



September 2007 Devotion
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Begin by “mouthing”, ‘Let us begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’ Then say, “If you were able to read my lips, you know how I just began.”

Leader: Let us begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: May we give thanks to our Father that we are able to hear.

Leader: We ask you, Father God, to be with the 100 million deaf people of this world. Open their hearts to be able and eager to receive the message of the Gospel from those being trained by the Deaf Institute of Theology. Be with the trainers and the trainees as they learn to serve you and the church in this way.

ALL: Hear our concerns for those who cannot hear.

Leader: Lift up leaders among the deaf to be equipped and trained to preach the saving message of Jesus and help them to lead the people in their respective areas by Word and Sacrament ministry.

ALL: Be their silent voice and give them your hope.

Leader: Lead us Lord to reach out to those around us who have not heard the Gospel’s message of your love for us because they’ve not been told and not just because they cannot hear.

ALL: Give us the words to tell of Your love for all people.

Leader: Help us Lord to continually study Your Word, to constantly pray for guidance in our lives and to do all we do to Your Glory.

ALL: To God be the glory!

Leader: Let us pray. Eternal Father, we ask for your presence as we pray, fill us with Your love that we may truly love one another. We give thanks to you, Lord Jesus, for the members of the LWML, whose gifts have met the present need for deaf lay and clergy training. Bless the DIT and DLM as they train deaf leaders and pastors to preach and teach the Good News of Jesus in signing and deed among the deaf for the salvation of their souls. “And whatever we do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17) To God be all glory! Amen.
End with singing the doxology. (LSB 805, LW 461)