

Transportation for Special Needs Students at Journeys Lutheran School

Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father” LSB 725 (vv. 1 & 2)

Reader 1: *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word (Psalm 119:9).*

Leader: The psalmist reminds us, as did Paul in Ephesians 6:17, that God’s Word is the sword that guards us throughout our life.

Reader 2: Jesus said in Luke 18:16, “*Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.*” The complete passage from Luke 18:15–17 reads: *Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”*

Leader: Just as a child needs to trust and receive the care of parents and others, everyone needs to humbly trust the Lord, no matter their age or status. An infant may inherit the parents’ blessing and property, so any person may receive the inheritance of God’s kingdom — salvation. Grace, faith, and everlasting life are gifts of God.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, You appointed teachers to help guide Your children in learning Your Word and who You are. Bless the

efforts of the teachers and workers at Journeys Lutheran School as they work with and guide Your children with special needs. Give them the skills needed to prepare these children to serve You in all they do.

As our mite offerings are gathered to support this ministry, may the vans purchased serve to transport the youth and better provide for their educational experience.

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

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