

**Helmar Lutheran Church**  
**Newark, IL**  
Sunday, September 15, 2024  
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "There is Power in the Blood"

Scripture reading: Isaiah 26:1-6

Galatians 5:16-24

Baptism

Praise Team: "Praise"

"Trust in God"

"Lord I Need You"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "The Supremacy of Jesus"

Colossians 1:15-20

Benediction

Hymn: "Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Postlude

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's  
NO 2pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30pm Classes for All Ages

Thurs. 9:30am Ladies Bible Study in the lower level  
7pm Ladies Bible Study in the lower level

Fri. 9am Ladies Prayer Hour in the Fireside Room

Sat. 8am Men's Bible Study

Sun: 8:30am Fellowship  
9am Sunday School for all ages  
10am Worship  
6:00pm GriefShare

**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 and talk with Eric and Emily. We have a gift bag for you.



**September 15th, 2024**  
“The Supremacy of Jesus”  
Colossians 1:15-20

Who is this Jesus? Our text today provides some answers. The Bible, the Word of God, is fundamentally a Book about Him. Jesus Christ is supreme and worthy of our worship!

Who is Jesus?

I. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 15a

II. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 15b

III. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 16,17

IV. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 18

V. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 19,20

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*His tender mercies are over all his works.*

Psalm 145:9

After staying in the United States for eight years, I have found that we take for granted the so-called comfort brought by freedom and material abundance, and we seldom recall God's mercy and protection in the days of oppression and shortage. Sometimes our complaints about people, things, circumstances, and even God, are far more true expressions of our inner feelings than our confession and praise! When we give thanks to God, do we only thank Him as the Creator of the world or only remember that He is the provider of our daily bread? When God does not respond to us immediately like Aladdin's genie, our faith may begin to shake and we may question God's love—"I am in so much trouble, where are you God?" We tend to forget that He is the one who is "slow to anger and rich in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities" (Psalm 103:10). He is not only the creator/provider, but also our SAVIOR! (Romans 4:17).

When we complain about people, things, or circumstances, we forget that His mercy is over all that He has made (Psalm 145:9). We, too, were once outsiders, and it was through the precious blood of Jesus Christ that we now are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God (Ephesians 2:11-19). Our sins are washed away! But we forget God's love and compassion are not anything like our self-centered love. His love is over all His works. "For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matthew 5:45). Can we say that we are God's work only, but that other people, animals, flowers, and trees, they are not?

Our righteous Father hates sin, but He loves us, the sinners! John 3:16 clearly reminds us, "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life!" God does not exclude anyone from His offer of grace and mercy. He does not want anyone to perish. Rather, sinners who exclude God from their lives cause their own perishing. As a parent of three little ones, I am feeling deeply about this. We know our merciful heavenly Father will never want His children to walk to destruction. Praise Him for His tender mercies!

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AFLC Promotion for September is Home Missions