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September 22, 2019

Speaker: Rev. Kari Swigart

Sermon: Low Hanging Fruit

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-6; Galatians 5:16-23

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10:30 AM

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| Prelude | Reflection on "Love Unknown" Toccata on "Amazing Grace" | Lasky Pardini |
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Welcome and Announcements

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| Introit | Be Joyful in the Lord | Donald Moore |
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Call to Worship

Leader: You, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the
One who lifts my head high.

People: Call out to the LORD, and he answers me from his
holy mountain.

Leader: Lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD
sustains me.

People: I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me
on every side.

All: From the Lord comes deliverance. May your blessing
be on your people!

* **Hymn #319** (blue)

Spirit

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are so often swept up in the
tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your
holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We
dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and
sacrifice. We try to speak in your name, without relinquishing
our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying
wholly on your grace.

Help us to make room in our heart and lives for you. Teach us
to live in the intricate balance between faith and works,
between being and doing, being nourished and serving
others. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image.
Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness and Sharing Christ's Peace

Anthem Immortal, Invisible arr: P. Liebergen

Children's Chat

Scripture Psalm 1:1-6; Galatians 5:16-23

Sermon Low Hanging Fruit

* **Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **Songs** In Christ Alone; Power of Your Love

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory The King of Love My Shepherd Is Wood

* Doxology #592 (blue) or see screen

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer Traditional

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* **Hymn #324** (blue) Open My Eyes That I May See

* **Benediction**

*** Closing Chorus**

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me,
Spirit divine*

Postlude

For the Beauty of the Earth

Ashdown

**if comfortably able, please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Director: Doug Garner

Liturgist: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Jimmy Zagurskie

Elder: Sue Garner

Next Week: Susan Ferguson

Acolyte: Lucas Garner

Children's Chat: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Sue Garner

Ushers: Karen McCurdy (head usher) Dale Henry, Dave Noss, Joyce Dixon, Cathy McClenahen, David Eichenlaub

Children's Church: Ginny Westover

Next Week: Griffiths/Cunningham

Preaching: Rev. Kari Swigart

Next Week: Rev. Jeanette Mater

Infants/Preschool: Zoe Finan

Next Week: Tara Reeder

Deacon for the Month: Zoe Finan

Community Luncheon for September: Christian Ed

Next Month: Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Counters: Bill Sisson & John Gregory

Next Week: Kari Cullen & Jack Wilson

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1:1-6

Blessed is the one
 who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
 or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
 and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
 which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
 whatever they do prospers.
Not so the wicked!
 They are like chaff
 that the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Galatians 5:16-23

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Brochure. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL today is in honor of the birth of Elsea Louise Diven, son of Caleb and Kate Diven, grandson of Don and Pam Pecht. Elsea was born September 14, 2019. Congratulations!

BACKYARD MINISTRIES: We have some opportunities to serve and love our Backyard Ministry friends this Fall!

- **MITTENS AND HATS:** There is a mitten tree in the narthex with pink (girls) and blue (boys) paper mittens. Each set of mittens has a size on it. If you would like to help keep a few kiddos warm this winter, please pick a mitten and shop for a hat and mittens or gloves for the sex/size needed. Please return the **hat and mitten set by October 20** to the church in a plastic bag with the paper mitten inside.
- **PUMPKIN BREADS:** The week of Thanksgiving we will be delivering pumpkin breads to our backyard families. If you would like to make a bread, please bring it to the church by **November 24**. They can be made ahead and frozen! Small or large loaves are appreciated!

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: There will be a time of fellowship immediately following the worship service today.

NEW INTERIM PASTOR: Plan to welcome our new Interim Pastor, Sarah Sedgwick, to the pulpit on October 6.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, September 22

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn

MONDAY, September 23

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

TUESDAY, September 24

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study – third floor

WEDNESDAY, September 25

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, September 29

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event at the church, please call the church office so that we can avoid conflicts and properly publicize church related events.

A number of 12 Step Groups meet in the church building throughout the week. If you or someone you know is interested, call the church office or check the listing at the Third Street church entrance for a list of meeting times.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 9/15/19

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| Weekly Need: \$ 3,173.08 | YTD Need: \$ 117,411.96 |
| Received: \$ 2,015.00 | YTD Received: \$ 113,235.36 |

DEACONS’ OFFERING: \$297.00