



LEWISTOWN

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November 19, 2017

Series: Strengthening our Souls

Sermon: Soul Strength through Simplicity

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment... so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." – 1 Timothy 4:18-19

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People: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Leader: When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

People: Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.

Leader: These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Live as those who are made new in Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Presentation of Offerings

Offertory A Franciscan Pastorale Ashdown

* Doxology #592 (blue)

* Prayer of Dedication

* Song

Grace Alone

1. Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we can make, is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind, is only by his grace.

Chorus:

*Grace alone, which God supplies,
Strength unknown, He will provide.
Christ in us our cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.*

2. Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace, is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise, is only by his grace.

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*** Song**

How Great is Our God

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
It trembles at His voice, trembles at his voice.

Chorus:

*How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

2. From age to age He stands, and time is in his hands,
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus:

*How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.
How great is our God!
Sing with me, how great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

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*** Song**

How Great Thou Art

Chorus:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the world Thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

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Scripture Reading

Luke 12:16-21
1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

Sermon

Soul Strength Through Simplicity

Pastoral Prayer

* **Hymn #554**

Let All Things Now Living

* **Benediction**

* **Closing**

Simple Gifts (tune: "I Danced in the Morning")

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right*

Postlude

In Christ There is No East or West

Wood

**If comfortably able please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit: Adult Bell Choir; Doug Garner, director

Liturgist: Gerri Aitkin **Next Week:** Cole Cullen

Acolyte: Noerr family

Anthem: Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, director

Children's Sermon: Elaine Siddons

Next Week: Annalise Haines

Ushers: Donis Zagurskie (lead usher), Jimmy Zagurskie, Cole, Kari, Riley and Reece Cullen

Children's Church: Leah Riden

Next week: Leah Riden

Sermon: Pastor Thomas

Infants/Preschool: Cathy McClenahen and Mercy Westover

Next week: Venus Shade and Jimmy Zagurskie

Deacon for the Month: Lisa Snyder

Counters: Maryann Haines and Bill Sisson

Next Week: Maryann Haines and Lisa Snyder

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 CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given by Jane Mauery in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Miller.

PIE BAKERS NEEDED! We will be making pumpkin pies TOMORROW, Monday, November 20 at 6:00 PM in the church kitchen. The pies will be distributed to the families that attend Backyard Ministry. Please come and enjoy the pie baking fun! Children may help, but need to be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a can of pumpkin (for two pies), and a snack to share. We have 20 pies to bake! Contact Lynn Curry to let her know you can help (717-250-5957).

ADVENT DECORATING Please join the Worship and Music Committee in helping to trim the tree, deck the halls, and spruce up the church for the Advent season. We will gather in the Sanctuary at 6 PM on Sunday, November 26. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

- **Gifts must be returned to the church (unwrapped) by Sunday, November 26.** Please attach the name tag to the gift. If you would prefer to make a donation, we will be glad to purchase gifts for you. There will also be a box by the Christmas tree for mittens, hats and socks. Thank you in advance for making a child's Christmas wish come true! The gifts will be wrapped Monday, December 4. You are welcome to join the wrapping party! Bring your own scissors. For more information, please contact Margie Smith, Amy Smith or Pat Brown.
- **Clothing Boxes and Wrapping Paper** are needed for the Community Christmas Project. Please bring these into the church by December 3. Thank you.

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

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL AND SERVICE: The Lewistown Salvation Army and Lewistown Ministerium are sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal this evening at 5 PM at the Lewistown Salvation Army (at the corner of Chestnut and Dorcas streets). The meal will be followed by a worship service.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT: Saturday, December 9, 3:30 – 7:30 PM. Our youth would like to give the gift of a few hours of childcare to parents who could use some time to shop, wrap, nap or just enjoy some quiet moments. The kids will enjoy making pizza for supper, games, crafts and a movie. Please sign up on the bulletin board. You will need to fill out a release form, which is also available at the bulletin board.

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 in the midst of a five-week study called, "God's Call." Come join us!
- **This Evening:** There will be a combined **Thanksgiving event at McVeytown Presbyterian Church**. Parents, please drop off students at McVeytown Presbyterian at 6 PM. Pick up time is 8 PM. If you need a ride, please contact Ginny Westover. **Remember to bring your food item.**

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 Sunday, December 3.

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

CHRISTMAS FAMILY EVENT: Mark **December 2, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**, on your calendar and plan to spend part of your morning making memories by the manger at Keepsake Christmas. Friends and families will experience an engaging, dramatic retelling of the Christmas story, and create their very own Keepsake nativity scenes to cherish for years to come. We will meet Mary, Joseph and the Angel that shared the good news of Jesus' birth with the shepherds. We will discover what Jesus' name means, then share stories about our names. Plus much more! Snacks and Christmas carols, too!

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 taking a break from studying "Ten Women of the Bible" to delve into Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem: Love is Born; Hope is Here." This is the partner piece to "He Chose the Nails" that we benefited from last year during Lent. Please join us!
- **Youth Sunday Morning Study:** All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! The group meets on the third floor at 9 AM and is studying, "God's Call"
- **Sunday Afternoon Study** 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 studying, "Being a Disciple: Counting the Real Cost" by Kay Arthur, Tom & Jane Hart. Jesus challenged those who choose to follow Him to count the cost. So, what does true discipleship look like? What does it require? Join us as we dig deeper into these truths. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday Morning Group:** This group meets at 6:30 AM on Wednesday at the manse and is led by Pastor Jim. The current study is "Before Amen," a study on prayer by Max Lucado.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse (108 N. Brown St.) and is led by Pastor Jim and Devon Thomas.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:15-21

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

PRAYER GUIDE

November 19, 2017

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Pray for our Community, Nation and World

Our Community

- Those struggling with addictions, and their loved ones
- Marriages and other relationships in crisis
- Newly-elected officials

Our Nation

- For those traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday
- For a spirit of thankfulness to God and renewed acknowledgement of God's faithfulness
- For the community of Sutherland Springs, TX after the mass-shooting at the First Baptist Church there
- Those dealing with the impact of recent hurricanes

The World

- World leaders as they deal with North Korea
- Zimbabwe and the political unrest there
- Those impacted by the earthquake in Iraq and Iran

Pray for our Church:

Our People and Ministries

- For visitors to join us and to find a spiritual home here
- The New Members Class
- Our ongoing Natural Church Development process
- For unity, openness, honesty, and commitment
- For the Holy Spirit to enliven us to God's presence
- The Nominating Committee as they seek people to serve

Those in Care Facilities

- Valley View: Mary Lou Ingram, Jack Irrgang
- Ohesson: Etta Majestic, Mary Barger
- Shirley Home (Shirleysburg): Carl Knepp
- Hearthside (State College): Mary McClellan
- Berry's (Oakland Mills): Doris Hoverter

Those in the Military

- O1/LT Allison (Harklerode) Conforte: Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA
- SPC Ian Shelly: attending Millersville University
- BM3 Tyler M. Earnest: awaiting updated address
- SFC William Corson: 17836 Upland Dr SE, Yelm, WA 98597
- SGT John Dietz: PSC 560 Box 481, APO, AP 96376

- SSGT Tyler Treaster: 7294 Puckett Dr, Neroes Manor, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547

Our Mission Partners

- Leah and Francis Daytec in the Philippines
- Shelter Services as they continue to provide an invaluable resource for our community and are in need of volunteers
- Backyard Ministries
- Adventures in Mission and BuildinGuate and their work with the people who live in the dump near Antigua, Guatemala
- Veraso family settling into a new home and beginning new ministries in West Philadelphia
- The LUMINA Center as they reach out to children in our community
- Miranda Shoop as she works at the LUMINA center
- Pastor Joe Kumru and his work in Gilgil, Kenya

Those Battling Cancer

- Liz Belfiore, Art's mother: finished treatment; in care center
- Blain Hackenburg: stage 4 lung cancer
- Levi Foltz: 2-year-old with a tumor
- Joyce Nicholas: liver and lung cancer
- Matt Ellis: that his 2nd marrow transplant is not rejected
- Brad Siddons: undergoing preventative chemo treatments
- Barb Stahl: finished 3rd of 4 chemo treatments
- Gina Eargle: undergoing treatments
- Alex Pierce: 17-year-old who had tumor in chest
- Neil Knable
- Jim Marthouse: ongoing recovery from stem cell transplant
- Bob Goodwin: leukemia
- Harold Miller: cancerous tumor
- Jennifer Elder: young mother battling a brain tumor

Other Health Concerns

- Taleea Sholey: 12-year-old who underwent surgery on Tuesday to remove a mass in her brain
- Irene Sauer, Elaine Siddons' mother: recovering from a fall
- Keri Corkery: young woman who had a stroke
- Phil Torbert: recent surgery for heart valve infection
- Shannon Lower: received a double lung transplant,
- Naomi DeBello: 14-year-old with congenital heart issues
- Rich Harper: recently began new MS treatment
- Mary Barger: strength & courage following a stroke
- Shirley Ferguson: chronic pain and limited mobility

Our Families of the Week

- Robert, Devon, Audrey, McKenna and Lorelei Howe
- William and Donna Lake

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

November 19 – November 26, 2017

TODAY, November 19 *Deacons' offering*

- 9:00 AM New Members Class @ the manse
- 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 Adult Study Group – manse
- 6:00 PM Youth Group meet @ McVeytown Presbyterian

MONDAY, November 20

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry
- 6:00 PM Joy Seekers
- 6:00 PM Pie Baking for BYM - kitchen
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Court of Honor followed by refreshments

TUESDAY, November 21

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

WEDNESDAY, November 22

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

THURSDAY, November 23

THANKSGIVING DAY

SUNDAY, November 26 *Christmas Tree Project gifts returned*

- 9:00 AM New Members Class
- 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 Adult Study Group – manse
- 6:00 PM Advent Decorating