been really sweet to see the way God has worked in our lives through this.

Another important aspect of discipleship groups has been getting to know the other girl in my group. We are in class together every day and do a lot in groups outside of class, but getting to hear her heart in our meetings is amazing to me. I love the way she processes things and sees them in a way I never would. We balance each other well, and I have learned so many things from her that I never would have otherwise.

John 13:34-35 says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Our D-group has provided an opportunity to learn how to love toward this end. This is a beautiful reflection of the Gospel. Disciple making is all about loving others through sharing the love of Christ. And through it, a busy world may see our love for one another and the love of Christ. Small group discipleship is extremely impactful and has become a huge passion of mine, as through it, Christ's love is made known.

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