

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, September 7th, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 31:11-13

II Timothy 2:15-17

The Apostle's Creed

Praise Team: "Before the Throne of God Above"

"Behold Our God"

"Hymn of Heaven"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "Teaching the Greatest Commandment"

Deuteronomy 6

Benediction

Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Postlude

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Please join us in the FLC for a potluck picnic after the worship service!

Upcoming Events:

Tue: 6:30pm Deacon's/Trustee's Mtg, 7:30pm Council Mtg.

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle  
9am-2pm Quilting  
6pm BLAST, JAM, and Youth classes resume. We will be starting with an Ice Cream Social.

Fri: 5-7pm Food Pantry

Sun: 8:30 Fellowship  
9:00 Sunday School  
10am Worship service in the Sanctuary—Communion and Installation of Sunday School Teachers

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- Please be in prayer for Pastor and Angie as they are in St Paul, MN today. Angie is leading a weekend seminar for women at St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- The Adult Bible Study will resume on September 17th (postponed from September 10th due to a family emergency for McKennas) at 2pm in the library. They will be studying I & II Samuel. Please see Mac or Patti McKenna for details.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Door Offering for Paul & Becky Abel was \$1670.00.

We are working with the Fire Department to schedule first aid classes here at the church. Dates and times will be announced soon. Classes are limited to 12 people. 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 Yorkville
- ~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.

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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. There will be a door offering for Light of the Moon following the worship service.



**September 7, 2025**  
**“Teaching the Greatest Commandment”**  
**Deuteronomy 6**

I. \_\_\_\_\_ continually vv.1-3

II. \_\_\_\_\_ fervently vv. 4-6

III. \_\_\_\_\_ diligently vv. 7-9

IV. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord vv. 10-12

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### TELL ME A STORY

If there's anything that is true about older generations, it's that they love to tell stories—stories of good times, stories of how the world used to be, stories of laughter and of tears. There are funny stories that you will hear over and over again. There are stories of the past that will blow your mind as you try to comprehend what it would have been like to live in such a world. There are stories of fish caught and deer shot that seem to grow bigger with every telling.

In the family of God, the stories people seem to love telling the most are of when God came through. One of my grandfather's favorites is how he grew up in a very poor family in southern Iowa, and yet God provided for his impossible dream. The family of seven lived in a tiny little house that still had an outhouse all the way to the 1960s. Their car was so old that there were holes in the floor they had to make sure they didn't fall through. But this country boy felt the call to the ministry, and that meant something that had never been attempted in his family before: college. He knew there was no way he or his parents would be able to afford it, and a big part of him just wanted to give up.

But at a backyard Bible program, he heard of an organization that would pay tuition for college for any student that could memorize 500 verses in a year. My grandfather managed to find a way to Moody Bible Institute and four years later graduated with a bachelor's degree and 2,000 verses committed to memory. He later went on to get his master's degree, served in the ministry for many years, and then served on the Tri-State Central Board for the Evangelical Free Church, where he is still remembered as a man of God and of the people.

God provided for my grandfather's needs in a way that went above and beyond his wildest expectations. And God has done the same for countless people across the generations. Great is His faithfulness.

What is your story? How has God provided for you? And what about the stories of the older generations in your church? Sit at their feet and know that the God who provided for them will also take care of you.

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*Helmar exists to be a:*

***Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,  
Burden-Bearing Church***

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

### Hide God's Word in your Heart

“And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

Deuteronomy 6:5