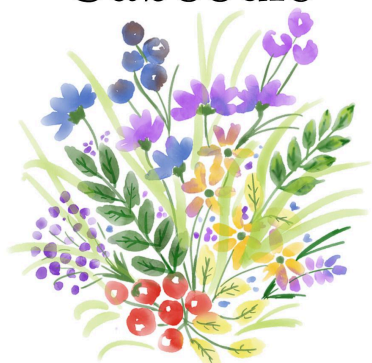


# Bouquet Caboodle



Highland Lectionary Series

May 24, 2026

## Team Spirit

Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-35; 1 Cor  
12:3-13; John 7:37-39

### Today's Big Idea

*God accomplishes His mission by His Spirit  
orchestrating a team of surrendered servants who  
operate out of His power*

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### **Pentecost: the Fulfillment of Promise**

Jesus' promise: **John 14:15-17, 15:26, 16:7**; "promise of the Father": **Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-5**

As expressed in the Old Testament: **Ezekiel 36:26-27; Joel 2:28-29**

The before and after difference: outside in vs. inside out

### **The Pentecost Foreshadow in the Days of Moses: Numbers 11**

Moses overwhelmed by the grumbling people: **verses 11-15**

God's provision: 70 elders to share the load: **verses 16-17o**

God's shares Moses' portion of the Spirit with the 70: **verse 25**

### **The Interesting case of Eldad and Medad: verses 26-30**

Back in the camp, two the sign of the Spirit

Joshua perceives this as potential leader rivals

Moses welcomes the sharing of Spirit-empowered leadership

Foreshadows Jesus' statement: whoever is not against us is for us: **Luke 9:49-50**

### **Team Spirit**

Toward the "common good": **1 Corinthians 12:7**

One Head over the great mission of the renewal of all things: **Colossians 1:8, Psalm 104:27-30**

Each of us is given a part to play in the whole, Head-orchestrated: **1 Corinthians 12:7-12**

Our responsibility is to be faithful to our part as in the parable of talents: **Matthew 25:14-30**

### **Faithful to Our Part**

Our focus: not on the job itself, but on the reception of the Spirit: **1 Corinthians 12:13**

Receive by focusing on our thirst (need) and seeking drink, resulting in outflow: **John 7:37-38**

Being filled with the Spirit, leaf carried by the wind: **Ephesians 5:18**

Lawn mower vs. water main: **Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19**

## The Key Excerpts for This Week's Thematic Thread

<i>Numbers 11:11:24-30</i>	<i>Psalm 104:24-35</i>	<i>1 Cor 12:3-13</i>	<i>John 7:37-39</i>
<p>24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. 26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" 30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.</p>	<p>24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. 25 There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. 26 There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. 27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season; 28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. 30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. 31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. 35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!</p>	<p>4 Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, 5 and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.</p>	<p>37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, 38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.</p>

**Next Week's Readings: What thread do you discern?** May 31, 2026 - Trinity Sunday: Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20