



Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church

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PRELUDE

HOUSE OF GOD FOREVER

God is my shepherd
I won't be wanting
I won't be wanting
He makes me rest in fields of green
With quiet streams
Even though I walk through the valley
Of death and dying
I will not fear 'cause You are with me
You are with me

Your shepherd's staff comforts me
You are my feast in the presence of enemies
Surely goodness will follow me
Follow me
In the house of God forever
(In the house of God forever)
(In the house of God forever)

God is my shepherd
I won't be wanting
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He makes me rest in fields of green
By quiet streams
Even while I'm walking through the valley
Of death and dying
I will not fear 'cause You are with me
You're always with me

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,

**Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not spurn the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death,
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

Govern and uphold them now and always.

Day by day we bless you.

We praise your name for ever.

Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

for we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope:

and we shall never hope in vain.

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

GOD OF WONDERS

Lord of all creation
Of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
You are holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father hold me hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy holy holy holy

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GREAT ARE YOU LORD

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing
Great are You Lord
(REPEAT)

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BETTER IS ONE DAY

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere
(Than thousands elsewhere)

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place
Your glory dwells
(REPEAT)

My heart and flesh cry out
For You the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You to You

Better is one day better is one day
Better is one day than thousands elsewhere

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

Steve & Kathy Austvold

Steve and Kathy Austvold are EFCA Mission Mobilizers. They live in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Kathy is the site Coordinator for Global Fingerprints in West Bengal, India. She started this position in 2016. Steve served as interim pastor at our church in 1988.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1

Testing Your Faith

1 James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, **3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. **4** And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. **6** But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. **7** For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, **8** being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 But the brother of humble circumstances is to glory in his high position; **10** and the rich man is to glory in his humiliation, because like flowering grass he will pass away. **11** For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich man in the midst of his pursuits will fade away.

12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. **13** Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. **14** But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. **15** Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. **16** Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. **17** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. **18** In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

¹⁹ ^uThis you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* ^uthat remains of wickedness, in ^uhumility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his ^unatural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, ^uhe has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but ^zan effectual doer, this man will be blessed in ^{aa}what he does.

²⁶ If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not ^{ab}bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained ^{ac}by the world.

MESSAGE

First Fruits

Dave Harvey

CLOSING HYMN

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art
Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

When through the woods
And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday Sept 21** **6:00 Women’s Bible Study** meeting at Kim Nelson’s house at 1926 Cty Rd 7. For more info talk to Kim at 387-2042 or check out the Facebook group.
6:00 – 7:30 Youth Group - Middle School Girls
- Tuesday Sept 22** **6:00 – 7:30 Youth Group** – All Guys
- Wednesday Sept 23** **4:00 Adult Prayer** upstairs in the foyer
6:00 – 7:70 Youth Group - High School Girls
- Thursday Sept 24** **6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery** Childcare will be provided and meals will be available to take home. Masks required. **If you are interested in being a substitute for childcare please contact Cathy Wilson 218-310-3177 (NOT 370), catfirk@gmail.com or Facebook messenger**

TheReturn is a national call to prayer for the redeemed of the Lord. II Chronicles 7:14 is GOD'S conditional promise to His people: "If my people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from THEIR WICKED WAYS, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." **The following locations will be open for you to come to pray next Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to noon: Tim and Nancy Ramey's home at Naniboujou; Butch and Rae Piepho's home on the Caribou Trail, and The Log Cabin 4-H building in Grand Marais** where, per county regulations for county buildings, you will need to wear a mask, register and have your temperature taken on your wrist, 10 people at a time and social distanced. Come to any of those locations to pray during those hours. **You can find information for this event at TheReturn.org.**

Please call Rae Piepho if you plan to go to the Log Cabin. 663-7540 today through Tuesday night, and Renee Larsen, 851-245-5936 Wednesday to Saturday

Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church... Tim N. 9/23, Sharon H. 9/24, Kevin S. 9/25

Welcome Vivien Sofia Knight! Congratulations to Victoria & Patrick Knight. Vivien was born on September 8. A meal train has been set up and can be found at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/klv4gr>



Welcome Olivet Esther Attleson! Congratulations to Katy, Geoff & big brother Sojourn. Olivet was born September 1. Geoff's sister has set up a [meal train](https://mealtrain.com/2yr6r5) for the family. If you need help getting a meal out to Hovland please contact Kirsten Brune. <https://mealtrain.com/2yr6r5>

Here are some options to give while we are currently not meeting for regular worship together:

- **Drop a check off at the church office 8-11:45am Wednesdays and Thursdays.**
- Send a check made out to the Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church in the mail to PO Box 396, Grand Marais, MN 55604
- If you have an account at the North Shore Federal Credit Union -
 - Set up an E-Pay online at www.northshorefcu.org Please remember to put your name in the memo field so Margie knows who the check came from.
 - Stop by one of the branches and arrange a direct transfer from your account into the Church's checking account. Please have the teller add a memo with your name so Margie knows who the money came from.
- Through Pay Pal on our website www.grandmaraisfree.church PayPal will charge each transaction with a 2.9% + \$0.30 fee.

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