

Sunday, July 7, 2024 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost– Bulletin Insert

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Lila Burmeister, Brian Gieseke, Sandy George as she recovers from surgery

GATHERING SONG

In Christ Called to Baptize

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1 In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace and gather a people from each land and race. In deep, flowing waters, we share in Christ's death, then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

2 In Christ called to banquet, one table we share, a haven of welcome, a circle of care. Although we are many, we share in one bread. One cup of thanksgiving proclaims Christ, our head.

3 In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach the life-giving gospel; God's love we will teach. By grace may our living give proof to our praise in costly compassion reflecting Christ's ways.

4 Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love, for you are within us, around us, above. Equip us for service with gifts you bestow. In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ed Rauk, Ed Fick, Gary Lagerstedt, Todd Jackson

1st READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 123

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: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

SERMON

Emma Wagner

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1 You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

2 You know full well what I have, Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working. **Refrain**

3 You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary-- a love that's willing to go on loving. **Refrain**

4 You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: O loving Friend, you have come to call me. **Refrain**

SENDING SONG*God's Work, Our Hands*

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1 God's work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world, raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together, following Jesus to places unknown, walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God's future the goal. Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear, praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God's love for the lost and the least. Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your gospel.

4 God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise! Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God's love. Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your gospel.

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

BLOOD DRIVE AT FAITH - JULY 15

Donate blood here at Faith on Monday, July 15, from 12:00-6:00pm. To sign up, go to www.redcross.org, click on "Find a Blood Drive" under the "GIVE BLOOD" tab, and enter zip code 56288. If you scroll down the list, you'll find Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer and can see the available times.

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