Sunday, November 6, 2022
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before Him with singing. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him; bless His name.
Psalm 100:2,4

Prelude

Opening Hymn #727 "Faith Is The Victory" Vs. 1-4

Welcome

Veteran Recognition- Honoring Roger Peterson

Scripture Readings: I Corinthians 2:6-13
Ephesians 4:17-24

Confession of Faith—Nicene Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team during Communion (In the seats)

Children's Church is Dismissed

Sermon: "The Supremacy of Gratitude" Romans 1:21

Benediction

Closing Song

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
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This Week at Helmar…

Tues. 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg.
7:00pm Trustee's Mtg.
7:300pm Council Mtg.

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's
9am-2pm Quilting
2pm Adult Bible Study
4:30-6:30pm After School Youth Program
6:30pm BLAST, JAM, H.S. & Adult Bible Study

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

Sat. 8:00am Men's Bible Study

Sun. 8:30am Fellowship Time
9:00am Sunday School and
Family Mission (adults)
10am Worship

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The Supremacy of Gratitude
Romans 1:18-23; II Timothy 3:1-5

Because of God's grace, we who deserve only judgment have been given salvation in Jesus Christ. Repentance toward God and faith in Jesus' sacrifice for us should move us to thanksgiving and praise. But, sadly, ingratitude can characterize our lives. In other words, it is easy to whine rather than worship.

I. Ingratitude Can Begin a Downward Course into

_____ (Rom. 1:18-23)

II. Ingratitude Can Develop Because of the Following

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III. Gratitude is a Response to _____

_____ _(Rom. 1:21)

Announcements

Prayer Chain & Announcements will now be sent from info@helmarlutheranchurch.com. Please add this to your address book so they don't go to spam. **Please continue to use helmarlutheran@gmail.com to send things to the office.**

Election Day! Be sure to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, **November 8th**. You may go to illinoisfamily.org to view a voter guide.

Our Service persons: Please sign a word of encouragement and kindness to the service men and women listed in our church bulletin. The papers are in FLC lobby. Let's cover each page (total of 7) with permanent ink to show our support!

Bible in a Year- If you are looking for another excellent resource for reading through the Bible in one year check out Bible Pathway Ministries. They provide a monthly reading guide and commentary in booklet form, verses for memorization, and word studies. The cost is $25.00 for a year's subscription. For more information go to www.biblepathway.org

175th Congregational Pictures are ready. We were only able to get it in 8x10. The cost is $3 each. They may be picked up before or after church at the Welcome Center.

Stones Cry, will perform during the first half of the worship service on November 20th. Their music will include worship and inspirational songs in an easy listening style. The ministry consists of Joel Finnesgard, his wife (of 32 years) June and their children Joy (16) and Josiah (14). For more information, go to www.stonescry.net. l A free-will offering will be received for Stones Cry.

Do you enjoy singing Christmas songs? Here are a couple of opportunities!

Christmas Choir- We would love to have a couple of Special Choir Music numbers during the month of December. If you are interested in participating please sign up in the FLC on the sign up sheet. The number of people interested will determine if we can pull this off! THANK YOU!
Practices at approximately 7:30pm on Wednesday, November 23 and 30 to sing on December 4th and Wednesday, December 7 and 14 to sing on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Caroling- If there is enough interest, we would like to try Christmas Caroling again this year. We haven't done it for awhile, so please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested. Duane Christian will be the leader. We are looking at Saturday, December 10th at 3pm. We would go to Park Pointe in Morris (Clarence Toftoy and Pam Duvick are there) and to Sharon & Jon's. Probably go to the Senior Center in Newark. If you have any other ideas, please let Duane know. We would come back to the Fireside Room at church for some refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

Operation Christmas Child: Completed shoeboxes need to be returned to the church by **November 13th** for Stacy to deliver. November 14th-21st (national drop-off week) they will need to go to either First Baptist Church in Plano, or First Baptist Church of Goose Creek in Morris.

Family Mission at 9am, Sunday, November 13th. Kim, from "Under His Wings" will be coming to give us an update on their ministry in the Ottawa area. We have supported "Under His Wings" for several years, so it will be good to hear how God is using them at the

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Roger Peterson's interest in the military was enhanced by two of his cousins - one in the Army Reserves and the other in the National Guard. As a 16 year old, he inquired about the Army Reserves in Aurora and found out he needed to be 17 years old. On his 17th birthday in September of his senior year he received a call from the Reserve office and he decided to enlist in the Army Reserves. In early December he was to go to their next meeting in Aurora with a parent to sign up and they gave him a train ticket to Chicago for a physical and testing. After being officially inducted, he spent the last six months of his senior year as also a member of the United States Army Reserves. He graduated from Sandwich High School in June, 1968.

Basic Training was at Fort Dix in New Jersey and AIT at the same site as a radio operator for his MOS (military occupational specialty). As a reserve you spend one weekend a month training and that was usually at the Aurora Reserve facility and two weeks each summer. Those two weeks were spent at Fort Sheridan - Chicago, Fort McCoy - Wisconsin, or Fort Benjamin Harrison - Indianapolis. For three years of his time, Roger was in charge of all weaponry as a Combat Engineer for the 863rd Engineer Battalion.. As a reserve you are always on 24 hour call, but he never left the United States. All told Roger was in the United States Army Reserves from December, 1967 until December, 1973. He was honorably discharged as a Specialist 4th Class.

From his graduation in 1968 until 1973 he worked as a heavy equipment operator/truck driver in construction for his cousins, the Otto Brothers in Sandwich. After that he was an owner/trainer of a harness racing team, when that sport was really popular in Chicagoland from 1975-1980. He then worked in heavy construction for a couple years before going back to Otto Brothers in 1984. He has been with them for the last 38 years.

He married Shirlene in 1975 and they have lived in Sandwich since. They have two sons, six grandkids, and one great-granddaughter.

Helmar Lutheran Church honors the military service of Roger Peterson.