

Reformation

# **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California**

*November 1, 2020*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- Please text prayer requests to (520) 483-6331.
- Our order of worship is printed in this booklet.

## **THE SEASON OF END TIME**

Aramageddon. Apocalypse, Rapture. Millennium. Tribulation. These are all words associated with the period of time known as the end times. It is a subject that has fascinated imaginations for ages. Sadly, it is a topic of much confusion and speculation. The last season of the church year, known as "End Times," focuses on these things. During the four weeks of this season, we will look at what the Bible says about the last days. Jesus' simple, clear words bring comfort and confidence as we look forward to the end of our own lives and the end of the world. We turn to Jesus' clear words of promise to get "The Last Word for the Last Days."

Lord God, give me a willing heart and able hands to give thanks to you and care for my neighbors. Amen.

## **WORSHIP THEME**

At the Festival of the Reformation we give thanks we have been rescued from the false ways of salvation that could only lead us to ruin and doom. We owe God thanks for that rescue accomplished by his grace alone, on account of Christ's merit alone, and through the means of grace alone. At the same time we remember that apart from unqualified commitment to his Word, grace can be lost and with it the saving faith created through the Word in the one and only Christ, our one and only Savior. Therefore let us hear the Word of the Lord! Prompted by his grace let us recommit ourselves to purity of doctrine that comes alone from the Word, and to a life that reflects our devotion to the Savior who gives himself for us and then to us in his pure Word and Sacraments.

# Divine Service I

## OPENING HYMN

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word | CW 204



1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a  
2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your  
3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free  
4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no



hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It  
gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of  
grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will  
dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My



was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.  
Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.  
grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.  
high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And  
In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not  
And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your  
My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -



glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And  
in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And  
Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must  
fill your prom - ise ev - er, And mer - cy give While



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny you.  
heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.  
come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!  
here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*The Reformation never sought to abolish Private Confession and Absolution; as the Augsburg Confession says, "Private Absolution ought to be retained in the Churches." However, in addition to Private Confession, General Confession before the Sacrament developed as a way to further prepare oneself for the reception of Christ's Body and Blood.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie

*"Kyrie eleison" means, "Lord, have mercy." In the **Kyrie** we come before God with the prayer that was on the lips of Blind Bartimaeus. We approach our merciful Savior as citizens of heaven, seeking His mercy for our salvation, the peace of the whole world, the well-being of His church, our worship, and our everlasting defense (Mark 10:49).*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### GLORY TO GOD – *Gloria in Excelsis*

*The Glory to God is an amplification of the glorious message of the angels on the plains of Bethlehem. This message the Christian Church has always treasured. It is said, for instance, that a form of the Gloria was the usual morning song of the early Christians in the days of persecution, when the mere singing of it might well have brought martyrdom in its wake and often did*



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



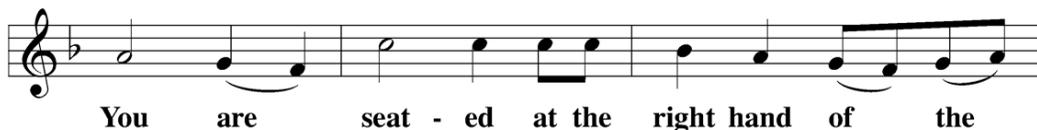
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



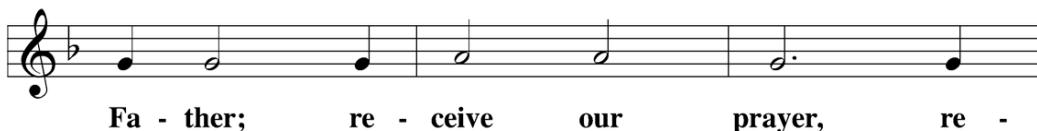
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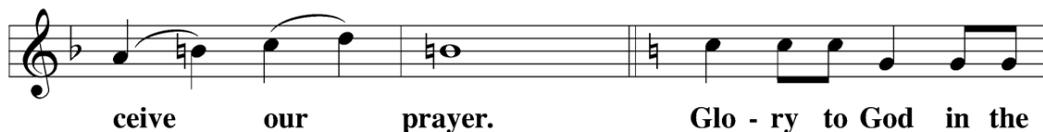
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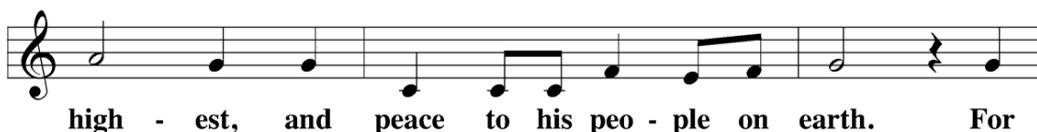
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## *The Service of the Word*

*Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the gospel to shine forth. We implore you to faithfully defend it against all enemies, so that we may joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

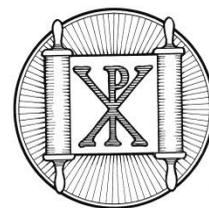
C: **Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

Revelation 14:6–7

*An angel proclaims the eternal gospel. God's Word will endure no matter who or what stands against it.*

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying high overhead, with the eternal gospel to announce to the inhabitants of the earth—to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup>He spoke with a loud voice: “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship the one who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”



# PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

## *Refrain*



The might - y Lord is with us;



the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

## *Psalm Tone*



God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

## *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## *Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19–28

*In Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes of both Law and Gospel. He writes of God's anger against sin and God's righteousness given through Jesus. Here, at this transitional point, is the promise of Jesus' righteousness and the freedom he brings. Yes, freedom from sin and freedom to live in all righteousness comes to us who live by faith. We have been declared innocent, and no law will shackle us again. Now we live for him who has set us free.*

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are subject to the law,<sup>[a]</sup> so that every mouth may be shut and the whole world may become subject to God's judgment.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>20</sup> For no one will be justified<sup>[a]</sup> in his sight by the works of the law, because the knowledge of sin comes through the law.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, attested by the Law and the Prophets.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>22</sup> The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ<sup>[a]</sup> to all who believe, since there is no distinction. <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of the<sup>[a]</sup> glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented him as the mercy seat<sup>[a]</sup> by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. <sup>26</sup> God presented him to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law?<sup>[a]</sup> By one of works? No, on the contrary, by a law<sup>[a]</sup> of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we conclude that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*John 8:31, 32*

**Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

*John 8:31–36*

*Within true discipleship comes the understanding and knowledge of the true mystery of Christ. With this knowledge comes freedom.*

M: The Gospel according to John, chapter 8.



**Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you continue in my word,<sup>[a]</sup> you really are my disciples. <sup>32</sup>You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

<sup>33</sup>“We are descendants<sup>[b]</sup> of Abraham,” they answered him, “and we have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will become free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus responded, “Truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup>A slave does not remain in the household forever, but a son does remain forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

*After the reading of the Gospel, the Minister will say:*

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

<b>I believe in God, the Father almighty,</b>	<i>2 Cor. 6:18</i>
<b>maker of heaven and earth.</b>	<i>Is. 51:13</i>
<b>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,</b>	<i>1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18</i>
<b>who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,</b>	<i>Lk. 1:35</i>
<b>born of the virgin Mary,</b>	<i>Lk. 1:34; 2:7</i>
<b>suffered under Pontius Pilate,</b>	<i>Lk. 23:16</i>
<b>was crucified, died,</b>	<i>Mt. 27:32-61; Mk 15:21-47</i>
<b>and was buried.</b>	<i>Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42</i>
<b>He descended into hell.</b>	<i>1 Pet. 3:19</i>
<b>The third day he rose again from the dead.</b>	<i>1 Cor. 15:4b</i>
<b>He ascended into heaven</b>	<i>Ac. 2:33-34</i>
<b>and is seated at the right hand</b>	
<b>of God the Father almighty.</b>	<i>Heb. 1:13</i>

From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Mt. 25:31*

*2 Tim. 4:1*

*Mt. 3:16-17*

*Eph. 5:23*

*Eph. 4:3-6*

*Rom. 4:6-8*

*1 Cor. 15:13-19*

*1 Th. 4:17*

200 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.  
 He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

*It is not known for certain when Martin Luther wrote this hymn. Some believe it may date from 1527 or 1528, while others consider it to have been inspired by the Diet of Speyer, where, on April 20, 1529, the German princes made their formal "protest" against the revocation of their liberties and thus gained the name "Protestants." Based on Psalm 46, this hymn brought great comfort, courage, and strength to Luther and his followers during times of trial and persecution. The hymn spread rapidly throughout Germany and was sung at the Diet of Augsburg in 1530. Gustavus Adolphus and his army sang this hymn before the Battle of Leipzig in 1631, and the Salzburg Emigrants adopted it as their traveling hymn in 1732*

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.  
 Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

## SERMON

John 8:31-36

### CREATE IN ME

*Using the words of Psalm 51, we pray that God use the Word which we have just heard to “create a pure heart” in us. We pray that he “not cast us away,” but instead show us salvation.*

Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*Be seated*

### OFFERING

*Offerings gathered during the week are placed on the altar.*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Eternal Lord, you speak to us in words of truth. Fill us with peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Guide our lives. Work in us through your Spirit that our thoughts, words, and actions glorify you and serve our neighbor.
- C:** **Fill us with the Word we have heard and move us to believe it and live it.**

M: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach. Take away their fear and make them bold to say what you say. Fill them with a love like yours and lead them to announce the forgiveness of sins as your free gift to us and all people.

**C: Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

M: Forgive us for the times we hear your Word but fail to live it in our lives. Break down the apathy that lurks in us and leads us to ignore eternal realities. Convict us with your law and then fill us so full of your gospel that we overflow with zeal to do your will.

**C: Give us thankful hearts to live and love with joy.**

M: Guard and guide us as we live in a society that despises what you say about marriage. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Move parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus even when their children grow up.

**C: Protect us from the evil that surrounds us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

M: Provide your divine compass for those who govern us by making laws and setting policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime and aggression. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to care for those who cannot care for themselves.

**C: Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

M: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**C: Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in your grace.**

M: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Fill eager minds with wisdom to discover new ways to treat disease and illness. Give patience and compassion to those who care for the sick and dying.

**C: Lift the eyes of the dying to your love in Christ.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Eternal Lord, you guide the world with your mighty power and love all people because your Son lived and died and rose again. Hear our prayers, spoken and in silence, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**C: In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

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**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

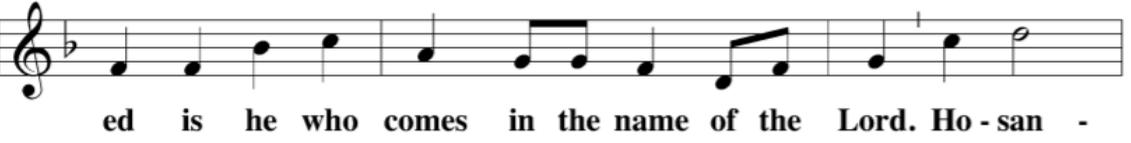
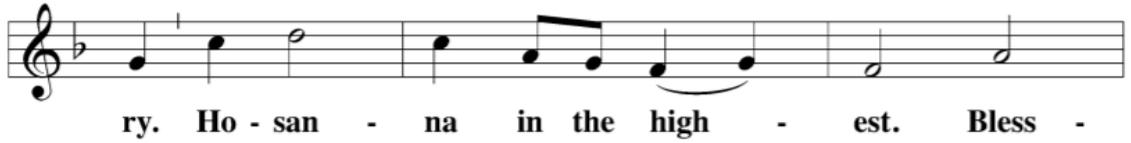
**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Sanctus*

*Sanctus means "holy". The body and blood of our Lord are present in this sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "*Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*"

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "*Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.*"

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei***

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

*Be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Participation in the Sacrament is an expression of a common faith. Our guests today who are not members of a congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or a church in fellowship with the WELS) are invited to speak with the pastor to learn how you might receive the sacrament with us in the future.*

## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON – *Nunc Dimittis*

*As aged Simeon rejoiced at holding baby Jesus in His own arms, so we rejoice at having received Jesus with our own mouths.*



In peace, Lord, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

*Stand*

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** **And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one

another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**THE BLESSING** – *Aaronic blessing*

*In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put His name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name so we are sent out in His name with His blessing.*

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN**

**529 Built on the Rock**

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his  
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
 5 Grant then, O God, your will be done, That, when the

stee - ples are fall - ing, Crum - bled have spires in  
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth his  
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
 God did re - ceive us. Th' al - tar re - calls Christ's  
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
 grace us owns Heirs of his won - drous sal - va -  
 sac - ri - fice And what the sac - ra - ment gives  
 faith may come Where Christ his mes - sage is bring -

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
 ling, Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
 tion. Were we but two his name to tell,  
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
 ing: "I know my own; my own know me.

But a - bove all the soul dis - tressed,  
 Choos - es to live with us in love,  
 Yet he would deign with us to dwell  
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
 You, not the world, my face shall see.

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
 Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 With all his grace and his fa - vor.  
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
 My peace I leave with you al - ways."

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.  
 Tune: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS (88 88 88 8) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.