

EPIPHANY FIVE

Luther Memorial Church February 9, 2025

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

A Congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Sunday School/Bible Study. . . . 9am

Worship. . . . 10am

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

PSALM: 20 (TLH Pg. 126); **PRAYERS: 77** (Pg. 109); **70** (Pg. 109).

HYMNS: 498:1-4 775 507 498:5-6

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN: 498:1-4 *"Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations"*

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (Setting One, WS. Pg. 1-11)

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved of God: 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.

Congregation: Almighty God, our maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: 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.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**C: ♪ Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**♪ Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

ISAIAH 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”*

EPISTLE LESSON:**ROMANS 10:12-17**

¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. *

GOSPEL LESSON:**LUKE 5:1-11**

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.*

ALLELUIA

Pastor: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (WS. Pg. 5)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made;

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead And the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: 775 *"Thy Strong Word"*

THE SERMON:

MATTHEW 13:24-30

²⁴He presented another parable to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared.

²⁷The servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?'

²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy did this.' The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?' ²⁹'No,' he answered, 'because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' ' **

THE REALITY OF LIFE IN THIS WORLD

Wheat and Weeds grow together.

Wheat and Weeds will be separated.

THE OFFERTORY

♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your free Spirit.

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. These gifts are NOT collected during worship but placed in the rear of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 127:1-3)

♪ As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee!

♪ As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed, There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore, So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!

♪ As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!

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: 507 *"Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word"*

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

CLOSING HYMN: 498:5-6 *"Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations"*

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Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in Jesus' name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will return and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. 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

February 9, 2025

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP:

✓ Council Formation Meeting

THIS WEEK

Sunday: Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am.

COOPERATIVE BUDGET PLEDGE

Please keep our Cooperative Budget Pledge needs in mind when giving thanks to the Savior for all of His gifts to you. 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 2024-25. Thus far we have received \$10,645.00 toward that pledge.

GENERAL BUDGET

The 2025 General Budget will be set in our Annual Meeting in two weeks. In the 2025 Annual Meeting the budget was set at \$130,000.00. We have thus far received: \$11,090.25.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEETING

The Sunday School Teachers met last Sunday following worship (January 26th and are scheduled to meet next on Sunday February 23rd following worship in the conference room.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP HOUR 2025

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a Family Fellowship Hour during 2025. Please take a look and sign up when you can host!

LM FAMILY GAME NIGHT

*The 2025 Game Nights are scheduled for **February 14th**, March 14th April 11th and May 9th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for snacks and games!*

RISE AND SHINE RETREAT REVIVAL

There is interest in reviving the 'Rise & Shine Retreat,' a retreat for those young adults in the CLC in their 20s and 30s. There is a need for individuals who would like to help coordinate and plan such a retreat. There is a need for people with an aptitude for organization and forward thinking who desire to put those gifts to work in God's kingdom in this endeavor. If you would like to assist with this work, please contact either Bethanie Gantt (715-577-8807) or Pastor Frank Gantt (470-214-3401). Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this request.

TEACHER CALL MEETING

The Council has set a Teacher Call Meeting for Sunday, February 23rd following worship in the fellowship hall.

NO BIBLE STUDY – FEBRUARY 16TH

There will be Sunday School next Sunday, but no Bible Study in Pastor Schaller's absence. We will return to the regular schedule on Sunday February 23rd.

CHRIST EXPLORER'S CAMP

Young Adult Retreat: Well, our camp is growing up just like the majority of our youth in our church at Holy Trinity. So.... this year, we have decided to host a more "grown up" camp for our older youth. This will actually become a Young Adult Retreat! We are inviting young adults entering grades 9 and up and our young college youth to join us in Bryson City, NC, for a young adult retreat! Please save the date for Christ's Explorers Retreat - Thursday, June 19 - Sunday, June 22. Questions, please contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com), Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com), or Julie Levandoski (levandoskidressage@gmail.com).

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN SUBSCRIPTION RATE INCREASE

Beginning next July in the CLC's fiscal new year, there will be a \$5 subscription increase. Individual subscriptions for one year; \$23. Bulk subscriptions to congregations; \$20. Send address or payment question requests to: lutheranspokesman@ilc.edu

WEBSITE CALENDAR CONTEST

The Mission Committee is excited to announce a Website Calendar Contest! The winners, chosen by the Mission Committee, will have their artwork featured on the church website and as part of our official calendar.

✓ **The contest is open to all members of the church and all artwork must be original.** Themes should reflect the spirit and teachings of our faith. Draw inspiration from Bible Stories, Christian Holidays (Christmas, Easter, etc.), Symbols of faith (cross, dove, etc.) Acts of kindness or service, Bible verses.

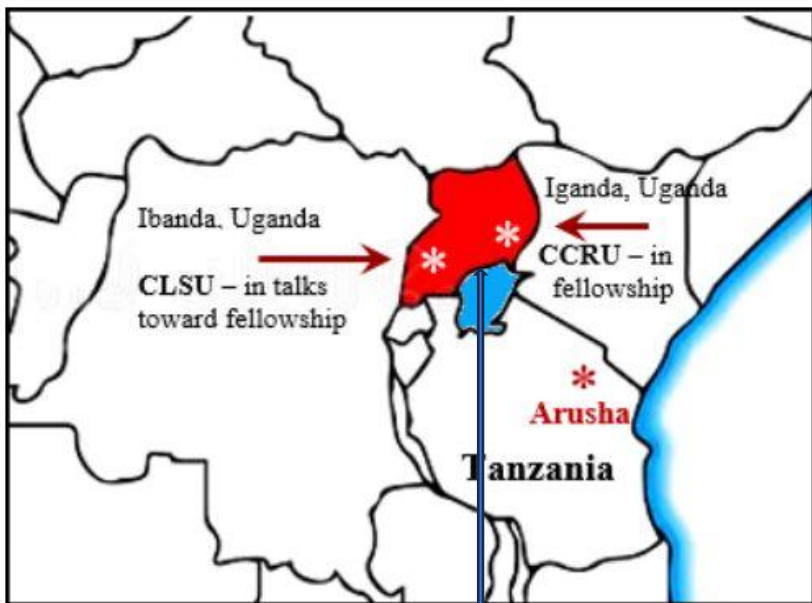
✓ **Categories** – 1) Drawing/Painting (hand drawn or digitally created); 2) Photography (reflecting our faith); 3) Coloring Pages.

How to Enter: 1) **Create Artwork** in the above categories; 2) **Scan or photograph** your artwork if necessary; 3) **Submit your entry by e-mail to carla@kernhome.org or drop it off at the church office.** 4) **Include your name, age (if under 18) and contact information. All artwork must be family-friendly and respectful of our Christian Values. All must be submitted by February 23rd, 2025.** All entries will be reviewed by the Mission Committee and winners chosen. The selected artwork will be featured on the church website for a month. The winner will receive a special certificate and additional prizes may be awarded for creativity. **Deadline for submission:** Sunday February 23rd.

Winner Announcement: March 2, 2025.

KAMPALA/IBANDA UGANDA

Pastor Schaller has been working together with Missionary Bruce Naumann to complete what is called a colloquy, a written dialogue between our church body, The Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) and a church body in Uganda called: The Confessional Lutheran Synod of Uganda (CLSU). Missionary Naumann is currently teaching at the seminary in Arusha, Tanzania and will join Pastor Schaller for face-to-face meetings with the CLSU in Ibanda, Uganda to determine if we are agreed on Scripture. We are already in fellowship with another group in Uganda, called the Confessional Church of the Reformation in Uganda (CCRU) led by Pastor Daniel Mugeni. Pastor Schaller will provide some pastoral training in Kampala for some of the men of the CCRU. Pastor Schaller departs Tuesday February 11th from Appleton to Detroit to Amsterdam (Netherlands) to Rwanda and finally to Entebbe (near Kampala) Uganda. If God wills it, he will return on Wednesday February 19th, arriving on the afternoon of Thursday February 20th. Please keep Pastor Schaller in your prayers.



Kampala, Uganda

CLC CALL NEWS

Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran Church in Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran in Mission, SD and St. Paul's Lutheran in White River, SD has announced his retirement effective the summer of 2025. • Faith Lutheran in Manchester (St Louis) MO has called Pastor Cory Drehle who currently serves Berea Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD • Teacher Mikkela Schmitt of St. Stephen Lutheran School has accepted the call of Trinity Lutheran Church to serve in Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. • Teacher Cathy Augustin of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has announced her retirement at the end of the current school year. • Pastor George Dummahnn of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has been called by Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN to serve as pastor along with his current call.

Missions/Cooperative Budget Plan Pledge 2025

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, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Amount Pledged 2024	Received as of 2/2/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate per Sunday (13)
\$22,000.00	\$10,645.00	\$11,355.00	\$873.00

LM Offerings 2/2/2025

Attendance: 2/2 --59

General Fund (Budgetary)	General Missions (CBP) (Missions)	MDF (Missions)	Kinship (Missions)	M & I (Non-Budgetary)
\$2,090.00	\$205.00	\$150.00	\$60.00	\$1,000.00
Offerings: \$3,505.00				

Luther Memorial General Budget 2024

The Voters of Luther Memorial established the general budget at the Annual Meeting in January of 2024. All Budgetary offerings are applied to this budget. This fiscal year runs from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

General Budget	Received as of 2/2/25	Amount Remaining	Approximate Amount (47 Sundays)
\$130,000.00	\$11,090.25	\$118,909.75	\$2,530.00

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READINGS FOR DEVOTIONS – FEBRUARY 10-15, 2025

Monday – John 4:25-42 Jesus reveals Himself as the Messiah to the Samaritan woman from whom He had requested some water. Water jar forgotten, she goes to share the news that He is the Savior of the world!

Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 6:9-20 The apostle reminds the Corinthian Christians that in Christ Jesus they were washed, sanctified, justified from their former immoral behavior in order to glorify God in their body and life.

Wednesday – Genesis 24:34-51 Abraham's servant tells how he was sent to find a wife for Isaac, his master's son, and how he prayed that the Lord's choice might be revealed to him through his asking for a drink of water.

Thursday - Micah 7:14-20 Micah asks God to Shepherd His people. The LORD promises wonderful things, and Micah bursts forth in praise of a God who forgives guilt (v18), casting sins into the depths of the sea! (v19)

Friday – Matthew 11:25-30 Jesus praises God the Father that He has revealed His Son and Savior, not to the world's wisdom, but to the faith of little children, to the weary and burdened, longing for spiritual rest.

Saturday – Genesis 28:11-17 The LORD reveals Himself to Jacob in a dream. He is the God of Jacob's fathers, who promises blessings to all through Jacob's seed. Jacob awakens believing the promise!



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HYMN SHEET

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PSALM 20

¹ May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! ² May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! ³ May he remember all your offerings and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*

⁴ May he grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans! ⁵ May we shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!

⁶ Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. ⁸ They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

⁹ O Lord, save the king! May he answer us when we call. *

PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

FOR AN ANSWER TO PRAYER

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in Your Son's name, so we ask you to listen to those who have now made prayers and supplications to You; and grant that those things asked in faith according to Your will may be given that we may find relief in our necessity and in return glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

FOR HUMILITY

O God, you resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant to us true humility, like that of Your Son Jesus Christ, that we may never be lifted up in pride and provoke Your anger, but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

RISE, THOU LIGHT OF GENTILE NATIONS

1. Rise, Thou Light of Gentile nations, Jesus, bright and Morning Star; Let Thy Word, the gladsome tidings, Ring out loudly near and far, Bringing freedom to the captives, Peace and comfort to the slave, That the heathen, free from bondage, May proclaim Thy pow'r to save.

2. See the blindness of the heathen, Strangers to Thy glorious light, Straying hopeless till they find Thee, Wand'ring aimless in the night. See their pitiful condition; Lo, gross darkness covers all, And no ray of hope refreshes Nor dispels the dreadful pall.

3. If Thou, merciful Redeemer, Hadst not saved us from this plight, In like darkness we should languish Hopeless, helpless, in sin's night. Lovingly Thou, Lord, didst seek us In the beauty of Thy grace; Now with joy we freely serve Thee, We, Thy blessed, chosen race.

4. Knowing Thee and Thy salvation, Grateful love dare never cease To proclaim Thy tender mercies, Gracious Lord, Thy heav'nly peace. Sound we forth the Gospel tidings To the earth's remotest bound That the sinner has been pardoned And forgiveness can be found.

HYMN

THY STRONG WORD

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done. For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death, Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-giving breath. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness, Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might; From the cross forever beam-eth All Thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, Alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity.

THE OFFERING HYMN

(TLH 127:1-3)

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♪ As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed, There to bend the knee before Thee whom heaven and earth adore, So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!

♪ As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!

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.

HYMN

RISE, THOU LIGHT OF GENTILE NATIONS

5. May our zeal to help the heathen Be increased from day to day
As we plead in true compassion And for their conversion pray. For
the many faithful heralds, For the Gospel they proclaim, Let us all
be cheerful givers To the glory of Thy name.

6. Savior, shine in all Thy glory On the nations near and far; From
the highways and the byways Call them, O Thou Morning Star.
Guide them whom Thy grace hath chosen Out of Satan's dreadful
thrall To the mansions of Thy Father-- There is room for sinners
all. Amen.