

**Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL**

Sunday, December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Advent

Prelude

Welcome

Christmas Carol: #270 "Joy to the World"

Special Music: "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Jean Bazan (bells), Angie Lombardo (flute),
Carol Urton (piano)

Scripture reading: I Peter 1:3-4

I Thessalonians 1:8-10

Pastoral Prayer:

Special Music: "Just a Girl"

Sean Williams

Praise Team: It's Christmas

Christmas Day

Sermon: "Grace and Anticipation" Titus 2:13

Benediction

Christmas Carol: #269 "How Great Our Joy!"

Postlude

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***Helmar exists to be a:
Soul-Winning, Disciple-Making,
Burden-Bearing Church***

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This Week at Helmar...

Tonight: 4:30 Candlelight Service

Sun. 9:30am Fellowship Time
10am Worship



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**“Grace and Anticipation”
Titus 2:13**

**The One who gave Himself to redeem us is the One coming again. Advent points not only to the coming of Jesus to Bethlehem but to the second coming of Jesus in all His power and glory. So the question is:
What am I looking for today?**

I. Am I looking for _____ v. 13a

II. Am I looking for _____ v. 13b

Announcements

Welcome and thank you for attending our church service today. If you are new to Helmar and are interested in finding out more about us, please stop at the Welcome Center. We have a gift bag for you.

2024 Calendars are available at the Welcome Center thru the end of December.

Year End Giving- Please have any contributions to the church in by December 31st to be recorded for this year.

Offering Envelopes & Year-End Statements—For those who use offering envelopes, they are available in the FLC lobby. If you want a statement and didn't receive one last year, please let me know and I'll add you to the list to receive one each year. Statements will hopefully be out in early January. Thanks, Stacy

Candlelight Service—The nursery will be parent-led (not staffed) for the service tonight.

Door Offering—Helmar has had the privilege of developing a close relationship with and sending money monthly to Jonathan & Indira Maraj for over 50 years. We all remember many stories and have been incredibly blessed by his teaching. After his passing a few months ago, Indira has decided to carry on with their ministry. And she is traveling to India and to Nepal. They also accumulated some medical expenses over the last few years. On Sunday, Jan. 7 we will have a Door Offering to assist her with bills and with her continued ministry.

Thank you,
The Missions Committee

Spiritual Discipline Sheet
12-24-23

Hide God's Word in your Heart

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this *is* not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10

Pray for: All men and women serving our country and specifically those from our congregation:

LCpl Aden Baker	Lt. Col Jeff Moore
TSgt Terry Frank	SSgt. Kirsten Thomas
A1C Morgan Thomas	

Pray for: Our Shut-ins.

Karl Michaelson—Regency, Morris

- **Pray for: Missionaries**
- Indira Maraj in India and Nepal
- Nan Miller with Navigators
- Lutheran Mission Society—Alaska Mission
- The situation in Ukraine and Israel



Prayer Requests.....

Chris Behl— cancer treatments

Donna Brown— cancer

Jody Burke—cancer

Bob Cervenka— throat cancer—Pray that he might be able to breath on his own, without a trach

Steve Chamberlain—cancer

Linda Chally—stroke recovery

Bess Christian— PT for back, hoping to avoid surgery

Bob Christian has been released by his doctor and is doing well. However, prayer would still be appreciated as he gets used to being on his feet and feeling secure in that and gains strength.

Carol Christian— health

Jim—cancer

Justin Leggett— health

Jim Johnson— stroke recovery, cancer

Jim Leifheit—cancer

Sharon & Jon McKanna— Jon's ongoing health issues

Eli McManus—health

Dietrich Rosenwinkel— heart issues

Dick and Lotretta Volker—serious health issues

Tom Washko— serious health issues

***Please contact the office to add or remove someone to our list to help it stay current each month.**

Thank you.