



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

All: *And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them (Isaiah 42:16).*

Reader 1: Those who are blind and visually impaired, even in the United States, are isolated, separated and many times shunned by society. Audio materials such as the *Portals of Prayer*, *The Lutheran Witness*, and *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* are able to break into this isolation and minister where people, pastors and missionaries are not able to go. These Gospel centered audio materials are produced by Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) and sent out free of charge through the mail, right to their doorstep. As those who are blind and visually impaired listen to the materials, they are able to hear the light of the Gospel that shines into their dark world and brings the hope of salvation found in the promises of Jesus.

Reader 2: Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. LBW strives to do whatever it takes so those who are blind and visually impaired may hear and believe the message of salvation and through the Holy Spirit “see” Jesus as their Savior.

Reader 1: LBW in South Dakota has one Audio Work Center located at St. John's Lutheran Church in Wolsey, SD. This center requires the appropriate supplies and materials to carry out their mission. This center duplicates, spot checks, labels, packages and sends out tapes of the *Portals of Prayer*, *The Lutheran Witness*, and *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* to individuals in over 40 states, Canada and West Africa. The current cost per audio cassette tape is approximately \$1.25.

Reader 2: The general advancements of technology are expensive, sight oriented and therefore unusable for the blind. Products are starting to be available but not yet wide spread in use. Audio cassettes are still the most useable format. Our LWML South Dakota Mission Grant helps support this mission outreach by assisting with funding for the production cost of Christian materials in audio format.

All: **Dear Heavenly Father, in the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior You command us to reach out to all nations. We ask Your blessing upon these audio materials. May the message they bring help the blind and visually impaired to learn of Your saving grace. In Jesus name, Amen.**

Sing the first verse of *Amazing Grace*, LSB 744