

**Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL**

Sunday, July 12th, 2026
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: “Great is the Lord”

Scripture reading: I Corinthians 16:13,14

II Timothy 2:1-7

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

Baptism

Praise Team: “Shout to the Lord”

“I Speak Jesus”

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Sermon Series: “Spiritual Warfare—It’s Real!”

Part One: “Strong in the Lord”

Ephesians 6:10-12

Benediction

Hymn: “The Solid Rock”

Postlude

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Upcoming Events:

Wed: 6:30am Men’s Bible Study @ Southern Belle’s  
6:30pm Youth BYBS at Chad & Stacy’s

Fri: 9am Ladies Prayer Group

Sun: 9:30am Fellowship  
10am Worship service  
Family and Youth Bible Camp begins in Cedar Lake, IN

The church Wi-Fi password is Helmar21

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We are beginning to collect items for our **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. Please check the bulletin board for a list of items needed.

Life Groups will resume the week of September 13th. The series will be “Ecclesiastes—Life is Worth Living”. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center.

The Newark and Yorkville Area Life Groups still need a host. Day and time are determined by the host. Please see David Christian if you would like to host.

Thank You to all who helped with VBS this past week! We thank the Lord for the Word of God going out to the children who attended!

Mary Greven’s new address is on the bulletin board.



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**“Strong in the Lord”
Ephesians 6:10-12**

We are beginning a series of messages addressing spiritual warfare. The apostle Paul reminds us of the opposition to the Christian and to the Church. In the text from Ephesians, he warns us of Satan’s hostility as Paul calls believers to be strong in the Lord!

I. Know the _____ v. 10a

II. Know the _____ v. 10b

III. Know the _____ v. 11

IV. Know the _____ v. 12

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In what we call the Great Commission, Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus tells His followers to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” But don’t miss the promise that we are not alone as we make disciples. Jesus promises to be with us! This promise is similar to the truth, “I will never leave you nor forsake you,” recorded for us in two places: Deuteronomy 31:7 and Hebrews 13:5.

The Deuteronomy text is Moses’ charge to Joshua as the people are preparing to enter the promised land. I see a clear connection here to the challenge of entering a new mission field or starting a new local ministry in our congregation. The fear of the unknown can be daunting. But Moses reminds Joshua, “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” When we take the message of Jesus to a foreign land or to a friend in our community, we can be assured that we are never alone.

The related text in Hebrews appears in a list of practical advice for believers on the home front within the congregation (hospitality, prison ministry, the holiness of marriage, finances). Specifically, God’s Word addresses our common fear of running short of money. God knows us so well! The fear of financial shortfalls can paralyze ministry, whether in our local congregations or on the mission field. In this sixty-second year of AFLC World Missions, we are grateful for each individual and family that has served or is serving on our mission fields, AND we are grateful for every supporter. But ultimately it is God who has provided for us all. And we need this reminder from Hebrews 13:5 to trust in God’s future provision: “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” God continues to provide for our missionaries through you, our AFLC congregations, and we thank you for your partnership in the Gospel as we take the message of the need for repentance of sin and the necessity of trusting Jesus to the nations.

Dr. Earl Korhonen

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AFLC Promotion for July is World Missions

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Burden-Bearing Church***

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Spiritual Disciplines Sheet

7-12-2026

Hide God’s Word in your Heart

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.”

I Corinthians 15:58