



December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
Ezekiel: The Valley of Dry Bones

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Johann Walther

GATHERING SONG

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: Most merciful God,

MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN

ONE: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

+ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

ONE: On this second Sunday of Advent, we add a candle and remind ourselves to look for love.

MANY: We have been waiting. We have been listening for love.

ONE: With our eyes we can see God's glory. Where have we been blind? What do we need to notice during this season?

MANY: Jesus is born in our looking. Above all things may we put on love, which holds all things together.

ONE: Let us pause now to open our hearts and listen for love.

[light two blue candles]

ONE: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, as we look for love together.

MANY: Open our eyes to Christmas. AMEN

HYMN OF LIGHT

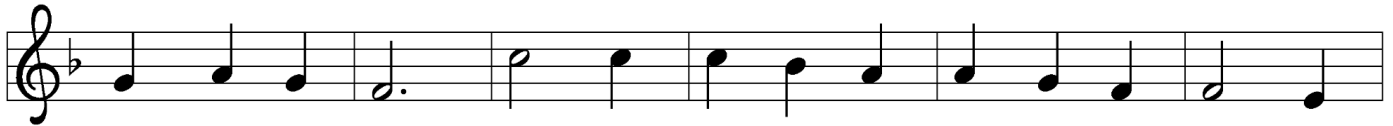
Love Has Come

ELW 292

MANY:



1. Love will come a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
3. Love will come and ne - ver will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sa - vior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us pray. God of breath,

You promised new life to your people in exile by breathing into a valley full of dry bones. Breathe new life into us, so that we might live passionately for you.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. The Lord led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. The Lord asked me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you alone can know." ⁴Then the Lord said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then the Lord said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as the Lord commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then the Lord said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves,

and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act.”

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Awake O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: **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 Jesus rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 THE PEOPLE

ONE: In the silence following each petition, you are invited to share with God - through a single word, short phrase or mental image - whatever concerns lie on your heart. Hold that word, phrase or image in your mind, placing that concern before God in the silence...

Emmanuel--God with us--in taking on a human body you showed us what infinite love looks like. Let us pray,

Word of Life, we **look** with love upon your creation...

Ruler of the Nations, we **listen** for your justice and righteousness...

Mighty Counselor, we **care** for our own soul, body and mind...

Healer of our Every Ill, we **speak** with love for those in need of healing in body, mind or spirit...

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERING

Come Now, O God

ACS 902

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

MANY: AMEN

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

MANY: We lift them to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

MANY: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. AMEN

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

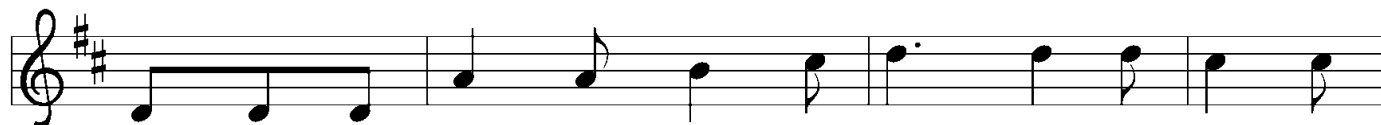
ONE: The Lord bless you and keep you
the Lord make his face shine upon you
the Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

MANY: AMEN

SENDING SONG

People Look East

ELW 248



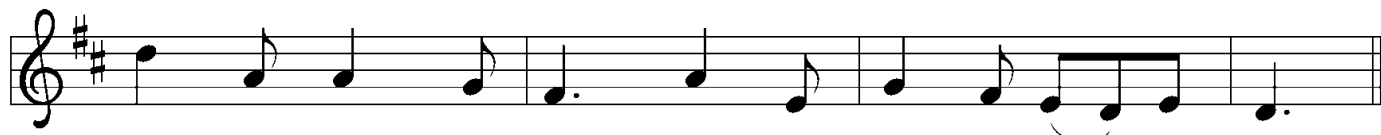
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



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.

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, look for LOVE.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

People Look East

Lynn L. Petersen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021

TODAY

9AM Worship with Holy Communion
Second Sunday in Advent

Flowers are given today by Ross and Jeanette Colligan
in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

PEACEFULL NIGHTS

Dinner at 5:30, this week on the menu is tater tot
hotdish. Adult and kids programming starts at 6pm.

THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR: CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Join the NLC this holiday season for the 36th annual
Christmas Festival, The Earth Adorned. Concerts will be
held December 10th and 11th at the Basilica of Saint
Mary, and a livestream of the concert will be available
during the 8pm concert on the 10th. See NLCA.com for
details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS & INVITE YOUR LOVED ONES

Consider how you might share Christ's LOVE as we
worship. Bring a loved one to these events!

Sunday, December 12 - Christmas Pageant, 9:00am
"Sing We All Noel"

Sunday, December 19 - Christmas Music Festival, 9am
"A Child is Born"

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship, 4:00pm
with Holy Communion

AFGHAN FAMILY HAS ARRIVED

Our Afghan Refugee family moved into their apartment
this past Wednesday.. They are a family of 4 going on 5.
Dad, Mom, who is pregnant, and two boys, ages 6 and 2.
Their home is in Bloomington and Peace's Welcome
Team moved all of their furniture, kitchen and pantry
supplies in on Wednesday.

Thank you to all who have donated! Continued prayers
and financial donations are still needed. You can donate
by clicking on the "online giving" button at
peaceofplymouth.org or dropping a check into the
offering. Thank you!

How can I help? -- ALL COMMITTEE NIGHT

The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 14, 6:30pm.
Come and share your ideas about programming for 2022.