



Diaconal Sunday RESOURCES

February 25, 2024

PRAYER FOR DEACONS

(from *Speak It Plain* by Meta Herrick Carlson)

The call is to stand between,
in the liminal and fuzzy boundaries
where church and world blur,
coaxing folks out of stark categories
and into real life where proclaiming the gospel
and serving the neighbor are never separate.

You are ordained for action
that embodies God's love on the margins
and moves people toward purpose and love
that do not require a crucifix, font or altar.

Instead you show them how God lived in a body,
wrapping a towel at your waist,
stooping down to fill a basin with water,
washing and drying your neighbor's feet
with such care, they are certain
they've seen Jesus.

Amen.

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (EvLW)

- 618 Guide me ever, Great Redeemer
- 712 Lord, whose love in humble service
- 808 Lord Jesus, You shall be my song

All Creation Sings

- 918 Now is the time of grace
- 922 When we are tested
- 988 The Spirit sends us forth to serve

DEACONS



With sustaining hope in the expansive wholeness of God, **deacons** create pathways for connection, action, compassion and care through deep listening and prophetic action.

