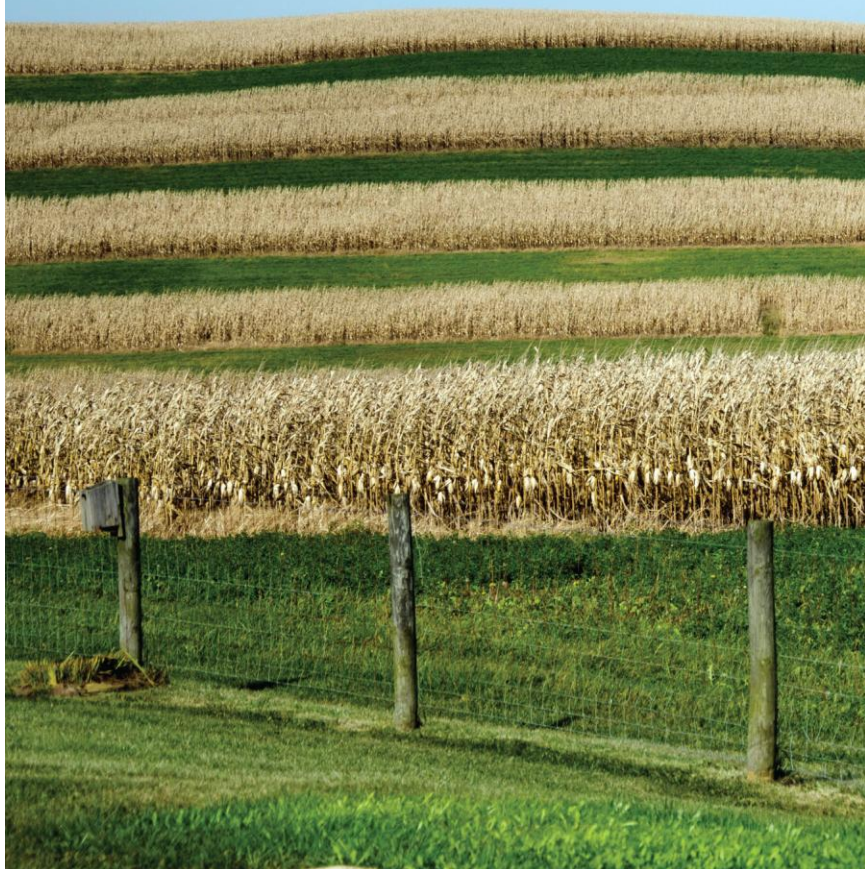


“Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.”

JOHN 4:35, NRSV



SPRING MISSION FESTIVAL

Luther Memorial Church April 19, 2026

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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Bible Study/Sunday School. 9am

Worship. 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 96 (TLH Pg. 144);

PRAYERS: 59 (Pg. 108); 55 (Pg. 107).

HYMNS: 574 781 496 507

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 574 -*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Worship Supplement Pg. 22)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We stand forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: 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.

OT LESSON:

ISAIAH 55:6-11

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. *

EPISTLE:

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. *

GOSPEL:

JOHN 4:1-26

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), ³he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. ⁴And he had to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.” *

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell, the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; 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: 781 - *“Preach You the Word”*

THE SERMON:

JOHN 4:27-42

²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

THE HARVEST ISN’T FAR FROM HOME

I. Homegrown Evangelists

II. Homegrown Prospects

III. Homegrown Gospel Outcome

Many of you know our speaker this morning, Pastor Thomas Naumann because he is a son of the congregation, the son of your former Pastor David Naumann. We thank the Lord Jesus for all of His gifts to the church. We thank pastor Naumann for preparing the encouraging Bible Study and message. We further pray that the LORD bring him and his family safely to Fridley and bless him in his work for the Lord at grace.

THE OFFERINGS OF THANKFUL HEARTS

We express our thanksgiving for what the Savior Jesus has done for us by supporting His Work with our time, talents and gifts. Should you wish to leave a gift, there are offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary. As our gifts are brought forward to His Altar, we sing His Praise.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 207:2,4)

♪ Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious! Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life! Death hath now no power o'er us, Thou hast conquered in the strife. Thanks because Thou didst arise And hast opened Paradise! None can fully sing the glory Of the resurrection story.

♪ Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

PRAYER(S)/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.

HYMN: 496 - "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

THE BENEDICTION: (Pastor) **CONGREGATION:** "Amen."

CLOSING HYMN: 507 - "Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word"

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please either speak with the pastor or with an usher on the way out.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 19, 2026

THIS WEEK

Monday: Larry Stubbs Visitation 9:30-Noon; Victory Service Noon

Tuesday: LM Mission Committee 6pm

Wednesday: Living Hope Confirmation 4pm

Sunday: Bible Study/Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2026 General Budget has been set by the Voters in our Annual Meeting at: \$120,120.00. We have thus far received: \$43,080.82 toward that budget.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

We have pledged to send \$22,000 to support the work of the LORD in our church body, the Church of the Lutheran Confession in 2025-26. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. Thus far we have received \$22,115.00 toward that pledge.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2026

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a Family Fellowship Hour during 2026. Please take a look and sign up when you can host!

BUSINESS CARDS

On your way out you may notice some 'business cards' on the stand with the Guestbook. Feel free to take a few and share them with any unchurched friends. They read: "If we meet and you forget me You have lost nothing. But if you meet Jesus Christ and forget Him You have lost everything!" There is information about Jesus and Luther Memorial on the back of each card.

FUNERAL OBITUARY

After having written more than 50 Funeral Obituaries, I have had a number of people ask me to write theirs in advance. If you would like the pastor to work on that for you, feel free to ask him.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HELPERS

The schedule for 2026 for Communion Distribution Helpers is on the LM Calendar, which can be accessed on the website at – www.fdllutheran.com If you are a voter and would like to be added to the schedule, speak with Pastor Schaller.

WORSHIP CREW

We are always in need of help in carrying out our worship service without an organist. If you've been thinking that you could help with the slides or the streaming service and would like to learn how to do it, please speak with Mr. Rodney Kern.

STUDENT AID FOR ILHS/ILC

Student Aid has been collected by Luther Memorial to help those who are sending their children to Immanuel. If those funds are useful, they need only be requested.

TIME CHANGE ON THE HORIZON

We have just five weeks remaining at our Fall/Winter Worship Time slot (10am). Bible Study and Sunday School will be in recess during the Summer months, beginning on Sunday May 24th (Memorial Day Weekend). On Sunday May 24th we will then return to our 9am Worship Time for the Spring/Summer. We will resume our Fall/Winter Schedule on Sunday September 13th.

PASTORAL SHORTAGE IN THE CLC

Please continue to pray that the Lord Jesus provide workers for our CLC Pulpits. In the last 6 months, Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, Pastor Ted Barthels and Pastor Del Maas have announced their intention to retire from the Public Ministry in 2026. We have 65 congregations being served by 45 men. We also have 21 Pastors and Professors over 60 years old, 19 that are over 65 and 9 that are over 70 years of age.

We have 10 churches without or about to be without a full-time pastor to serve them, including: 1) Trinity in Spokane WA; 2) Holy Cross in Phoenix AZ; 3) Our Redeemer's in Red Wing MN; 4) St. Luke's in Lemmon, SD; 5) Messiah in Eau Claire, WI; 6) Living Hope of Appleton, WI; 7) St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN; 8) Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit) MI; 9) Gift of God in Mapleton (Fargo) ND; 10) St. Paul's Lutheran in Ponsford, MN.

This is further complicated by the fact that we anticipate 1 graduate from Seminary in the next 3 years. There are 14 men in the Pre-Theology Program at ILC, but it will take at least 7 years to graduate them...if they all continue.

We may have a shortage for at least the next decade. This isn't only an issue facing only the CLC. In the CLC, 11% of our congregations have vacancies. In the WELS they are also at 11%. The LCMS is at 20% and the ELCA seems to be much higher. What is the point of all this? Be thankful that you have a pastor and pray that God moves other men to serve.

LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

The Lawn Mowing schedule has been put on the church bulletin board. Thank you to all those who have offered to mow the church grounds.

CLC Financial Report - March 2026

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 9 Months	Balance 3/31/2026
General Fund	0	874,090	908,888	948,625	(34,798)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,476,812	1,270,752	1,331,280	206,060
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IF)	99,143	29,148	90,436		37,855
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	421,660	340		2,488,033
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	263,352	182,427		229,327
Kinship	169,472	180,095	161,491		188,076
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	612,733	639,525		2,477,004
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	138,666	196,858		43,487
EduK8 Fund	70,311	63,547	30,000		103,858
Reserve Fund	103,629	2,923	0		106,552
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$1,712,114	\$1,301,077		\$5,674,192

General Fund – The General Fund held its own in March and now sits at a negative balance of about \$35,000, compared to a negative \$64,000 at this time last year.

ILC Operations – The balance is ahead of last year at this time by about \$80,000.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of regular monthly payments received from congregations on loans they owe the CLC and a lump-sum payoff of one loan for a total of about \$430,000. Revenue also includes \$182,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements include \$559,000 loaned to a member congregation for their building project and the \$43,000 payoff of an individual CEF loan.

ILC Improvement Fund – A new tractor at a cost of \$60,000 was purchased in March for the maintenance department on the campus of ILC.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

CLC CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin has called Pastor Michael Wilke who currently serves Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI • Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI has called Pastor Jonah Albrecht who currently serves Tacoma and Lynnwood, WA. • Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School in Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call of Messiah Lutheran School, EC. WI. • Pastor Rob Sauers has returned the call of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix AZ. • Pastor David Pfeiffer has returned the call of Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Madison Heights (Detroit). • The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025-26

The Cooperative Budget Plan (CBP) is a pledge established by the Voters of Luther Memorial to participate in the work of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. This fiscal year runs from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Amount Pledged 2025	Received as of 4/12/26	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (13)
\$22,000	\$22,115.00	\$0	\$0

The Offerings of Thankful Hearts – LM Offerings 4/12/26

Attendance: 4/12 -

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	Easter Lillies (Non-Budgetary)
\$1,330.00	\$350.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$44.00
Total Offerings: \$1,824.00				

Luther Memorial General Budget 2026

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the General Fund Budget at the Annual Meeting January 18, 2026. The fiscal year is from January 1 – December 31, 2026.

General Budget	Received as of 4/12/26	Amount Remaining	Remaining Amount (38 Sundays)
\$120,120.00	\$43,080.82	\$77,039.18	\$2,027.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS APRIL 20-25, 2026

Monday – John 10:11-16 The Jesus who rose Easter morning is the Jesus who said, “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (v11). This is our Shepherd and Savior! Hallelujah!

Tuesday - 1 Peter 2:21-25 Jesus, our Savior, suffered insult, agony, and death on the cross because our sins were laid on Him. He bore this willingly to return us to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls.

Wednesday – Ezekiel 34:11-16 Already in the Old Testament the LORD describes Himself as a shepherd. He searches for His flock, gathers and brings them out, leads them to good pasture, heals and protects them.

Thursday – Psalm 23 With the LORD as our Shepherd, we lack nothing. He provides spiritual food that sustains our life forever. He protects us in evil days, showers us with blessings and welcomes us into His house.

Friday – Psalm 70 As sheep look to their shepherd in the face of harm and danger, so we with David say: “I am oppressed and poor. God, hurry to me. You are my help and my deliverer. O LORD, do not delay” (v5).

Saturday - Hebrews 13:20-21 May God, who brought our great Shepherd back from the dead, equip us with everything we need to glorify the name of Jesus Christ, who won for us peace with God and eternal life.



These devotions are produced by Pastor/Professor Emeritus Paul Schaller and sent out on a weekly basis. Graphics in the bulletin are taken from Church Art Online via a regular legal subscription.

HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 96

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! ²Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ⁶Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! ⁸Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! ⁹Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

¹⁰Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." ¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; ¹²let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR DIVINE GUIDANCE AND HELP

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with Your most gracious favor and further us with Your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in You we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR GRACE TO DO GOD'S WILL

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that on the Last Day, when He will come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

♪ Thou hast died for my transgression, All my sins on Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me salvation, On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall arise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death itself is transitory; I shall lift my head in glory.

HYMN

HARK! THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING

1. Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today? Fields are white and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheave away?" Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich reward He offers thee; Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me"?

2. If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all. If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgement's dread alarms, You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall, Pointing out the path to heaven, Offering life and peace to all, With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God demands; You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

4. Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do," While the souls of men are dying And the Master calls for you. Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be; Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

HYMN: SPREAD, OH, SPREAD, THOU MIGHTY WORD

1. Spread, oh, spread, thou mighty Word, Spread the kingdom of the Lord, Wheresoe'er His breath has giv'n Life to beings meant for heav'n.

2. Tell them how the Father's will Made the world and keeps it still, How His only Son He gave Man from sin and death to save.

3. Tell of our Redeemer's love, Who forever doth remove By His holy sacrifice All the guilt that on us lies.

4. Tell them of the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us up to heav'n, Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

5. Up! The ripening fields ye see. Mighty shall the harvest be; But the reapers still are few, Great the work they have to do.

6. Lord of Harvest, let there be Joy and strength to work for Thee Till the nations far and near See Thy light and learn Thy fear. Amen.