



LEWISTOWN

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

October 22, 2017

Series: Strengthening Our Souls

Week Seven: Soul Strength through Friendship

***“Live and dwell in the life and power of God,
and spread the truth abroad. Quench not the
spirit, but live in love and unity one with
another; that with the wisdom of God you may
all be ordered to God's glory. And live all in
patience one with another, and in the truth...
And live all as the family of God in love, in life,
in truth, in power.” ~ George Fox***

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10:30 AM

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| Prelude | Theme and Variations Oh Lord, Revive us | Pachelbel Paxton |
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Welcome and Announcements

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| Introit | O Worship the Lord | Anon. |
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| Call to Worship | Psalm 139 (NLT) |
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Leader: O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

People: You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

Leader: You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

People: You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.

Leader: You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.

ALL: *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!*

People: You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.

Leader: Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

People: You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Leader: Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

People: How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered!

ALL: *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*

* **Hymn #209** (red) Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Children's Sermon

Anthem Grant Us Thy Peace Mendelssohn

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Cleansing Fountain Martin

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Song** Days of Elijah

1. These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord.
And these are the days
Of Your servant, Moses
Righteousness being restored
And these are the days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword.
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Chorus:

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes!*

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding the temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are all white in the world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord!

Chorus:

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun, at the trumpet's call
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes!*

* Song

Forever

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

- 3) From the rising, to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God, we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise. Sing praise, sing praise.

Chorus:

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever You are faithful, forever You are strong,
Forever You are with us, forever, forever.*

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Jude 1:17-23
Hebrews 10:19-25

Sermon

Soul Strength through Friendship

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God, our Creator, we acknowledge that we are yours.
You know us better than we know ourselves. You can
count the hairs on our heads and know the number of**

the days in our lives. You know our thoughts as we think them and our words before we say them. You know what is good about us. And you know what is bad.

We confess the foolishness of hiding from you. You know us completely and yet You love us more than we love ourselves. In Jesus Christ, you made us fully acceptable to you. We are grateful.

However, we continue to try to hide – from you, from others and from ourselves. Give us the wisdom to trust your grace so that we can be honest with ourselves. Guide us to truer fellowship with each other as we trust your mercy for each of us. Give us grace for each other as you have given grace to us. And lead us to form a strong bond of unity in the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

* **Closing Hymn #207** (red) Blest Be the Tie that Binds

* **Benediction**

* **Closing Chorus** Forever

*Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

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Postlude

Antioch

Wood

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Susan Ferguson

Next Week: Ken Fisher

Acolyte: Landon Cunningham

Children's Sermon: Lynn Curry

Next Week: Sue Garner

Ushers: Lonnie Griffith (lead usher), Gwen Knudson, Violet Miller, Leah Riden, Patricia Snyder, Carl Haldeman

Children's Church: Lynn Curry

Next week: Sue Garner

Preaching: Pastor Thomas **Next Week:** Kate Sillman

Infants/Preschool: Brett Buchanan and Margo Reeder

Next week: Karissa Zagurskie and Jimmy Zagurskie

Deacon for the Month: Carol Zorn

Counters: Bill Sisson and Pauli Belfiore

Next Week: Brad Siddons and Bill Sisson

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.

THE TROOP 4 BOY SCOUT Committee is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Scoutmaster. Interested individuals should contact the Committee Chairman, Rick Cahill at rick.cahill@comcast.net

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

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

PEN PALS: There are still some preschoolers who have not yet been paired with a pen pal. If you would like to be a pen pal, please see or call Tara Reeder (717-994-0530).

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

- **October 29:** The youth group meeting will be held at the Lumina Center from 6 to 8 PM next Sunday. We will be joined by youth from McVeytown Presbyterian and First United Methodist. Join us for snacks, games, and of course, JESUS!
- **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 Meetings**– 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!

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.

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.

BLANKET COLLECTION: As the weather starts to turn cold, we are reminded there are children in our county that do not have a warm house to sleep in at night. Help us to collect fleece throw blankets (size 50in x 60in) in neutral colors that we can give to children in Mifflin County. Distribution will be coordinated through the LUMINA Center. There will be boxes in the back of the Sanctuary labeled for you to drop off donations. If you would rather just give money, you can give it to Devon Thomas and she will make the purchases for you. Please have all money and blankets in by December 3rd!

PASTOR THOMAS will be out of town from October 25 – November 6 to attend CREDO, a continuing education event sponsored by the Presbyterian Board of Pensions.

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. Note: the group will not be meeting on October 25 or November 1, but will resume on November 8.
- **Sunday Evening Group:** This group, studying Andy Stanley's "Twisted" curriculum will meet tonight but then be off for two Sundays, resuming on November 12.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS: If you are interested in joining Lewistown Presbyterian Church or in learning more about us, join us for New Members Classes, which will be held at the church manse (108 N. Brown St. – the yellow brick house next to the church on Brown St.) at 9 AM Sundays, November 12, 19, 26 and December 3. Those who wish to join the church will be welcomed during worship on December 10.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation classes for youth in grades 6-8 (and older youth who have not yet been confirmed) will be held at 9 AM on Sundays beginning January 7 and running through May 6. The class will be welcomed as new church members during worship on May 13.

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

REFORMATION RECITAL: The 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation is being celebrated with a musical recital at 3 PM on Sunday, October 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lewistown. It will be followed by a light supper in St. John's church hall.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Jude 1:17-23 and Hebrews 10:19-25

Jude 1:17-25: ¹⁷ But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. ¹⁸ They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." ¹⁹ These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²² Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. ²⁴ To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— ²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Hebrews 10:19-25: 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 22 – October 29, 2017

TODAY, 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

MONDAY, October 23

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

TUESDAY, October 24

- 9:00 AM Backyard Ministries food preparation
- 6:00 PM Small Group @ Jim & Kris Hill’s home

WEDNESDAY, October 25

- 6:30 AM No Small Group Study this week
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, October 29

- 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
- 11:30 AM Community Luncheon
- 6:00 PM Youth Group @ the Lumina Center

GIVING REPORT AS OF 10/15/17

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| Weekly Need: | \$ 3,265.14 | YTD Need: | \$ 136,381.20 |
| Last Week: | \$ 2,913.00 | YTD Received: | \$ 136,909.46 |