2024–2026 LWML SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT DEVOTION



#9 New Shepherds for South Sudan \$5.000

- Reader 1: Seminarians in South Sudan are focusing on how to bring to their people the message of God's gifts of love, peace, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. This is sorely needed in this young country, which has been torn apart by years of brutal civil war and influences from the Muslim religion of Islam.
- Reader 2: Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) remains committed to providing the Lutheran education and materials these men need not only to become good pastors, but also to become the skilled translators of tomorrow for LHF's Sudanese translation projects. These Sudanese books and materials are used not only in Sudan, but also among Sudanese immigrants in the United States, including those in South Dakota. This grant of \$5,000 will support the "New Shepherds for South Sudan" program.
- **Reader 3:** Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. (Acts 20:28).

Responsive Reading

Psalm 1:1-2: Psalm 25:4-5, 8

¹Blessèd is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners,

nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

²but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

⁸Good and upright is the Lord;

Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Prayer (sung or recited) Spread the Reign of God the Lord, LSB 830 sts. 1, 6 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word; Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.

Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call. Amen.

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