

**LWML South Dakota District Mission Grant**  
**Mite Box Devotion**  
**Lutheran Blind Mission - \$5000 (Paid in Full)**

- All:** Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender.  
Your light is drawing near. Above, the day is beaming,  
In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.  
*Arise and Shine in Splendor* (LSB 396, v1)
- Reader 1:** In 1923 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod had a vision of serving the visionless members of the church by making the message of free salvation available to them, and thus the Lutheran Blind Mission had its beginning.
- Reader 2:** More than 55 million people in the world today are blind. In the United States alone, there are 12 million blind and visually-impaired children and adults. Of those 12 million, 95% are unchurched and 82% do not read Braille. Many are unemployed, single and isolated.
- Reader 1:** One component of Lutheran Blind Mission's ministry is the production of six audiocassette magazines. These magazines bring the light of salvation seen through the cross of Jesus to blind and visually-impaired people. The magazines produced include: *In His Hands, Lutheran Digest, Lutheran Messenger, The Lutheran Witness, Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* and *Portals of Prayer*.
- Reader 2:** The work center at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wolsey, SD duplicates audiocassettes for three magazines. They duplicate over 7,000 audiocassette tapes annually from master tapes and the efforts of many volunteers. Each audiocassette is then mailed out to waiting ears. The cost to produce each is two dollars and thirty-five cents. (\$2.35) Our grant will help cover production costs for many audiocassettes.
- Prayer:** Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our mite offerings before You today, we remember the blind and visually-impaired people among us. Bless the production and hearing of these audiocassettes magazines. Enable all those working with the Lutheran Blind Mission to continue to share the light of salvation through the cross of Jesus. We thank You, too, that through our mite giving, You make it possible for us, the members of the LWML South Dakota District, to reach out to these people in faith, love and compassion as You have done for us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His dear name we pray. Amen.
- All:** The world's remotest races, Upon whose weary faces  
The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with zeal untiring,  
With joy Your light desiring That breaks upon them from on high.  
*Arise and Shine in Splendor* (LSB 396, v3)