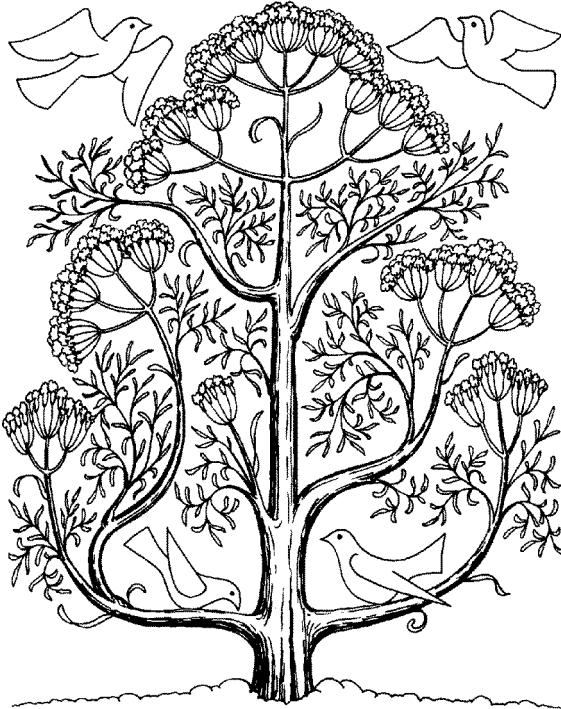


The kingdom of God ... is like a grain of mustard seed, ...
the smallest of all the seeds ... yet when it is sown
it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

Mark 4:30-32



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Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we might reverently hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, through whose name alone we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (23:1-3)

HYMNS: 44; 462; 465; 52

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

“The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” This lesson presented to Samuel when he anointed one of Jesse’s son to be king over Israel is a lesson for us to remember also. It applies not only to our impressions about people, but all that the Lord does with His kingdom. The Lord directs matters according to His will that His kingdom may be advanced, and His people blessed. And so David was anointed to be king, and his descendent, Jesus, became our King.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 19:23-40

The world feels threatened by the message of the gospel, and will very vocally oppose the authority of God’s Word. All this opposition may appear very impressive to the child of God, as the world rallies its forces against the Lord and against Christ. In the end the world’s outcry comes to nothing, and the gospel goes forth for the salvation of many in the world.

THE SERMON: Matthew 13:31-33

Theme: The Kingdom’s Growth in the World

I. Humble Beginnings – Like a Mustard Seed

II. Quiet Growth – Like Leaven in a Lump of Dough

CALENDAR

TODAY: Church picnic follows the service. The picnic will be right here on the church grounds. We will have some fun and fellowship before the potluck picnic meal. And more after the meal. **Please** plan to join us for the day. Your presence with us is far more important than if you were able to contribute to the meal.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30 with Sunday school and Bible class following the service. Sermon text: Matthew 5:13-19

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Phil Egtvedt, Andy Ball, Leon Hellickson

Cleaning: Larson

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 31 Worship – 26

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,080.00	Other Offerings	
Offerings Received	\$1,886.00		
Needed for Year:	36,020.00		
Received for Year:	33,417.00		

CALLED TO GLORY: Yesterday at 5:00 p.m., **Lincoln Cole** was called by the Lord to join the choirs of angels singing the praises of our Savior. Funeral arrangements are pending with Worlein Funeral Home.

AT THE HOSPITAL: Samantha Barthels is still at Methodist hospital in Rochester for continued treatment of leukemia. She is currently in room number 7408. Thank you for your continued prayers.