

#10 SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS, LCMS — \$5,000

Leader: Church workers dedicate their time and effort to the instruction in the Word or to assisting the pastor so that he is free to teach the whole counsel of God according to the Word. As a church body, we seek to care of our faithful servants including:

- R1:** Pastors.
- R2:** Teachers.
- R3:** Deaconesses.
- R4:** Military chaplains.
- R1:** Church secretaries.
- R2:** Custodians.
- R3:** Daycare workers.
- R4:** Other servants of the church.

Leader: Many pastors and church workers often face ongoing challenges to meet their most basic living expenses and at times have sudden transitional or emergency financial needs during times of crisis, natural disasters, or when unusual burdens arise.

R1: *If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.* (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Leader: Soldiers of the Cross is a program maintained by the **Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS)** which depends solely on contributions through the Synod. Each year the requests are increasing for help from this program.

R2: *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith* (Galatians 6:10).

Leader: The LWML South Dakota District has voted to grant \$5,000 to help support the **Soldiers of the Cross** program this biennium. Your mite offerings will provide assistance when a crisis or unusual burden arises for

- R3:** Pastors, teachers, military chaplains, and deaconesses.
- R4:** Directors of Christian education, youth leaders, and other servants of the church.

Leader: Let us join in singing or reciting *LSB* hymn #696 "O God, My Faithful God."

- 1 O God, my faithful God, True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unstained by sin.**
- 2 Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, For You must give success.**

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To You alone we trust, Lord Jesus, to lift up the burden of Your servants of the Word. In Your name, Amen!