



## DECEMBER 2016 DEVOTION

**“We are God’s Workmanship” (Ephesians 2:10) \$32,500**

*“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).*

**Leader:** All thanks to You, our Father in heaven, for the assurance in knowing the life, death and resurrection of Your Son is sufficient for our salvation.

**Response:** *“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ ...” (Ephesians 2:5).*

**Leader:** Just as You created Adam and Eve, You have created us to be Your workmanship and prepared a path for us to follow.

**Response:** *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11).*

**Leader:** We know this future and hope comes only through our hearing and learning of Your precious Word.

**Response:** *“Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance” (Proverbs 1:5).*

**Leader:** Through hearing and learning, the Holy Spirit leads us into performing good works all to Your glory Lord—not ours.

**Response:** *“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?” (James 2:14a).*

**Leader:** Lord, You have led St Paul Lutheran High School to intentionally reach out to those in need of hearing and training—a plan you prepared beforehand for them to walk.

**Response:** *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).*

**Leader:** We ask Your blessings on this LWML Mission Grant by providing the students with the knowledge, wisdom and strength needed to serve You with the good works You have prepared for them.

**Response:** *“And so from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding” (Colossians 1:9).*

**All:** Lord, we ask You be with these young adults at this time in their lives. Many will be away from home for the first time. Grant the staff the means to provide them with all bodily and spiritual needs truly reflecting the love and mercy You so freely give to all sinners. Bless these students with the full armor of God so they may richly serve You in their chosen vocations. These things we ask through Jesus Christ. Amen.