



*And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."*
Luke 1:46-47, NRSV

November 2, 2025

Dear Friends,

As Christians we are story tellers. We have an ancient narrative, one that describes the beginning of time and the relationship between God and God's Creation. We see this story grow through the prophetic tradition until our story recounts the life and gifts of the Son of God. But the story doesn't end with the Resurrection just as it did not end with the Cross, it continues on in each of us today as we encounter and are transformed by the Good News.

Luke's Gospel is bookended by the animated story-telling of two women named Mary. Early in the Gospel, Mary the mother of Jesus, tells us of her encounter with the Divine who informs her that she will bear a child who will change the world. She proclaims her joy: "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel, another Mary, Mary Magdalene, visits the tomb to discover it empty and receives instructions from the Risen Christ to go tell the others. She carries this Good News with jubilation to the Disciples.

You'll notice your pledge packet doesn't reference any pie charts or church budgets. That's intentional! Our Annual Appeal this year focuses on *stories*. The ones we tell about those who have gone before us. The ones that are yet to come. And the ones we are in the midst of creating individually and through St. Boniface's mission and ministry.

As you consider how will you share your gifts of Wealth, Works, and Wisdom through our Annual Appeal, we hope you'll reflect on the power of these stories.

How will your pledge "Tell out my soul!"? Dare to be generous – especially in this year of transition and regrowth. Be courageous and "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!"

In faith,

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