

Sunday, July 14, 2024 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost – Bulletin Insert

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Lila Burmeister, Brian Gieseke, Sandy Radel for health concerns, Chad Haugen, Christy Collins, and family on the death of their grandmother, Delores Haugen; Dodie Ladwig and family on the death of her husband, Dick Ladwig

GATHERING SONG

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW 608

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

"Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!) You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. **Refrain**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vera Weber

1st READING: Amos 7:7-15

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 85:8-13

¹ To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴ Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

2nd READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

SERMON

1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r; abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend. Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run. O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.

3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek; your harmony is language; we are the words you speak. Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams, our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams. Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried; your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

SENDING SONG

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

ALTAR CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Starting this fall, we are looking for more altar care volunteers to help on Sundays. We will train all interested volunteers! Please reach out to Louise Stenberg if you are able to help: 320-894-0935

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