

Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT READING: Third Sunday of Advent—a reading from the books of Isaiah, Psalms, 1 Thessalonians and the gospel of John.

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.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. For the true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world

To bring good news to the poor; to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God. To comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

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, rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. For he has clothed us with the garments of salvation; he has covered us with the robe of righteousness. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

And we will be like those who dream, our mouth filled with laughter, our tongue with shouts of joy. The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad! Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing harvest with him.

Say to those with anxious heart, “Take courage, fear not.” May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Take courage, fear not.

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing worldly minded
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God
To earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth He stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food

At His feet the six winged seraph
Cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the Presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia alleluia alleluia
Lord Most High

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

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#123 O COME O COME EMMANUEL

O come O come Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come Thou Wisdom from on high And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show And cause us in her ways to go

O come Desire of nations bind All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

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EMMANUEL

Emmanuel Emmanuel
His name is called Emmanuel
God with us revealed in us
His name is called Emmanuel

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Jun & Regina Malon

Pastor Jun Malon and Regina are working with the Dawson's in the Philippines with the Tagakaulo Kalagen Ministries. Their children are Iris, David, and Joshua.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35

The wilderness and the desert will rejoice,
And the [a]desert will shout for joy and blossom;
Like the crocus
It will blossom profusely
And rejoice with joy and jubilation.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
The majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They will see the glory of the LORD,
The majesty of our God.
Strengthen the [b]exhausted, and make the [c]feeble strong.
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."
Then the eyes of those who are blind will be opened,
And the ears of those who are deaf will be unstopped.
Then those who limp will leap like a deer,
And the tongue of those who cannot speak will shout for joy.
For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,
And streams in the [d]desert.
The [e]scorched land will become a pool
And the thirsty ground springs of water;

In the haunt of jackals, its resting place,
Grass *becomes* reeds and rushes.
8 A highway will be there, a roadway,
And it will be called the Highway of Holiness.
The unclean will not travel on it,
But it *will* be for the one who walks *that way*,
And fools will not wander *on it*.
9 No lion will be there,
Nor will any vicious animal go up on it;
10 They will not be found there.
But the redeemed will walk *there*,
10 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.

MESSAGE

Dave Harvey

CLOSING HYMN

#127 THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE

Thou didst leave Thy throne And Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me But in Bethlehem's home
There was found no room For Thy holy nativity
O come to my heart Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang Proclaiming Thy royal degree
But of lowly birth cam'st Thou Lord on earth And in great humility
O come to my heart Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

The foxes found rest And the birds had their nest
In the shade of the cedar tree But Thy couch was the sod
O Thou Son of God In the deserts of Galilee
O come to my heart Lord Jesus There is room in my heart for Thee

Thou camest O Lord with the living word That should set Thy children free
But with mocking scorn And with crown of thorn They bore Thee to Calvary
O come to my heart Lord Jesus Thy cross is my only plea

When heaven's arches shall ring And her choirs shall sing
At Thy coming to victory Let Thy voice call me home
Saying 'Yet there is room There is room at My side for thee '
And my heart shall rejoice Lord Jesus When Thou comest and callest for me

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Dec 14 6:00 – 7:30 pm Youth Group - Middle School Girls
Tuesday Dec 15 6:00 – 7:30 pm Youth Group – All Guys
Wednesday Dec 16 4:00 pm Adult Prayer
6:00 – 7:30 pm Youth Group - High School Girls
Saturday Dec 21 11:59 pm Videos for the Christmas Eve Service are due! Please send them to amy.woschek.schmidt@gmail.com or text to 218-560-1456.

Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church... Micah W. 12/13, Anna S. 12/14, Natalie I. 12/15, Genevieve S. 12/19



FAITH PROMISE MISSIONS GOAL
\$18,000
October is Missions Month

The Missions Committee is currently collecting pledges from the church family for 2021. We will support 6 missionaries this year. We are not taking on new missionaries because we'd like to raise the monthly amount we give to our current missionaries. Please email your pledge for 2021 to margie.delamater@gmail.com

Thank You for your pledges!!

Amount Pledged:
\$20,880.00

Steve & Kathy Austvold
Celebrate Recovery
Choices & Voices
Kevin & Jen Sutton - Coldwater Foundation
Jun & Regina Malon – Philippines
Amy & Andy Schmidt – Tanzania

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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