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ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVANT CENTER

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Orphan Grain Train Touching Lives Around the World

Prayer: Father, You created the world and all that it contains to sustain our earthly bodies. You have given Your Son to die for our sins so that we may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit is with us and sustains our faith. There are many in the world who struggle to have enough to eat, clothes to wear, and educational and medical supplies. There are people who struggle as destructive weather events take their homes, clothing, and food. Wars and conflicts create havoc in people's lives as they strive to be safe and secure. You have called all of us to help those people in need. We can reach out with a loving heart to supply their physical needs, but most importantly, we can reach out with the message of salvation.

Thank You for the work of Orphan Grain Train as their network of volunteers receive donated goods and then sort and ship to people in need and always strive to work with the Church to share the Gospel.

All: Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Hymn: "Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789 (all verses)

All: For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints — (2 Corinthians 8: 3–4).

Leader: Donations to Orphan Grain Train help spread Christ's love throughout the world. Gifts of quilts, school kits, hygiene kits, and pillowcase dresses are assembled by caring people throughout the United States. Christians work together to provide for the needs of others. There are donations of medical supplies and equipment. Donations of hay for drought-stricken livestock farmers. Special donations to assist Ukraine refugees. Special Christmas gifts are assembled for children in the U.S. and other areas around the world. Time is donated as goods are received, sorted, and packaged for distribution. Mercy Meals are packaged to be sent to those who are hungry.

All: "Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothed you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you did it to me" (Matthew 25: 37–40).

Leader: Our loving God blesses us with a bounty of goods and the gift of salvation. We see the hurting and struggling people in the world. They may be victims of severe weather events, political turmoil, or inescapable poverty. It is our response to reach out to these people and help them meet their temporal needs and to reach out with the Gospel. Through the efforts of Orphan Grain Train, children are fed through Mercy Meals, donations of rice and dried beans, and Manna Pack Meals. Medical supplies and equipment, quilts, clothing, shoes, and school and hygiene kits are sent to those in need.

Bless the mission grant to Orphan Grain Train Servant Center as they expand their warehouse and are better able to bring material resources in Christ's name to needy people near and far.

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