

**LAESTADIAN LUTHERAN HYMNODY: RICH IN CHURCH TRADITION AND ZION'S HERITAGE
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This multi-media (lecture, PowerPoint, music interludes) presentation highlights the Laestadian Lutherans' hymnody, its church traditions (especially Finland's) inspiration from the spirit of the revivalist movement's gospel message of forgiveness and grace, and its sense of a mutually shared congregation—"God's kingdom" or "Zion." The session examines the LLC's recently published *Songs and Hymns of Zion* hymnal's content and includes music on organ, in solo demonstration, and congregation singing. Lyric imagery, translation theory, and musical aspects are also covered in the presentation.