



# Leading Each Deaf Person Into a Relationship with Jesus

## Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach Lutheran Deaf Outreach — \$50,000

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(Isaiah 29:18 NIV).*

Reader 1: Some of the miracles Jesus would perform were prophesied many hundreds of years before His birth. From the Book of Isaiah, we read in chapter 29, verse 18 (NIV): *At that time those who can't hear will hear what is read from the scroll. Those who are blind will come out of gloom and darkness. They will be able to see. This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

Reader 2: While journeying in the region of Decapolis, a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus. In Mark 7, beginning at verse 33 (NIV), we read: *Jesus took the man to one side, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. Jesus looked up to heaven. With a deep sigh, he said to the man, "Ephphatha!" That means "Be opened!" The man's ears were opened. His tongue was freed up, and he began to speak clearly. This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

Reader 1: *When John the Baptist was in prison, he requested his followers to ask Jesus if He was the one they were waiting for, or did they need to look for another? When John's followers asked Jesus this question, He responded: Jesus replied, "Go back to John. Report to him what you hear and see. Blind people receive sight. Disabled people walk. Those who have skin diseases are made 'clean.' deaf people hear. Those who are dead are raised to life. And the good news is preached to those who are poor. Blessed is anyone who does not give up their faith because of me" (Matthew 11:4–6 NIV). This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

Closing Prayer: Lord, You have called workers with many talents to serve You in many areas. We pray that You would bless the mite offerings offered for the work of Lutheran Deaf Outreach, so those called to serve in this ministry may be equipped for service through education and training. We thank You for their willingness to serve Your people. We pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

**Hymn:** “O Son of God in Galilee” LSB 841

*Bible references in this resource come from New International Reader's Version (NIV) Bibles. This is the version used by the deaf community.*

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