

# Zion Lutheran

**Mission: Creating Community Through  
God's Love and Guidance**



## **First Sunday *of* Advent**

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December 1, 2024

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

**(The assembly speaks the bold print)**

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### **PRELUDE**

Please respect this time before worship for those who want to pray quietly in the sanctuary. Once the prelude begins, please use that time to listen to the music and prepare for worship. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN#257**      "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

### **BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

The Reis-Rosatti Family

### **ADVENT WREATH HYMN#240**

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"  
verse 1 only

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
alive in the world,  
reviving creation,  
arriving soon.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God of mercy,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst,  
**we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth:  
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,  
in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
receive the grace and forgiveness of God  
through Christ Jesus,  
whose day draws near.  
**Amen.**

### **GREETING**

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

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

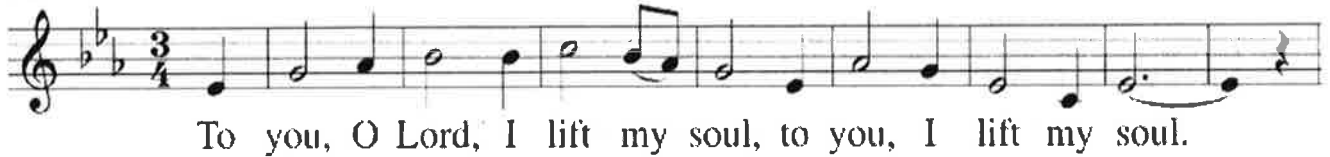
Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 25**

"To You Oh Lord"  
**see next page**

# Psalm 25: To You, O Lord

Refrain



Verses

1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths  
and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.
2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander,  
gently leading the poor and the humble.
3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love,  
God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

Text: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 12-14; Marty Haugen, © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICTL.  
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## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting 5

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

### SERMON

Pastor Karen Jewell

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**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.**

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

**Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.**

**PEACE**

**The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**TOWER RINGERZ**

**"O Come, Little Children"**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Creator God,  
you made the whole world,  
even the farthest stars,  
and you draw near to feed us.  
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.  
Strengthen us with this food  
that we may live in expectation  
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.****

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

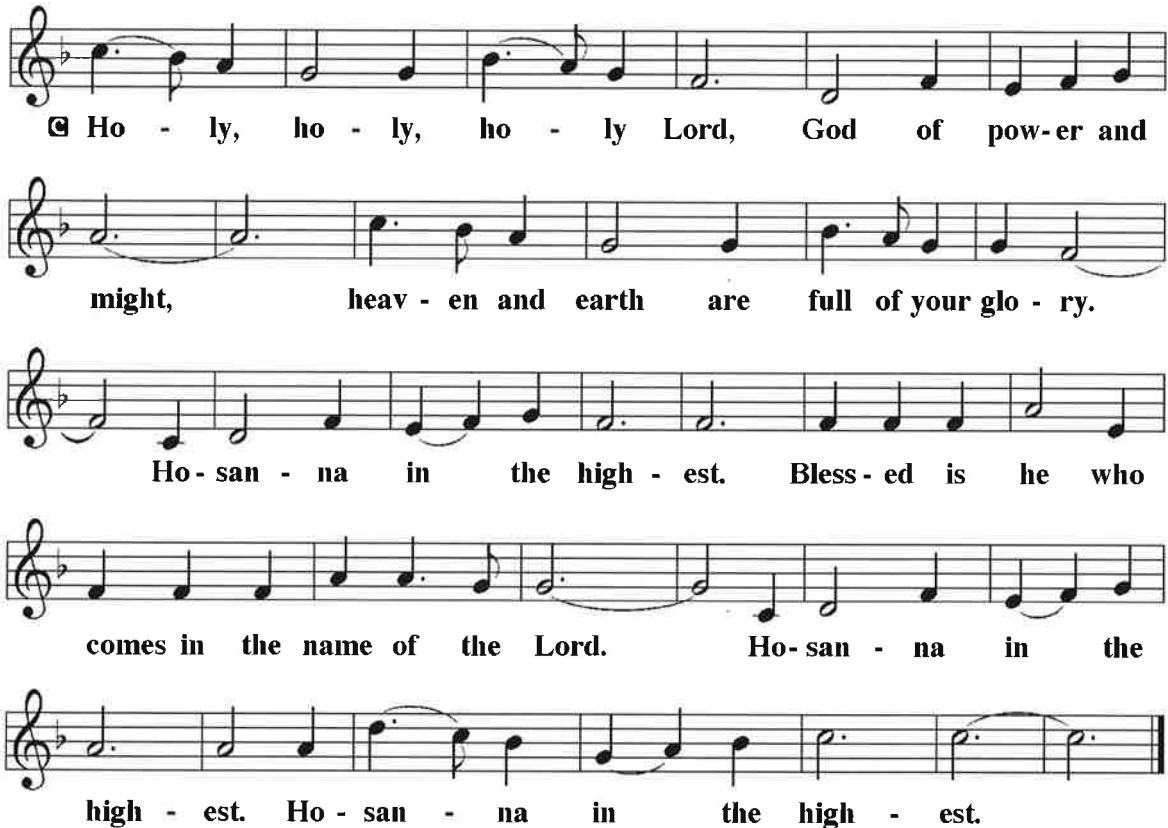
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

### HOLY HOLY HOLY

Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### LAMB OF GOD

Setting 5

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

“Be Still, My Soul”  
Tower Ringerz

**COMMUNION HYMN**

“We Are Waiting for Jesus”  
song leader will sing verse 1 then congregation will sing verses 1  
& 2.



# We Are Waiting for Jesus



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.  
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.  
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957

Music: JESUS BRINGS PEACE, John Helgen

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## TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,

we thank you for the gift of life,  
for the bread of salvation.

We thank you for coming among us,  
for leading us into peace.

We thank you for showering us with mercy,  
for sending us into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us  
as we feed the hungry in your name.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
bless and keep you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN#248**

“People, Look East”

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Creating Community through God’s Love and Guidance —  
thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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For Pastoral emergencies contact the office.

**Welcome!**

We invite visitors to complete the card in the pew and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

**Attendance:**

Last Week: 88

Last Year: 76

## Announcements!

Thank you to everyone that helped get Zion ready for the Christmas season. Everything looks great.

**Today** is the last day to put your order in for poinsettias for Christmas. There are order forms in the narthex. If you don't get it into the offering basket see Lynn and she will make sure the office gets it.

The first Advent service will be this Wednesday Dec. 4th. A Soup Supper will be from 5:00-6:15pm and the service is at 6:30pm. The Advent theme is Advent Stories in the Gospel of Luke. December 11th & 18th will be the other Advent Services. Soup Suppers will be served before those services also.

If you would like to volunteer to setup, cleanup or bring desserts please see Lynn Walter.

Here is the advent wreath lighting schedule:

First Sunday of Advent (December 1): The Reis-Rosatti Family

Second Sunday of Advent (December 8): The Moseng Family

Third Sunday of Advent (December 15): The Van Bommel Family

Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 22): The Draheim-Budde Family

**Next Sunday** during the 9:00 a.m. worship service, this year's Youth Formation participants will begin the holiday season with their annual Christmas Program. Join Mary as she reflects on the birth of Jesus and what that means for all of us. We hope you will join us!

### Healing Service

There will be a special Anointing/Blessing for Healing during the Advent Service on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm. Please join us for Soup Supper before the service (5:00-6:15 pm).

Each week a Daily Discipleship, which is a take home Bible Study, will be on the tables at the back of sanctuary for you to take with you. It will also be on the website in the section where the weekly bulletin is.

There will not be Tower Ringerz rehearsals on Dec 18, Dec 25 & Jan 1. The Zion Choir will not be rehearsing on December 1, 8, 22, 29, January 5, 12.

For all who receive the messenger by mail the December messenger is in the back of the church in an envelope with your name on it. Please pick yours up so we can save on postage. Thank you.

All 2024 donations need to be received by December 31, 2024.

Services will be held on Christmas Eve with a String Quartet at 4 pm and our Organ at 6 pm. There will not be a service on Christmas Day.

There are Advent Study Guides and Calendars in the back of the sanctuary for you to have during the Advent Season. Please feel free to take one home with you.

Lynn will be placing a gift card order next week so please contact her if/when you know what you want to order. The order form for gift cards is in the narthex but it is now on the website- [zionappleton.org](http://zionappleton.org) also. She also has Fleet Farm, Target & Walgreens on hand for purchase today.

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." - John 6:35. Even as Jesus satisfies our spiritual hunger, many of our neighbors are still experiencing physical hunger. Take a candy cane ornament from our Giving Tree at the back of church, buy the food item listed and return it under the Giving Tree next week during service. The food collected will be used to fill Zion's Blessing Box and given to St. Joe's Food Pantry. There are also envelopes for monetary donations to St. Joe's Food Pantry & the Blessing Box. The Giving Tree will remain active through Epiphany (Sun, Jan 5).

We will be serving a catered brunch on Epiphany, Sunday, January 5, 2025. The brunch will be catered by Chef Joe Worden, formally chef at Grand Meridian. The cost for this meal will be \$5.00 for all adults, children not yet confirmed will be free of charge. We will also need help with set up and clean up. Please watch for further announcements in the bulletin.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linwood Community is sponsoring an educational opportunity on Thursday, Dec. 5th at 2:00pm. The topic is Antibiotics-When they become Dangerous! Learn how to protect yourself from side effects caused by unnecessary antibiotic use.

Golden Years Resource Alliance presents an informational panel of community professionals and experts. On Thursday, Dec. 12th from 10:30-11:30 at Touchmark, 2601 Touchmark Dr. Appleton there will be a presentation of how to Keep the Happy in the Holidays. You are welcome to attend this & future presentations.

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Monday, December 9, 2024

Submissions due for January's calendar

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**Sunday, December 1**

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:1-10  
 1 Thess 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36  
 No Choir Rehearsal  
**Worship Service 9:00 am**  
 followed by  
**Coffee Hour**  
 Sunday School & Confirmation

**First Sunday of Advent**

Pastor Karen Jewell  
 Assisting Minister: Tricia Staedt  
 Reader: Amanda Kuba  
 Acolyte: Alexa Rusch  
 Musician: Jim Schley  
 Opens: Gwen Schwandt  
 Closes: Tammy Mossholder  
 Lights Advent Candles: The Reis Family

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**Wednesday, December 4**

**Advent Meal 5:00 pm**  
**Worship Service 6:30 pm**

**First Week of Advent**

Tower RingerZ Rehearsal 4:15 pm  
 Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer  
 Cantor: Cheryl Meyer  
 Musician: Heather Watney

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**Sunday, December 8**

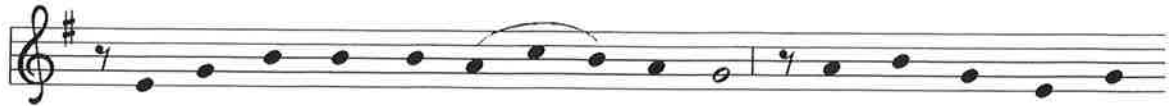
**Sunday School Pageant**  
 Mal 3:1-4,, Luke 1:68-79  
 Phil 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6  
 No Choir Rehearsal  
**Worship Service 9:00 am**  
 Followed by  
 Coffee Hour

**Second Sunday of Advent**

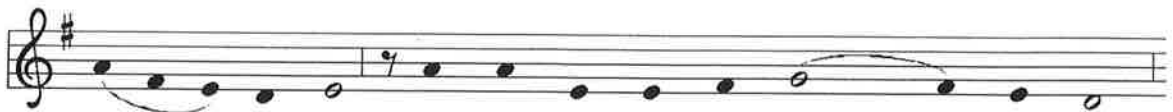
Vicar Jake Czarnik-Neimeyer  
 Assisting Minister: Gwen Schwandt  
 Reader: JoAnn Salm  
 Acolyte: Lily Gruselle  
 Musician: Jim Schley  
 Opens and Closes: Greg Pettigrew  
 Lights Advent Candles: The Moseng Family



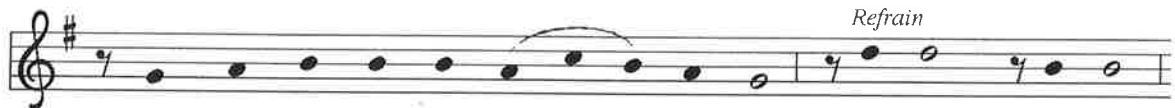
# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heav'nly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite  
 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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# Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can - dle to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills them the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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# The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morning dawns and light tri-umphant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit-tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris-ing morn when Christ, vic-to-rious, rose,  
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo-rious morn shall dawn up-on our race  
5 The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beau-ty brings.



when beau-ty gilds the east-ern hills and life to joy a-wakes.  
but crowned with glo-ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone-some place of death, de-spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen-dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: come quick-ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

## 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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