



*Leader: In the name of our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**All: Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.** "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605, refrain)

*Leader: Divine Shepherd Preschool exists to reach into the community to serve young children and their families with a program that is centered in the Christian faith through the knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

**All: Little children, come to me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin.** "Father Welcomes" (LSB 605, v. 1)

*Leader: Started in 2011-2012, Divine Shepherd Preschool began with twelve students. In 2012-2013, a need for parenting classes was noticed.*

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**Response: *Everyone who believes in Jesus is a child of God*** (1 John 3:1).

*Leader: As enrollment increased, there arose a need for expansion of the playground as well as the classroom.*

**Response: May this Mission Grant continue to support the work of Divine Shepherd Preschool and help them to stay focused on their continuing goal to "tell the next generation".**

**Prayer: *Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world*** (1 John 4:4). Amen.