



2020–2022 MISSION GRANT DEVOTION

#10 SIOUX FALLS LUTHERAN SCHOOLS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Leader: Our Lutheran heritage has always focused not only on establishing Lutheran churches but has also always had a heart for educating our children. Lutheran education is alive and well in South Dakota! We are blessed to have two major Lutheran school systems on each end of our state as well as many preschools and daycares throughout the district.

R1: God commands us in Deuteronomy to teach our children the promises of the Lord:
Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on our children. Talk about them when you sit at an home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

Leader: In fact, the **Sioux Falls Lutheran School** recently relocated and built a new facility to accommodate its growing population. Their new buildings include all preschool through grade 12 classes. The new school is up and running but needs some assistance with furnishing its outside preschool learning areas.

R2: Even in the Psalms of David, we hear that the Lord asks children and infants to praise Him: *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger (Psalm 8:1-2).*

Leader: With the \$5,000 grant from our LWML South Dakota District, **Sioux Falls Lutheran Schools** preschool will be able to provide large **sandbox** with appropriate toys, a **paved area** surrounding their natural playground area for riding **three-wheelers** plus an **outdoor musical instrument area**. These various items will allow for further development of the children's intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and most importantly, spiritual development. What a blessing for these little ones!

R3: A key verse for the school has been: *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations (Ephesians 3:20-21).*

Leader: Please join in singing: Hymn #817 LSB "Earth and all Stars" vs. 1, 3

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song.

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

ALL: Lord of all creation and all creativity, we ask a blessing on our Lutheran schools everywhere! May Your name be held supreme over all in their teaching and learning. Bless the ministry of the Sioux Falls Lutheran preschools that these new items may always be used for Your glory and for the development of the children who attend there. Bless the teachers and parents who are entrusted to teach Your little ones the promises found in Your Word. We pray this in the strong name of Jesus! Amen.