

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CALL TO WORSHIP

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

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly 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 heavenly food

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 powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

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

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OFFERING/OFFERTORY

EMMANUEL

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

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SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

#123 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.

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Children up to 5th grade dismissed for Nursery & Sunshine Club.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5 1 – 21

MESSAGE

Panel & Testimonies

Motivation #4: Community

THE LORD'S TABLE

You are invited to take communion if you believe that Jesus is the Savior who died for your sins and seek to live under His Lordship.

CLOSING SONG

#366 I SURRENDER ALL

BENEDICTION

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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

Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church

Jasiah Berggren 12/8, Carlo Ramey 12/9, Josh Lindstrom 12/10, Ben Selin 12/10

Weekly Events

Monday	6:00 pm Women's Bible Study in Church Foyer
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

Care Center Service – Sunday December 3, 2:00 pm

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 and next. Any interested kids through 5th grade are welcome to participate.

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday December 24, 5:00 pm

Short Term Missions Opportunity

The next Louisiana hurricane relief trip is scheduled for January 21 – 27, 2024. Registration deadline is December 10th. If interested, contact Steve Austvold at steve.austvold@outlook.com

	December 3	December 10	December 17
Ushers	Pszwaro G. Larsen	Horen Avery	Harsdorf Pszwaro
Sonshine Club			
Nursery	Cathy	Larry	Cathy
Missions		Schmidts/Dahlman CR/Laky	

At the start of Advent, the Gospel calls us to vigilance—to watch and be ready for the Lord of the house, awaiting his return. William Holman Hunt's *The Light of the World* (1853) offers us one image of what this arrival might look like.

Symbolism was deeply embedded in classical artwork, serving as a teacher to a largely illiterate society.

Symbolism in *The Light of the World* includes:

- Christ arrives at a door at night, an allegory for Christ seeking entry at the door of the human heart.
- His way to the door is lit by a lantern, casting a soft light on the door to show that it is overgrown with plants; it has not been opened in a while.
- Christ the King ventures into the darkness and the mess of brambles to seek entry into our hearts.
- The lantern Christ holds in his left hand, shows Christ as the One that disperses the dark and illuminates the dead places within our hearts.
- A subtle detail is the fruit on the ground—a symbol of Original Sin, of our fall into the darkness of deception.
- Finally, a significant detail of the door is its lack of a handle or knob. The door can only be opened from the inside, through our faithful response to Christ's steadfast invitation.

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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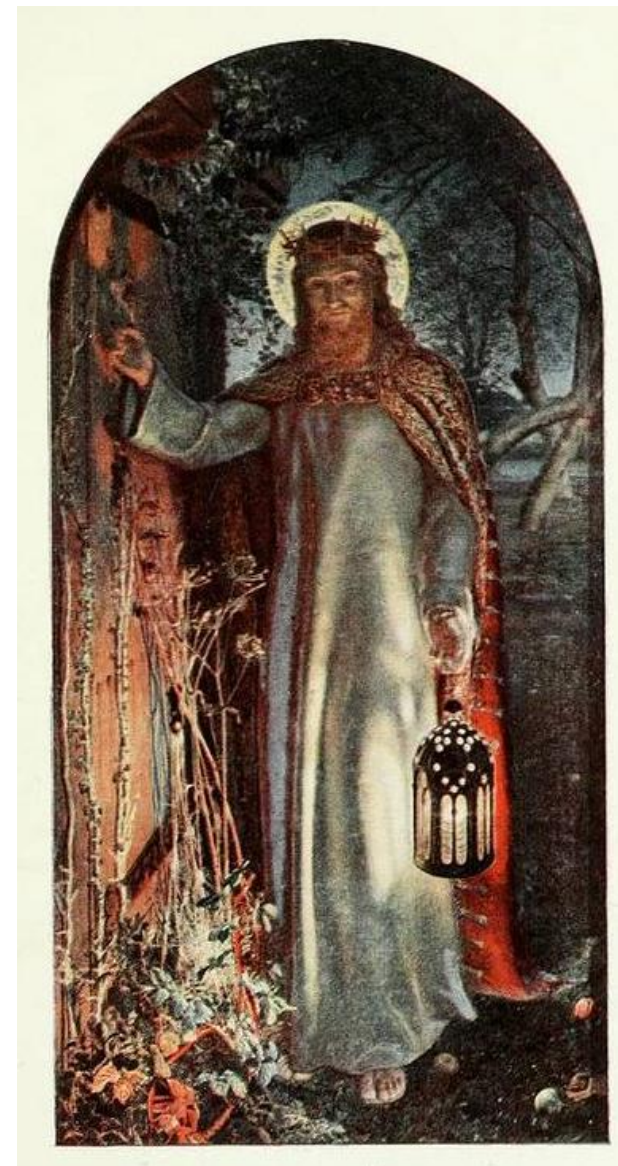
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Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church

9:15 Christian Education Hour

10:30 am Worship Service & Sonshine Club

December 3, 2023