

Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, January 4, 2026
Second Sunday after Christmas

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: “My Savior’s Love”

Scripture reading: Genesis 6:9-11

Psalm 14:1-3

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Communion

Special Music: Autum and Keane Sucher

Praise Team: “Yet Not I but Christ In Me”

“King of King’s”

Children’s Church dismissed

Sermon: “The Days of Noah”

Matthew 24:37-41

Benediction

Hymn: “Jesus is Coming Again”

Postlude

Upcoming Events:

W: 2pm Adult Bible Study
6:30pm BLAST, JAM, HS groups

Th: 7pm GriefShare

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

*Note: All Life Groups will resume the week of January 11th.

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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- **Kumla Dinner**—Our Annual All You Can Eat Kumla Dinner will be on Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 4:30pm-7:00pm. The proceeds are to support the HLC Food Pantry. The dinner includes Ham, Kumla (like a dumpling), applesauce, dessert, and beverage. For those that would prefer, a baked potato will be substituted for Kumla. Carry-outs will be available. It is a free-will donation dinner. We will have something new this year: a silent auction to win beautifully themed baskets, which will be on display at our dinner. If you would like to donate items for the baskets, there is more information at the Welcome Center. Please plan on supporting this fundraiser by attending, but please prayerfully consider helping carry this event out. There is an opportunity to peel potatoes the night before, bake desserts, set up, make kumla Saturday morning (anyone can do this with a few minutes instruction), serve and clean up. If you’ve never helped with this event, it is a great time for fellowship amongst everyone who comes to lend a hand to ultimately feed our neighbor in need. Signup sheets will be in FLC and contact Linda Mathre with any questions at 815-210-0985. If you would like to sponsor a basket, or donate items, please contact Shirlene Peterson at 815-557-7936.
 - The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on January 24th at 9am. The Annual Report will be available for members on Sunday, January 18th for review prior to the meeting.



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“The Days of Noah”
Matthew 24:37-39

Jesus compares His second coming to the coming of the great flood in Genesis 6,7. There is a resemblance between the days of Noah and Jesus’ appearing at the end of history. Let’s consider some of the insights regarding times from Matthew’s gospel.

I. People Engaged in _____ vv. 37,38

II. People _____ What Noah Said v. 39

III. People were Not _____ v. 39

IV. There is Coming a _____ vv. 40,41

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Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.
Psalm 37:7a

In this busy and hectic world in which we live, it seems difficult to find time to just be “still before the Lord.” When we wake up in the morning, our minds are often on the responsibilities of the day. We feel rushed, short on time, and we want to get going on what we have planned for the day ahead. Sometimes our tasks take precedence over our daily devotional time. But the growth of our walk with the Lord depends on our spending time with Him.

We are often like the disciples who at times let worry and fear get them all out of sorts. Jesus said to them in Mark 6:31, “Come with me to a quiet place and get some rest.” That’s good advice for all of us, especially to spend some time each day alone with Him. These moments of stillness with the Lord are the source of strength and confidence in Him as we face our day.

Quiet time has many spiritual, as well as emotional and physical, benefits:

It is a time to remember and reflect on God’s goodness and give us an appreciation for His work in our lives. *“Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them”* (Psalm 111:2).

It is a time to listen for God’s voice and look for His direction in our life. *“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it’”* (Isaiah 30:21).

It is a time to meditate on God’s Word, to let His Word sink into our heart and mind. *“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful”* (Joshua 1:8).

It is a time to quiet our heart, putting our faith and trust in God. He can free us from fear and anxiety. *“But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me”* (Psalm 131:2).

Let us not neglect our time alone with Him and rest in the promise of Psalm 91:1: *“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty!”*

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AFLC Promotion for January is Home Missions

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

1-4-2026

Hide God’s Word in your Heart

**“But when these things begin to take place,
straighten up and lift up your heads, because your
redemption is drawing near.”**

Luke 21:28