

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

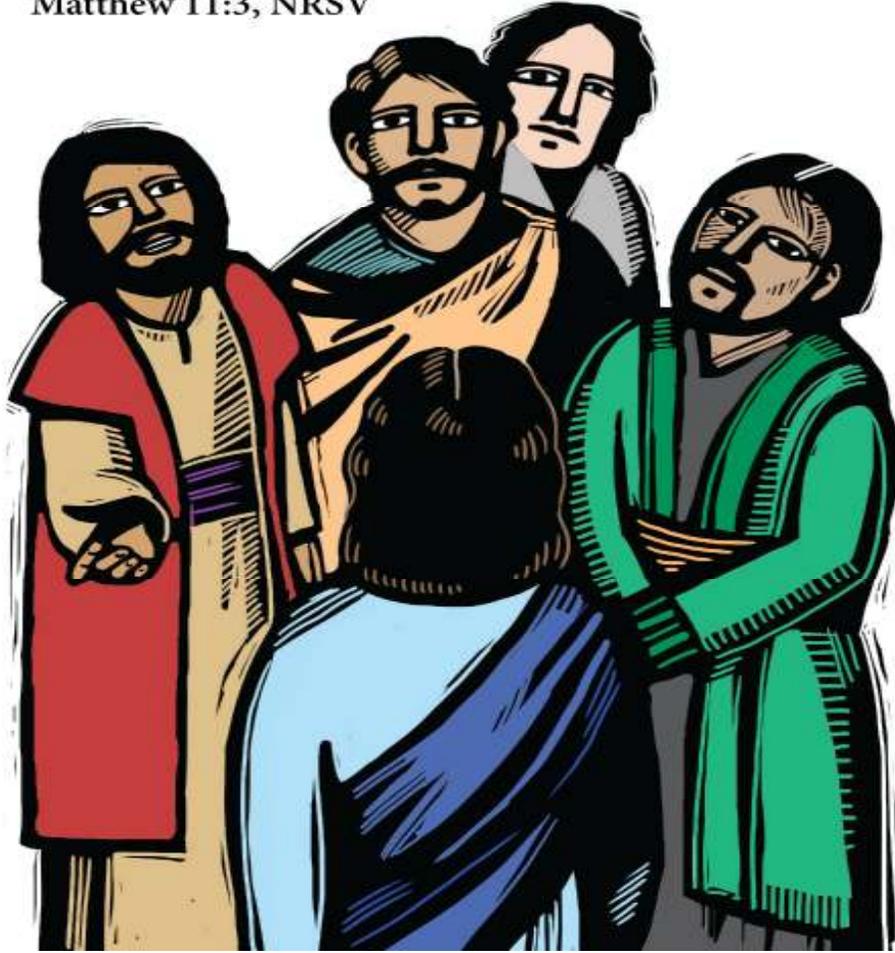
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9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

"Are you the one who is to come,
or are we to wait for another?"

Matthew 11:3, NRSV



DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY IN
ADVENT

All Are Welcome!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling or standing at the altar rail. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar rail or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Communion is continuous with kneeling or standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If you have an offering for the church, the offering plates are located at the entrance of the church.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

Ministries for Today

Altar Assistant: Pastor Bob & Colleen Hoffman,
& Karen Peterson

Lector: Barbara Keith

Altar Guild: Lynn Karle

Ushers: Leslie & Hank Beers,
& Karen Peterson

A/V Technicians: Kelli Ungs
Abraham Ungs

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Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022, 9:30 A.M. Worship - Setting 10

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE *“L’abeille” by F. Schubert Aliya Tucker, violin; Megan Cianflone, Piano*

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be God’s name forever.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P God of new beginnings,

C **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us.**

P People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **OPENING HYMN** *“Awake! Awake, and greet the New Morn”* ELW 242

+ **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**
(Gunar & Colleen Strungs)

P As we light the candle on the Advent Wreath, let us pray

C **Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.**

+ **Hymn** *“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”* ELW 240
(verses 1,2, & 3)

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35: 1-10

¹The 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.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then 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;

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

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

⁹No 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.

¹⁰And 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.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 146: 1-10 (Read responsively)

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Romans 5: 7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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C Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to: Matthew 11: 2-11

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

+ **SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Unga

Text: Lessons of the Day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “All Earth Is Hopeful” **ELW 266**

+ **BAPTISM** *Michael Anthony Cowles* *ELW 227*

+ **APOSTLES’ CREED** *ELW 229*

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

+ **THE PRAYERS**

A As we prepare for the fullness of Christ’s presence, let us pray for a world
that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to
magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the
Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and
depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air
and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver
all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in
conflict. Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of
worry, illness, or loss, especially: Kate Connell, Tom Watts, Linda Ryun, Lanna
Williams, Liza Corson, Xanver Davison, Nick & Anita Lehr, Bridget Adeline
Bragg, Patty Musielak, Nadine Kelly, Rev. Bernie Jorn, Joe Simmonasky, Georgia,
Margie McConnell, Al & Pat McFadden, Irma Median, Mike Schwentner, Ken
Konopka, Leila Sellman, Marilyn Day, The Opperman Family, Carl & Jean Lipke,
Susie Espersen, and Micah Smith. Strengthen and protect health care workers,
rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe.
God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we
gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is
not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support.
God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the
celebration of birthdays within our faith community. Today we pray for Dorothy
MacKenzie, Alice Bassett, Harlo (Pete) Peterson, George Giacometti, August
Buettner, and Sally McIlwain as they celebrate their birthdays.
God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints,
that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have
died and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our
prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name
we pray.
C **Amen.**

+ **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

+ **WE SHARE OUR GIFTS & TITHES**

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C **Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

+ **PROPER PREFACE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

+ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

+ *SPECIAL MUSIC: "Veni, Veni Emmanuel" by: Michael John Trotta,
Sung by: Aliya Tucker, Soprano*

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

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Now, Lord, you let your ser- vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the

sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions

and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

+

THE BLESSING

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING HYMN**

“People Look East”

ELW 248

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the chancel this morning were given by Heidi and Mike Dziubla in loving memory of Meta Bauer.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

STARTING A PRAYER GROUP

Prayer warriors are answering the call to lift before God the needs of the people. We are informed by email or text message, no need to call anyone. We meet on Wednesdays after Bible study (about 11:15 a.m.) in the sanctuary. We are grateful to lift those in need, trusting God is working for the good of all. Anyone who wishes to join or has a need please let us know. You can call the church office or contact Kelli Ungs at (641) 529-0969.

2022 GIVING TREE!

This year the recipients of the “Giving Tree” will be 60 residents at ProMedica (Lely Palms). Please remember to return your wrapped gift before Friday, December 16th. We will deliver the gifts Sunday, December 18th along with some special Christmas caroling. We hope you will join us for the sing along.

GIVE BY SINGING!

The choir is practicing before worship service. Please come join us in the choir room.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDERS

Please help us beautify our sanctuary in praise to our Savior this Christmas! Poinsettias will be placed around the altar for Christmas. You may take your poinsettias home after Christmas Eve worship. Please order one or more poinsettias by completing a form in the Narthex. The cost is still \$20 per poinsettia. The deadline for ordering is **FRIDAY, December 16, 2019**. Please place your order form in the offering plate, leave in the basket in the narthex, or deliver to the Church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday, December 24th we will have two worship services. The services will be at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with candlelight and special music at each.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting where we elect new Council members and vote on the 2023 annual budget will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022, after the worship service. Please try to attend.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Please call the church office or Pastor Jeff's cell phone if you have pastoral needs.

Third Sunday in Advent, December 11, 2022, 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details - www.sotgweb.org.

Monday, December 12th & Wednesday, December 14th, Bone Builders from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 13th, Church Council meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 14th, Pastor Jeff's Bible study, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 14th, Prayer Warriors Group meet at 11:15 a.m.

Forth Sunday in Advent, December 18, 2022, 9:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Unga. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details - www.sotgweb.org.

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Our Mission is "Transforming lives through the Living Word of God."

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Lynn Dickerman and Linda Tidmore

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. H. Peter Lyberg

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in -
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor

1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el

Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -

la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.

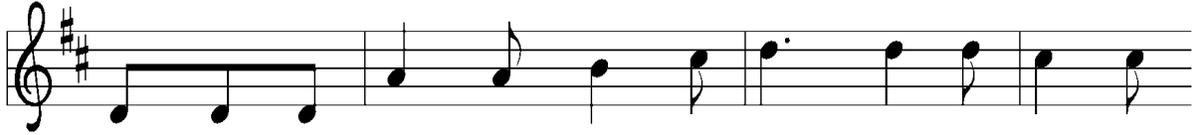
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel: "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"*
será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será, con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.

3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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