



Series: Strengthening Our Souls
Week Six: Soul Strength through Confession

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us." ~ 1 John 1:8-10

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LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Shining the light of the gospel into the
heart of Lewistown since 1785

October 15, 2017

10:30 AM

Prelude Middlebury Wood
O God, Thou Art the Father Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Theme and Variations on "St. Thomas" Williams

Call to Worship Psalm 103

Leader: Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being,
praise his holy name.

**People: Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all
his benefits.**

Leader: He forgives all your sins and heals all your
diseases, he redeems your life from the pit and
crowns you with love and compassion, he satisfies
your desires with good things....

**People: The LORD works righteousness and justice
for all the oppressed.**

Leader: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to
anger, abounding in love. He will not always
accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**People: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or
repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;

**People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has
he removed our transgressions from us.**

Leader: As a father has compassion on his children, so the
LORD has compassion on those who fear him....

**People: From everlasting to everlasting the LORD's
love is with those who fear him...**

**ALL: The LORD has established his throne in
heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.**

* **Hymn #464** (blue)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* **Greeting of Peace**

*** Hymn #276**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Unison Prayer of Confession Memorial Drive Presbyterian

Loving God, we pause this morning to confess our sin to You. We enter into confession with both gratitude and reluctance. We are grateful for your grace and your promise of forgiveness. However, we are reluctant to confess too deeply or too honestly. We fear that we might push the limits of your mercy, patience and grace. So we confess, but not too deeply. We admit our wrongdoing, but omit the specifics.

But You know our hearts, O Lord. You see what is done in secret. You know our evil deeds and our anxious thoughts. Forgive our deceptiveness even in our confession. Lead us into the depth of our brokenness, that we may experience the height of your love and the magnitude of your grace. Then teach us how to exhibit your love and grace to a world that is broken and ashamed.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Anthem

Standing on the Promises

M McDonald

Children's Sermon

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Round the Lord in Glory Sound

Powell

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

*** Song**

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.
I'm accepted, You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.*

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do I honor You.*

You are my King! You are my King!
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That you my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; It's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, I honor you.*

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*** Song** There is a Redeemer

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus:

*Thank you oh my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit, 'til the work on Earth is done.*

2. Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
3. When I stand in Glory, I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever, In that Holy Place.

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A Witness to God's Presence Brad and Elaine Siddons

Scripture Reading Psalm 32:1-7
Hebrews 10:11-25

Sermon Soul Strength through Confession

Pastoral Prayer

*** Song** Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind by now I see.

- 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Chorus:

*My chains are gone; I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

- The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Chorus:

*My chains are gone; I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.
My chains are gone; I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

- The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine; will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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*** Benediction**

*** Closing Chorus**

My Chains Are Gone

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My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

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Postlude

Antioch

Wood

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Adult Bell Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Leah Riden

Next Week: Susan Ferguson

Acolyte: Landon Cunningham

Children's Sermon: Maryann Haines

Next Week: Lynn Curry

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Ushers: Dave Noss (lead usher), Jean Burlew, Gwen Knudson,
Violet Miller, Leah Riden, Patricia Snyder

Children's Church: Annalise Haines

Next week: Lynn Curry

Infants/Preschool: Susan Mowery and Riley Cullen

Next week: Brett Buchanan and Margo Reeder

Deacon for the Month: Carol Zorn

Counters: Pat Brown and Kari Cullen

Next Week: Bill Sisson and Pauli Belfiore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers. Childcare through age four is available throughout the service. Children's church is available for children age 5 – grade 4 following the children's sermon on Sundays without the Lord's Supper.

PEN PALS: If you have a heart for children, please consider becoming a pen pal to a Lewistown Presbyterian Preschooler this year. Photos of the children along with some basic information about them are available. This will aid you in making a personal connection with the child. If you are willing to send cards and/or print notes of encouragement to a child throughout this school year, please see Tara Reeder after church (or call her at 994-0530) to select a pen pal and make a positive impact in a preschooler's life. Every child deserves to know that he or she is a gift from God (Psalm 127:3).

DONATIONS OF SMARTIES CANDIES are needed for our outreach at Lewistown's Safe Trick or Treat Night. Please drop off donations at the church by October 22.

YOUTH GROUP: Our youth are active in fellowship, study, and service. All youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to attend these great opportunities:

- Small group study each Sunday morning at 9 AM on the third floor. We are beginning a five-week study called, "God's Call." Come join us!
- Youth Group – Join us upstairs at 6 PM as we take a look at how Jesus defines "good" in the series "Re-framing Jesus – a new look at a familiar face." Games, snacks and great discussion, too!

LUMINA CARDS are now available. The cards can be used for discounts at many local restaurants. Cards are \$10 each and help support the LUMINA Center. Please see Susan Ferguson for more information.

HURRICANE RELIEF: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is on the ground in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and the Caribbean assessing need and providing relief. You can help by sending funds directly through pda.pcusa.org or through the special offering envelopes in the pews or by marking your offering PDA Hurricane Relief.

THE 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION is being celebrated with a Reformation Recital at the St. John's Lutheran Church. This yearly music recital which features various types of music, both instrumental and vocal will be held at 3PM on Sunday, October 29 at St. John Lutheran Church, 120 N. Main St., Lewistown. It will be followed by a light supper in St. John's church hall.

HEAR THE BELLS RINGING: St. John's has requested that the Protestant churches in town all ring their bells at noon on October 31 in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. If you are interested in volunteering to ring the bell at Lewistown Presbyterian, please contact the church office.

GIVING REPORT AS OF 10/8/17

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,265.14	YTD Need:	\$ 133,116.06
Last Week:	\$ 2,364.25	YTD Received:	\$ 133,996.46

DEACONS' OFFERING: The loose offering in the collection plate today is designated to the Deacons' Fund.

BACKYARD MINISTRIES is collecting hats and mittens for children in our area. Paper hats and mittens with sizes on them are available on a tree in the narthex. Choose one and take it. Then bring it back with a hat or mittens you have purchased. Blue paper hats and mittens are for boys and pink paper hats and mittens are for girls. This is an awesome opportunity to keep kids warm this winter! Please return the hats and mittens by October 29. "*The needy shall not be forgotten*" ~ Psalm 9:18

CLOTHING BOXES AND WRAPPING PAPER NEEDED: We are looking ahead to the Community Christmas Project this year when there will be many items to wrap. We are very much in need of boxes and wrapping paper. Please bring these into the church before November 12 so we can prepare. Thank you.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY: Many small groups are available to encourage you in your faith:

- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. We will be studying "Ten Women of the Bible – One by One They Changed the World" by Jenna Lucado Bishop from the writings of Max Lucado.
- **Youth Sunday Morning Study:** All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! The group meets on the third floor at 9 AM.
- **Sunday Afternoon Study:** This Small group meets on the first Sunday of each month for growth and encouragement. They meet in the parlor following the worship service.
- **Tuesday Evening Group** meets at the home of Jim and Kris Hill at 6:00 PM. They are currently studying, *Ignite Your Passion for God: A 6-Week, No-Homework Bible Study* by Kay Arthur and Mark Sheldrake.
- **Wednesday Morning Group:** This group, which meets at 6:30 AM on Wednesday is studying, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzero. Pastor Jim leads this study.
- **Sunday Evening Group:** This group meets at the manse from 6-7 PM on Sundays.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Psalm 32:1-7 and Hebrews 10:11-25

Psalm 32:1-7: ¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. ⁷ You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Hebrews 10:11-25: ¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. ¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." ¹⁷ Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." ¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary. ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

October 15 – October 22, 2017

TODAY, October 15 Deacons' Offering

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Parlor
- 9:00 AM Youth Study Group – Youth Room
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Small Group Study at the manse

MONDAY, October 16

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM Joy Seekers
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, October 17

- 6:00 PM Small Group @ Jim & Kris Hill's home

WEDNESDAY, October 18

- 6:30 AM Small Group Study at the manse
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 19

PANORAMA DEADLINE

SUNDAY, October 22

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Parlor
- 9:00 AM Youth Study Group – Youth Room
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:00 PM Small Group Study at the manse