

DIACONAL MINISTRY in the ELCIC

Diaconal Sunday RESOURCES

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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)

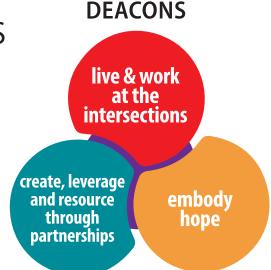
Guide me ever, Great RedeemerLord, whose love in humble service

808 Lord Jesus, You shall be my song

All Creation Sings

918 Now is the time of grace922 When we are tested

988 The Spirit sends us forth to serve



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

