

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ADVENT READING

### Congregational Chorus

You have drawn near that we might draw near  
Love and compassion that drives out all fear

You have drawn near that I might draw near  
You've opened the heavens and met all of us right here.

### OPENING HYMN #145 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

*\*Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismissed for Nursery & Sonshine Club.\**

### OFFERING/OFFERTORY #148 O HOLY NIGHT

## SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

#124 COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

### A WORD ABOUT SUFFERING, LOSS & HOPE

Dr. Bob Evans, Romans 8:14 – 18

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## RESPONSIVE SONG

### INTO MY HEART

Into my heart into my heart  
Come into my heart Lord Jesus  
Come in today come in to stay  
Come into my heart Lord Jesus

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## MISSIONS MOMENT Andy & Amy Schmidt

The Schmidt family, missionaries with Commission To Every Nation (CTEN), will be serving through agriculture in Panama. [www.growtherefore.com](http://www.growtherefore.com)

## SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 4:12

## MESSAGE Kevin Sutton

Motivation #5: Discipleship

## CLOSING SONG #127 THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE

## BENEDICTION

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## Service for Janelle Larson

Saturday December 16, 1:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran  
Luncheon afterwards here in the Fellowship Hall

Ways to help:

Brownies for the luncheon can be dropped off in the kitchen Friday or Saturday morning.

Friday– Help is needed to set-up for the meal and move furniture.

Saturday – Help is needed in the kitchen to prep,serve & clean up.

If you are interested in helping Friday or Saturday, please text Deb at 218-387-5505.

## How Can We Pray For You?

If you would like prayer for anything please fill out a prayer card, which will be available in the pews, and place it in the box in the foyer under the t.v. or email your request to [prayer@grandmaraisfree.church](mailto:prayer@grandmaraisfree.church)

## Weekly Events

Tuesday 11:15 – 12:15 **High School Lunch** at Patten’s  
See Andrea for permission slip.

Wednesday 5:45 – 8:15 pm **Youth Group**

Thursday **Celebrate Recovery** 5:30 pm Dinner 6:10 pm  
Large Group 7:00 pm Men’s & Women’s Small Group

## Christmas Program

**Sunday December 17 – During the service**

**Please bring a plate of cookies to share.**

**Practice will be held during Sonshine club this week &**

**Saturday December 16, 10:30 – 12:30.**

Any interested kids through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to participate. Preschool & Nursery kids will be included but do not need to attend practices.

## Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24

No Sunday School

Worship Service at 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm

Cookies will be served after.

## Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church

Josh Lindstrom 12/10, Ben Selin 12/10, Micah Wilson 12/13, Anna Sorensen 12/14, Natalie Irvin 12/15

	<u>December 10</u>	<u>December 17</u>	<u>December 24</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	Horen Avery	Harsdorf Pszworo	Dowling T. Dean
<b>Sonshine Club</b>			
<b>Nursery</b>	Larry	Cathy	This could be you!
<b>Missions</b>	Schmidts/Dahlman CR/Laky		Okontoe/Laky

**Advent Week #2 bulletin artwork:** Pieter Brueghel the Younger’s *St. John the Baptist Preaching* (1566)

### Symbolism includes:

- Left of center is John the Baptist, clad in camel hair. Instead of standing as a dominating figure, John is one of the crowd, one of the people who serves his peers with prophetic passion.
- Great diversity is shown in the crowd through their hats, hoods, and headdresses—each signifying a different culture, vocation, or profession.
- In the background, we see a clearing in the woods that presents a vista of a river, a walled castle, and misty mountains. This is a constant scene in classical painting, pointing to eternity.
- The river, evocative of Baptism, is especially important as it winds like a road into the mysterious beyond.



Our church is currently seeking a new Lead Pastor to replace Pastor Dave. The Church Profile & Job Description can be found at <https://www.grandmaraisfree.church/church-profile-job-description/>

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**Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church**

9:15 Christian Education Hour

10:30 am Worship Service & Sonshine Club

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