

**4th Sunday After Pentecost
JUNE 15-16, 2024**

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Creed, Prayers and Peace

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**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
ST. JOHN'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Today's Bible Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Pew Bible p. 684

2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13]14-17 Pew Bible p. 939

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Pew Bible p. 478

Mark 4:26-34 Pew Bible p. 815

Today's Message

"God's Crazy Garden"

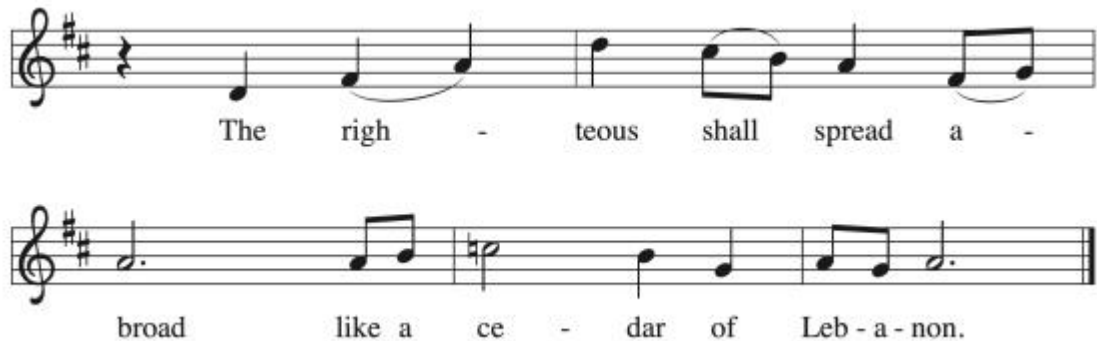
by Rev. Ralph Mineo

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PSALM RESPONSE:



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broad like a ce - dar of Leb - a - non.

OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Barb Huff

Cancer treatments:

Friends of the congregation: Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton

Cancer Friends: Canda, Chris

Other prayer requests:

Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

"What It Means To Be A Lutheran"

Pastor Ralph is leading this session for anyone interested in membership at St. John's, and for current members interested in a refresher. The session will be Sunday, September 15, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a Congregational Potluck for ALL MEMBERS at 5:00 p.m. The meal will include some conversation about what's happening in the life of this congregation! New members will be received during worship on Sunday, September 22. (*PLEASE SIGN UP for the session, as Pastor Ralph is making a booklet for each participant.*)

Favorite Hymns - If anyone would like to request a favorite hymn for the 10:00 AM service please contact Kathy Swanson (kathy@stjohnserie.org) or call/email the church office (office@stjohnserie.org) with the particular hymn. We ask that the hymn be in the red ELW hymnal. You can, also, drop the name and number of the hymn in the Offering plate.

Special Music - We are always looking for Special Music in the summer (or anytime really). If any individual or group would like to share their musical talents during the Sunday, 10:00 AM service, please contact Kathy Swanson or let the Church Office know. We look forward to hearing from our talented parishioners.

Happy Father's Day!