



Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

This hymn, as it was originally penned by Henry Alford appears with different lyrics than those recorded in our Hymns and Songs of Zion #652. The first verse is the same addressing the issue of the earthly harvest and the sustenance God so bountifully provides for our lives through it. The succeeding verses are very different reflecting the idea of the coming eschatological harvest as Jesus spoke in the parable of the wheat and tares in Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. As such this hymn serves as a perfect reminder of how we Christians should approach the coming harvest season, with one eye set on the goodness of God in providing our daily needs through the fruit of the earth and one eye on the fields that are white for harvest continually in John Chapter 4:

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. 36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. 37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. 38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. (Jn. 4:35-38 KJV)

As we have been blessed by our Lord with the food we need through the harvest He provides, let us join in working to bring in His harvest as He has appointed us to reap for Him. We thank you for your support as we continue to train laborers for the harvest.

God's Peace,
Jay Weidner



Donations Received...



In memory of Dr. Jacob Bergstedt
from Pastor Bruce & Wendy Bergstedt

In memory of Betty Bergstedt
from Pastor Bruce & Wendy Bergstedt

In memory of Jeremy Kuivanen
from Laurie Kuivanen

In memory of James Johnson
from Ruth Johnson



MATCHING FUNDS OPPORTUNITY ENDING SOON

Recently we have had a kind donor come forward with a matching fund donation of \$20,000.00. We are seeking additional donations above and beyond normal giving that would be matched dollar for dollar within this program. However, the program ends October 31, 2019 and we have not reached that goal. We need \$11,000 to accomplish the match.

Also, while repairing the flood damage in our Sanctuary building it was determined we need to do additional waterproofing of the foundation which is not covered by the insurance claim.

If you are able to contribute in this program, please earmark your contribution "matching funds" in the memo section of your check.

Your continued support of the seminary is deeply appreciated and enables us to continue to grow as a seminary and carry on the work of teaching and preparing our students for ministry. God bless you again for your generosity!

ONLINE CLASS AVAILABLE

Even though the semester has started, there is still time to join the Monday night class in Hancock or on line at 7PM. Pastor Jay is teaching **First and Second Thessalonians: Anticipating the Last Day with St. Paul**. This class runs through December 16 and is the study of St. Paul's correspondence with the Thessalonians in light of the eschatological discourses of Jesus with a focus on how Paul encourages the believers to hold fast in the faith as it was handed down to them in anticipation of the glorious future promised them in Jesus Christ.

If you are interested, please contact the office by phone (906) 482-3337 or email cilseminary@ilseminary.com.



ATTENTION: BOARD MEMBERS

There will be a Board Meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2019
at 10AM in the seminary's classroom building.



The Board of Directors
of the
Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary
invite you to attend the
Annual Seminary Rally
on
Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 3:30PM
at
Zion Lutheran Church
400 Ingot Street
Hancock, Michigan

Dinner following service.