

FORTIFYING FAITH IN THOSE WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS | \$100,000

The Light of Christ for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Hymn: “Amazing Grace” LSB 755 (v. 1)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Lutheran Braille Workers has been serving you by providing Christian materials in braille and specialized large print to those with visual impairments. Continue to bless their work as they strive to create more Scripture-based materials. We ask that You open avenues so they can deliver more of these materials to people throughout the world so that people may see you in this world of darkness, not only physical darkness, but a world of spiritual darkness as well. Help us to be a guiding light to all around us.

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

Hymn: “The People That in Darkness Sat” LSB 412 (v. 1)

Leader: The prophet Isaiah promised, *The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone* (Isaiah 9: 2). Jesus assures us, *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”* (John 8:12).

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we live in a world filled with the darkness of sin. No matter our physical abilities to see the world around us, we are all impaired in our spiritual vision. All people need Jesus to enlighten their hearts to their sin and His light of life in His deliverance from sin, death, and the devil.

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

Hymn: “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB 849 (v.1)

Reader 1: John 1: 4–5 says of Jesus, *In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

Leader: Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit enlightens us with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. Jesus, the true light, which gives light to everyone, has come into the world, and secured our salvation by His perfect obedience, death, and resurrection.

I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:16–18a).

Reader 2: John 1:12–13 says: *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Prayer: Holy Spirit, there are many who will see with their fingers as they touch the braille print, reading the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ in the books printed by Lutheran Braille Workers. We pray that You would give them wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of their hearts enlightened, that they may know what is the hope to which He has called them to glory. Continue to provide the resources for LBW to bring this message to those who sit in physical and spiritual darkness.

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

Hymn: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LSB 411 (v.1)

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