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Oh, how blest are you whose toils are ended, Who through death have unto God ascended!

You have arisen from the cares which keep us still in prison.

Christ has wiped away your tears forever; You have that for which we still endeavor;

By you are chanted songs that ne'er to mortal ears are granted.

Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us; Lead us forth and cast this world behind us.

With you th'Anointed, finds the soul its joy and rest appointed.

(Simon Dach; tr. H. W. Longfellow, alt.)

(10:30) We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Johann A. P. Schultz

4th Grade Day School Choir

Choir

We plow the fields and scatter The good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered By God's almighty hand. He sends the snow in winter, The warmth to swell the grain, The breezes, and the sunshine, And soft refreshing rain.

Refrain All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.

He only is the Maker Of all things near and far. He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star. The wind and waves obey Him, By Him the birds are fed; Much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread. *Refrain*

We thank you, our Creator, For all things bright and good, The seed-time, and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food. Accept the gifts we offer For all Your love imparts, Accept what You most welcome: Our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

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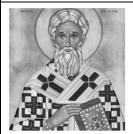
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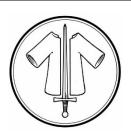
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Leo I of Rome (A. D. 461), Pastor & Bishop

Also known as Leo the Great, his letters and sermons were mostly concerned with the person of Jesus Christ and His role as Mediator and Savior. While we certainly do not hold to Leo's position on the primacy of the bishop of Rome, we give thanks to God for his work that paved the way for the Council of Chalcedon (451) to affirm the the union of Christ's divine and human natures in one Person, without confusion and without separation, the true teaching of Scripture.



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Martin of Tours (A. D. 397), Pastor & Bishop

Martin became a Christian catechumen at age 10, against his parents' wishes. He did follow his father into service in the Roman army. After retiring from the military, he became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers, known as "the Athanasius of the West." Well known is the account of Martin's using his sword to cut his cloak in two, giving half to a beggar clad only in rags in winter. That night in a dream, it is said, the beggar revealed himself to Martin to be Christ. The abbey Martin founded became a center for spreading the Gospel to the French countryside.

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