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# Women of the Bible

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 Use enrichment magazine pp. 2–4.

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## Genesis 1:26–27; 2:22–23; 1 Peter 3:5–7

### Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week’s assembly.

### Hymn

Christ, the life of all the living,  
 Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 Who, Thyself for me once giving  
 To the darkest depths of woe:  
 Through Thy suff’rings, death, and merit  
 I eternal life inherit.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction  
 And hast borne it patiently,  
 Even death by crucifixion,  
 Fully to atone for me;  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented  
 That my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,  
 I will thank Thee evermore,  
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,  
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,  
 For that last triumphant cry,  
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–81; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, sts. 1 and 3, alt.; tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book*, St. Louis, 1912, st. 2 (LSB 420; LW 94; TLH 151; LBW 97; CW 114; ELH 333; EVaS disk 3, track 11).

### Prayer

Almighty God, our most gracious heavenly Father, teach us by Your Holy Spirit, whom You have poured out upon us in Baptism. Grant us hearing ears and believing hearts to receive the good things of Your blessed Word, which alone can infallibly guide us into all truth, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our

Savior and Brother, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Digging Deep My Personal Study for Week 1

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## Day 1 • Read Genesis 1 and 2

1. The record of Genesis is the divine witness (the truth) of the origin of the universe. In six days, God created the universe, with humankind His crowning achievement. (See Genesis 1:26–27.)

a. What is humankind’s position in relation to the earthly creation?

b. What characterizes the humans to whom authority is given?

2. Genesis 1 gives a general or summary account of creation, telling of the basic fact and nature of the universe’s (and humankind’s) existence. In Genesis 2, the Holy Spirit gives specific and crucial details of humanity’s creation in particular. God created the man and the woman in different ways. How was each created?

3. In Genesis 2:22, we are told that God “brought [the woman] to the man.” Why was this significant?

Christ, would crush the serpent’s head. The serpent would succeed only in bruising the “heel” of the woman’s Seed. How has God turned the tables on the devil, sin, death, and hell by promising and then bringing salvation through Eve’s Seed?

4. The woman was the last of all God’s creation. Why does this make her special? Read Proverbs 31:10–31, especially verse 28; Luke 9:48; and Revelation 21:1–5, 9–10.

8. Why did Adam call Eve “the mother of all living”? What is Eve’s part in the promise and its fulfillment? In what way is she a model and expression of the Christian Church?

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## **Day 2 • Read Genesis 3 and 1 Timothy 2:11–15**

5. When and to whom did God give the command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? See Genesis 2:16–17.

9. When Eve gave birth to her first son, she said, “I have gotten a Man, the LORD” (English translation of Luther). In what way was she right, and in what way was she wrong?

6. **Challenge question:** Consider the strategy of the serpent (Satan) in approaching the woman. (See 2 Corinthians 11:3 and Revelation 12:9.) How did he succeed in getting her to eat the forbidden fruit? How does this sort of thing happen in our world today?

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## **Day 3 • Read Luke 1:26–45**

10. After thousands of years of human history, God made good on His promise to provide the world’s Savior, the woman’s Seed. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary was made to conceive the very Son of God.

a. In Luke 1:26–38, what things were said about Mary’s child that reveal His identity?

7. Sin brought with it God’s judgment. Yet in Genesis 3:15, God promised that the Seed of the woman, Jesus

# God's Loving Faithfulness

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## Ruth 1

### Resources for Worship

Use these resources for your daily study at home and at the week's assembly.

### Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

*The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650  
(LSB 710; LW 416; TLH 436; LBW 451; CW 360; ELH 371; EVaS disk 9, track 14).

### Prayer

Almighty God, our most gracious heavenly Father, we praise You for choosing and using things despised by this world and so displaying Your glory. Through Holy Scripture, continue to give us poor sinners the Gospel of a Savior who was despised and thought nothing by the world. Grant us the spirit of wisdom to see in the divinely inspired words of Ruth this good news of Your mercy in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## Digging Deep

### My Personal Study for Week 2

#### Day 1 • Read Ruth 4:17–22

1. We begin with the end of Ruth to see where its narrative leads us. Jewish tradition ascribed the human authorship of Ruth to Samuel. Why does the mention of David in this brief genealogy suggest otherwise? See 1 Samuel 25:1; 2 Samuel 2:4; and 5:3–5.

2. This genealogy covers a period of about nine centuries.

a. How many ancestors of David does it list?

b. Is it plausible that this brief genealogy highlights certain individuals without naming every descendent in the line? Why?

c. Who was Perez? (See Genesis 38:1–29.) Why would this genealogy at the end of Ruth start with him?

3. How were people saved in Old Testament times? See Acts 10:43 and Hebrews 11:7. d. 4:1-12

4. Based on the following passages, calculate the time span recorded in the Book of Ruth:

Ruth 1:4 \_\_\_\_\_

Ruth 1:22; 2:23 \_\_\_\_\_

Ruth 4:1-22 \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Challenge question:** Describe the introduction and the conclusion (or epilogue) to Ruth (Ruth 1:1-5 and 4:13-22). What might these sections tell a reader who knows nothing else about this story?

7. Identify the main people in this story in the order they appear. What people are mentioned in 4:11-12, and what purpose do they serve?

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**Day 2 • Reading assignments are in each question**

5. The narrative of Ruth unfolds in four major parts. Briefly summarize each of these parts according to the following passages:

a. 1:6-18

b. 2:1-17

c. 3:6-15

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**Day 3 • Reading assignments are in each question**

8. The events of Ruth took place at the time of the judges.

a. Read Judges 2, and briefly summarize the conflict and experience of the Israelites at that time.

b. What would the Israelites have thought about the Moabites, and why? Read Genesis 19:30-38; Numbers 22:1-6; 31:15-16; and Judges 3:12-14.