

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, April 26th, 2026
Third Sunday after Easter

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"

Scripture reading: Acts 2:43-47

Acts 4:32-35

Confession of Faith

Praise Team: "Days of Elijah"

"The Lion and the Lamb"

"King of Kings"

Children's Church dismissed

Sermon: "What a Fellowship!"

Colossians 4:10-18

Benediction

Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Postlude

Upcoming Events:

Wed: 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's
2pm Adult Bible Study
6:30pm BLAST, JAM, HS groups
6:30pm Greven Life Group

Th: 6:30pm Cryder Life Group
7pm Mathre Life Group

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group
7:30pm Pilon Life Group

Sun: 8:30 Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship service

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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**Confirmation Sunday** will be May 17th. Please be in prayer for our  
confirmands: Carter Chelsen, Ellie Chelsen, Brett Cryder, and Payton  
Yaggie.

### Community Choir

Calling all singers to join the "I Love America" Cantata to be performed in Newark on July 5, 2026.

50 years ago, during the Bicentennial, more than 100 voices from the Kendall County area united to sing "I Love America", a musical by John W. Peterson and Don Wyrzten. It is composed of three sections focusing on patriotism, praise and prayer for America.

Songs include: I Love America, I'm Just a Flag Waving American!, In God We Trust, God of Our Fathers, The Red, White and Blue, If My People, Battle Hymn of the Republic and more!

This stirring piece calls America to turn back to our spiritual foundations and give thanks and praise to God.

The Chicagoland Pops Orchestra will provide accompaniment under the direction of John Apple.

Rehearsals will be held at Helmar Lutheran Church, lower level, from 6:30pm-8:00pm on Tuesdays, May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Thursday, July 2.

For more information and to sign up contact Sharon McKanna at 815-690-5337, [sharon.mckanna@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.mckanna@gmail.com)

Let's have a great turnout!

We are excited to announce the complete line-up for **HelmarPalooza 2026 on August 8th!**

-**Warren Peay**, a soulful Christian country artist who was a top 8 finalist on American Idol in 2023.

-**Church Friends**, a family band worshiping the Lord with rich vocal harmonies and acoustic sound best described as "gospel rock". Previously performed on America's Got Talent!

-**Eli Gable**, up and coming Christian artist touring nationwide whose musical style is a blend of Christian worship, folk, and rock.

-**Brandon Heath**, 8-time Dove Award winner and long-time singer and songwriter of many well-known Christian songs you're sure to recognize and love.

-**Stephen McWhirter**, a prominent Christian worship artist and speaker that will also share his powerful testimony of how Christ has worked in his life. He is writer and singer of the popular worship song "Come, Jesus Come," and we are excited to bring a time of impactful worship to close the night this year!

Please pray for HelmarPalooza, that all we plan will ultimately bring glory to the Lord as we strive to be obedient and honor Him! That it will be fully funded, and that the Lord will continue to bless the event with good weather. Donations can be made through the offering box here at church,

at [helmarpalooza.com](http://helmarpalooza.com) (yellow DONATE button), and through the church website and app after selecting "Donate Now". *Tickets will be available*

*May 1st!*



**April 26, 2026**

**Series: The Sufficiency and Supremacy of Jesus**  
**Part 20: "What a Fellowship"**  
**Colossians 4:10-18**

Six people send greetings from Rome to the Colossians in Colossians 4:10-14. Three are Jews and three are Gentiles. This list of men shows us important features of biblical fellowship.

I. Fellowship over \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 10-14

II. Fellowship over \_\_\_\_\_ v. 10

III. Fellowship over \_\_\_\_\_ v. 12

IV. Fellowship over \_\_\_\_\_ v. 14

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## God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth

The opening words of the Apostles' Creed declare, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." In this simple yet powerful confession, we affirm not only that God exists, but that He reigns as **Father**, **Almighty**, and **Creator**, three truths that shape our entire understanding of faith and life.

First, He is **Father**. God reveals Himself in relationship. Through Jesus Christ, we are invited to know the God of the universe as our loving Father. This means the same One who spoke galaxies into being also bends low to hear our prayers. His power is not distant or cold; it is wrapped in compassion, mercy, and love.

Second, He is **Almighty**. The word "almighty" reminds us that there is nothing too hard for God. He is sovereign over all creation, over time, history, and every circumstance of our lives. Yet His might is not reckless; it is guided by perfect wisdom and love. When we trust in the Almighty, we can rest in the truth that no force in heaven or on earth can thwart His good plans for His people.

Finally, He is **Creator of heaven and earth**. Every mountain peak, every ocean wave, every star flung across the night sky bears His fingerprint. And through Christ, the Word made flesh, the Father continues His work of new creation in us. The same power that formed the universe now transforms hearts, making all things new through the cross and resurrection of Jesus.

When we declare, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth," we are not merely reciting doctrine. We are proclaiming a living relationship with the God who made us, loves us, and sustains us. In Christ, the Creator becomes our Redeemer, and the Almighty becomes our Abba Father.

Let this truth anchor your heart today: The One who holds the stars also holds you, securely, lovingly, and eternally.

Mr. Kirk Rautio  
Association Retreat Center Director  
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AFLC Promotion for April is the ARC

### Helmar Lutheran Church

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

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### Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

4-26-2026

### Hide God's Word in your Heart

"What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."

I John 1:3