

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, November 22nd, 2026
25th Sunday after Trinity

Prelude
Welcome
Reception of New Members
Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”
Scripture reading: Psalm 50:14,15
John 3:16-18
Confession of Faith: Acts 17:24-28
Pastoral Prayer
Praise Team: “Praise”
“The Cross”
“The Goodness of God”
Sermon: “The Goodness of God”
Ecclesiastes 5:18-20
Benediction
Hymn: “He Giveth More Grace”
Postlude

Members of Helmar’s Prayer Team will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service to meet with those who desire to receive Christ as Lord and Savior, those who wish to renew their relationship with Jesus, or those who need prayer for specific needs. Anointing with oil, according to James 5:14 is available upon request.



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“The Goodness of God”
Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

This text addresses life under God, not under the sun. Here God is in the picture and that makes all the difference. We have before us the **goodness of God**!

I. God’s Goodness calls us to _____ v. 18

II. God’s Goodness calls us to _____ v. 19

III. God’s Goodness calls us to _____ v. 20

Upcoming Events:

Mon: 3-5pm Food Pantry

Wed: 6:30pm Thanksgiving Eve Service—All Ages

Sun: 8:30am Fellowship
9am Sunday School
10am Worship—Youth Service
Christmas Choir Practice after the service

Christmas Choir practice will be in the Lower Level after the service today!

Mark your calendar, teenage and ladies of the church - **Christmas Dinner** is set for Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00pm in the lower level. The speakers will be Fran and Sheri Klaas, and their theme is "A Tradition of Christmas". We look forward to hearing their message to remind us of the Christmas season. Invite your family and friends and please sign up at the welcome center so we know how many to plan for.

Save the Date: Our Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be December 13th during the morning worship service. There will be a dress rehearsal on December 12th from 9:30-11am. Please contact Ruth Karales if you have any questions. 815-791-6566

A Note of Thanks:
The Helmar Cemetery sign was sandblasted and repainted this past summer. Thank you to Scott Cryder and Nathan Cryder for donating their time and material for the beautiful sign!

We welcome today new members: Mike and Debra Fosen, Aaron Fosen, and Steve Bazan. We thank the Lord for our new members!

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Never stop praying, be thankful in every situation;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:17–18

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, we should reflect on how God is always so gracious to us. As Christians we understand that all we have is from God alone. He faithfully provides for our physical, financial, emotional, and spiritual needs. It is easy to thank and praise Him when times are good; however, it is much harder when things in our life are not going well. It is important for us to thank and praise Him when times are difficult.

Reverend Martin Rinkart was the Bishop of Eilenberg, Germany, during the Thirty Years War. Refugees of the war filled the city. It became a place of severe famine and disease due to being overcrowded. In 1637, Pastor Rinkart performed as many as 40 to 50 funerals per day, one of them for his wife. It is believed that he officiated at over four thousand funerals during the epidemic. How hard it must have been for Martin to maintain his faith and still thank and praise God through all he suffered. The Lord gave him the strength to endure. He was inspired to write the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God." Martin taught that if we look for His blessings, we can find them even when things look bleak. What a lesson for all of us!

In the first verse he writes, "Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices; who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today." Martin concludes the hymn with glorious praise: "All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore!"

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