## "MARY, The Promise of Love"

Sunday, December 24, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
Luke 1:26-38

BIG IDEA: God has promised us LOVE.

And the angel came to her and said,
"Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:28 (CSB)

- At Jesus' birth God fulfilled His <u>Promise</u> of <u>Love</u>...
  - o To the Nation of Israel.
  - o To the World.
  - o To Mary.
- God's fulfilled Promise of Love calls us...
  - o To love Him.
  - o To love others.

**BIG IDEA**: God has promised us LOVE.

**READ**: Luke 1:20-38

**THINK**: Consider Mary's encounter with Gabriel, then ask yourself these questions: How does Gabriel's word to Mary compare with his word to Zechariah (1:13-17)? How does Mary v34, 38) respond differently than Zechariah (1:12, 18)? What truths about Jesus are emphasized here? What risks is Mary asked to take in being the mother of the Son of God?

**DO**: When were you recently fearful, but believing? In what area of your life do you need to believe that "nothing is impossible with God"? What keeps you from believing?