



OCTOBER 2016 DEVOTION

Deaconess Training – LCMS Support for International Partner Churches \$90,000

Leader: In the name of our Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

Read together: (Say or sing.) LSB 855 vs.1

**For all the faithful women Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given; To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness, Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.**

Leader: Lord God, we thank You for the women in days gone by who have set the example of dedication in serving You and Your church. We ask that Your Holy Spirit guide us to be as faithful in proclaiming You and Your saving grace to others. Thank you for the deaconesses who have followed the example set by women in days of old and now serve You so faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Read together: (Say or sing.) LSB 855 vs. 3

**O God, for saints and servants, Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving And fervent prayer we raise
That faithful in Your service, Our lives may sing Your praise.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, Your light of glory shines through the deaconesses serving You and the church. We thank You for their service and gratefully offer our support through our mite offerings and prayers. Bless their efforts to reach others with the healing balm of Christ's saving Gospel. It is in His name that we pray. Amen.

Read together: (Say or sing.) LSB 855 vs. 4

**All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit, Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us, With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias And strive to do Your will.**

Leader: O blessed, Holy Trinity, we ask Your continued rich blessings on the LCMS Deaconess Training program as they continue to serve You in so many ways. As our deaconesses labor in the harvest fields using the gifts You have given them to bless and serve others, may we be diligent in our prayers and offerings in their support. To You be all the glory. In Your name we pray. Amen.