

Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT READING: A reading from the books of Isaiah, Psalms, Mark and 1 Corinthians

Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The retribution of God will come, But He will save you.”

Behold, You were angry, for we sinned, we continued in our sins for a long time; Yet shall we be saved? For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our wrongdoings, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us And have surrendered us to the power of our wrongdoings. LORD God of armies, How long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears, And You have made them drink tears in large measure. You make us an object of contention to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves. God of armies, restore us and make Your face shine *upon us*, ^[a]and we will be saved!

Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The retribution of God will come, But He will save you.”

You removed a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground before it, And it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shadow, And the cedars of God with its branches. It was sending out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the Euphrates River. Why have You broken down its hedges, so that all who pass that way pick its fruit? A boar from the forest eats it away, and whatever moves in the field feeds on it. God of armies, do turn back; look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine, the shoot which Your right hand has planted, and of the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself. Oh, that You would tear open the heavens *and* come down, that the mountains would quake at Your presence—

Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The retribution of God will come, But He will save you.”

But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory.

Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The retribution of God will come, But He will save you.”

And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven. A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. And the redeemed will walk *there*, And the redeemed of the LORD will return and come to Zion with joyful shouting, and everlasting joy will be on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not. Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance; The retribution of God will come, But He will save you.”

Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not.”

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength)

I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)

I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down (I will bow down)
And hail You as King (and hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (everything)

I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)
I will trust You (I will trust You)
Trust You alone (You alone)

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BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Why should I feel discouraged Why should the shadows come
Why should my heart be lonely And long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion my constant friend is He
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me

I sing because I'm happy I sing because I'm free
For His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me

Let not your heart be troubled His tender words I hear
And resting on His goodness I lose my doubt and fear
Tho' by the path He leadeth but one step I may see
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me

Whenever I am tempted whenever clouds arise
When songs give place to sighing
When hope within me dies
I draw the closer to Him from care He sets me free
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

Steve & Kathy Austvold

The Austvold's 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

Numbers 1:1-10

The LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying: ²Take a census of the whole congregation of Israelites, in their clans, by ancestral houses, according to the number of names, every male individually; ³from twenty years old and upward, everyone in Israel able to go to war. You and Aaron shall enroll them, company by company. ⁴A man from each tribe shall be with you, each man the head of his ancestral house. ⁵These are the names of the men who shall assist you:

From Reuben, Elizur son of Shedeur.

⁶From Simeon, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai.

⁷From Judah, Nahshon son of Amminadab.

⁸From Issachar, Nethanel son of Zuar.

⁹From Zebulun, Eliab son of Helon.

¹⁰From the sons of Joseph:

from Ephraim, Elishama son of Ammihud;

from Manasseh, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur.

Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,^[a]
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸ A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,^[b]
but it shall be for God’s people;^[c]
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

MESSAGE

A Time of Fasting

Dave Harvey

CLOSING HYMN

#52 O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God our help in ages past Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast And our eternal home

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Thine arm alone And our defense is sure

Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God To endless years the same

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun

Time like an ever rolling stream Bears all its sons away
They fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op'ning day

Our God our help in ages past Our hope for years to come
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home

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BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Nov 30 6:00 Women's Bible Study. We will be studying the book of Hebrews. Zoom link can be found on the group Facebook page

Wednesday Dec 2 4:00 pm Adult Prayer

Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church... Faith L. 12/5



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

- **Drop a check off at the church office 8-4:30 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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