



Arlington Hills Lutheran Church

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 30, 2022.



The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology.

By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works. Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

The Black Cross in a Heart retains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17).

The White Rose shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field,

The Sky-Blue Field symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed.

A Golden Ring around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.”

This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology].
(Source: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530
[WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)

Sunday, October 30, 2022
Reformation Sunday
21st Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction

“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

Prelude **“He Hideth My Soul”** arr. Tom Payne and Ed Hogan
Agape Quintet

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Greeting

Luke 19:9,10

P: Alleluia. Today salvation has come to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

All: Alleluia.

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

All: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

All: We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Please stand if you are able

Gathering Hymn **“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”** **ELW# 504**
Verses 1, 2, & 4 – found on pages 18-19

Apostolic Greeting

P: 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.

Please be seated

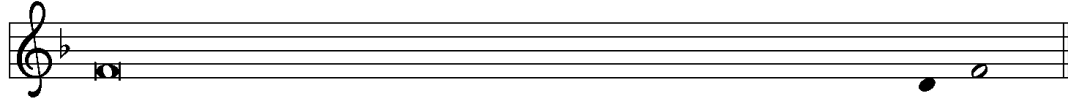
Kyrie

P:

All:



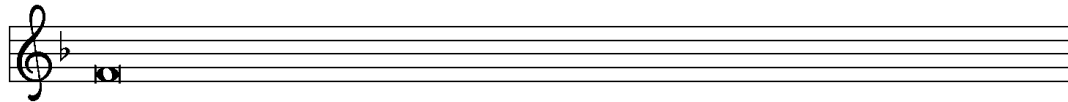
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



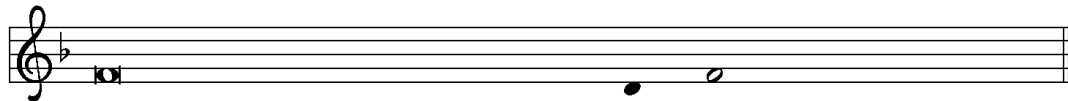
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



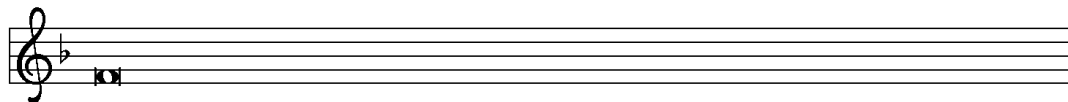
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



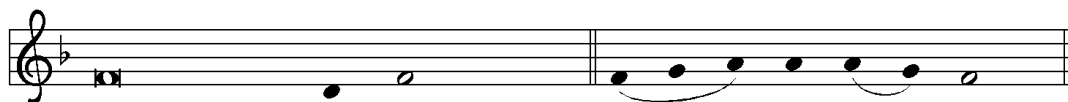
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



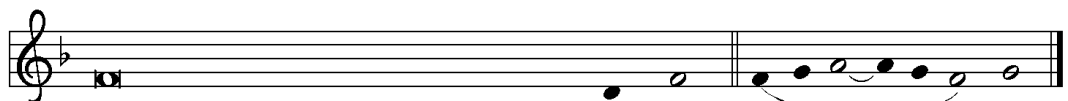
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

This is the Feast

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

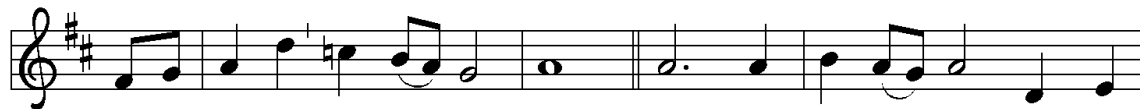


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and




strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



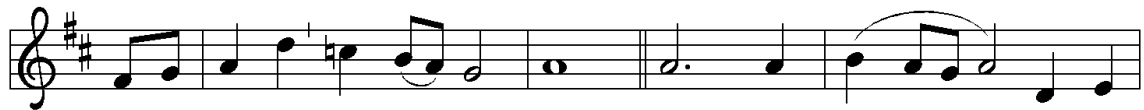
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Prayer of the Day

P: Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Anthem

**“Be Thou My Vision”
Aqape Quintet**

arr. Ted Wilson

WORD

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous - therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 32:1-7 (read responsively by whole verse)

All the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble. (Ps. 32:6)

AM: ¹Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

All: ²**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

AM: ³While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

All: ⁴For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

AM: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

All: ⁶Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.

AM: ⁷You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

This letter attributed to Paul begins with a typical salutation, blessing, and words of praise for what God is accomplishing among the recipients. By remaining faithful and growing spiritually during hardship, the Thessalonian Christians have become witnesses to the glory of God.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

AM: Word of God, Word of Life.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke the 19th Chapter
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

P: The gospel of our Lord.
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

“Seeking Zacchaeus, Seeking Jesus”

Pastor Mitch

Please stand if you are able

Hymn of the Day “For by Grace You Have Been Saved”
Verses 1, 2 and 3 found on pages 20-21

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Apostle’s 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.

Please be seated

Prayers of Intercession

AM: *Each prayer will end with:* Hear us, O God.

All: **Your mercy is great.**

Please stand for the sharing of the peace

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering Music

“Savior, like a shepherd Lead Us”

arr. Mark Taylor

Please stand if you are able

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

All: Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Please be seated

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

. . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

Communion

Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen

Prayer after Communion

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Please stand if you are able

SENDING

Sending Hymn

“Built on a Rock”

ELW# 652

Verses 1, 2, and 4 - found on pages 22-23

Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

All: Amen.

Postlude

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

arr. Brad Henderson

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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Leading Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

Music: Agape Quintet

Ben Anderson - Percussion; John Egnell - Flugelhorn and Trumpet;
Steve Turan – Bass; Matt Shervey – Piano and Chuck Linderkamp –
Woodwinds and Voice

Assisting Ministers: Tom Brockway and Chris Anderson

Ushers: David Almquist, Dennis, and Florence Rasmusson

Hospitality: Valerie and Orv Osmundson

Livestream Producer: Silvester Vicic

Song Leader: Linda Strohkirch

Announcements:

A Special thank you to Agape and Chuck Linderkamp for leading us in music and sharing their wonderful musical gifts with us this morning.

Welcome to Pastor Richard Pittman from House of Praise, one of our partners in our building. He will be sharing about the work and ministry of his church.

Sunday, November 6, All Saints Day

Sunday, November 13, The Bach Event – Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 20, Christ the King Sunday

Saturday, November 26, Christmas Craft & Bake Sale at Gustavus Adolphus

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent

Happy November Birthdays

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| Richard Johnson | Nov. 4 |
| William Gustafson | Nov. 4 |
| Kent Swanson | Nov. 4 |
| Karen Helgason | Nov. 7 |
| Gayle Lopez | Nov. 17 |
| Robert Nelson | Nov. 19 |
| Sharon Hanson | Nov. 20 |
| Kay Sandeen | Nov. 21 |
| Suzette Holmes | Nov. 21 |
| Edwin Togar | Nov. 23 |
| Daniel Brockway | Nov. 23 |
| Maria Tkachuck | Nov. 24 |
| Sally Keller | Nov. 27 |
| Jon Helgason | Nov. 28 |

Happy November Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Cynthia and Jeff Young | Nov. 12 |
| Gary and Georgette Winter | Nov. 17 |
| Ken and Sharon Swanson | Nov. 18 |
| Wayne and Vicki Hansen | Nov. 27 |

Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends:

Dean Anderson, Sharon Anderson, Wayne Blossey, Carol Brockway, Margaret Cleary, Jerry Ekblad, Richard Edge, Peggy Engh, Dona Haberman, Esther Hallgren, Adeline Hansen, John Hollman, , Richard Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Tyler King, Jan Kowitz, Velta Krauze, John Lind, Linda Nyberg , Tom Nyman, Deb Perry, Priscilla Reeve, Betty Richter, Jackie Staples, Ken Wagner, Gary Winter, and MaryAnn Wistrom.

Sunday, November 6th – Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!



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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost,
rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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For by Grace You Have Been Saved



1 For by grace you have been saved and e - ven faith is not your
 2 "So my grace is all - suf - fi - cient for each child who is my
 3 So this weak - ness with con - tent - ment I'll ac - cept now in my -



own, it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have
 own, for my strength is now made per - fect for each child who is my
 self, all my hard - ships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep with - in my -



done. Don't let an - y - bod - y boast, for this is
 own. When you're weak, then you are strong, for this is
 self. When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is



God's great gift. A - - men.
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 God's great gift. A - - men. A - - men.

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For by Grace You Have Been Saved

- 1 For by grace you have been saved
and even faith is not your own,
it's the gift of God for you
and not the works that you have done.
Don't let anybody boast,
for this is God's great gift. Amen.

- 2 "So my grace is all sufficient
for each child who is my own,
for my strength is now made perfect
for each child who is my own.
When you're weak, then you are strong,
for this is God's great gift." Amen.

- 3 So this weakness with contentment
I'll accept now in myself,
all my hardships, pains, and griefs
that still lie deep within myself.
When I'm weak, then I am strong,
for this is God's great gift. Amen. Amen.

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Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling—
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands
God the Most High is not dwelling—
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet God who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple.

- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.

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