



## **Easter Series: Love and Truth**

### **The Message of 1 John**

#### **Week 4: Family Ties**

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:7-10*

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# LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**May 13, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

**Prelude**      Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing      Manz  
                                 Toccata and "Amazing Grace"      Pardini

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**                      O Be Careful Little Eyes

**Call to Worship** Psalm 34

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

**People: Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.**

Leader: Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**People: How do we find life, and many days to enjoy good things?**

Leader: By keeping your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

**People: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.**

Leader: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.

**People: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Leader: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.

**People: Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

Leader: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

## **Children's Sermon**

### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Father, you are good, and you always provide what we need. You beautifully clothe the flowers of the field and provide food for the birds, and you assure us that we are far more valuable than they. Yet we worry. Forgive us, for not trusting in the goodness of what you provide. We chase after transient things and seek security in them rather than in your eternal wisdom and grace. Forgive us for selfishly guarding our possessions out of fear that you won't provide. Forgive us for believing that we can set our own course without guidance from you. Forgive us for the effort we put into getting our own way. We are prone to worry. We are lacking in trust. We are addicted to control. Forgive us, Father, and remind us that what you provide is sufficient and that what you plan is good.**

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

#### **Anthem**

Here I Am, Lord

Schutte

### **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory                      Ascension Canticle

Antonyuk

\* Doxology #572 (blue hymnal)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### \* **Song**

I Need You

1. Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here I find my rest.  
And without you, I fall apart.  
You're the one that guides my heart.

*Chorus:*

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.*

*Every hour I need you.*

*My one defense, my righteousness;*

*Oh, God, how I need you.*

2. Where sin runs deep, your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where you are.  
And where you are, Lord, I am free.  
Holiness is Christ in me.  
Where you are, Lord, I am free.  
Holiness is Christ in me.

*Chorus:*

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.  
Every hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need you.*

*Bridge:*

*So teach my song to rise to you  
When temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you.  
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you.  
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.*

*Last Chorus:*

*Lord I need you, oh, I need you.  
Every hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need you.  
Lord I need you, oh, I need you.  
Every hour I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need you.  
My one defense, my righteousness;  
Oh, God, how I need you.*

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**\* Song**

**Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

1. Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men;  
O, you rescue the souls of men.
2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost our way;  
O, we've hopelessly lost our way.

*Chorus:*

*You are the One that we praise.  
You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our  
Hearts always hunger for,  
O, our hearts always hunger for.*

3. Almighty, infinite Father,  
Faithfully loving your own.  
Here in our weakness you find us  
Falling before your throne;  
O, we're falling before your throne.

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**Scripture Reading**

1 John 3:1-10

**Sermon**

Family Ties

**Pastoral Prayer**

\* **Hymn #318** (red)

When We Walk with the Lord

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

When We Walk with the Lord (chorus)

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way,  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

**Postlude**

Ye Holy Angels Bright

Smith

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

## **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Introit & Anthem:** Chancel Choir; Doug Garner, Director

**Liturgist:** Doug Garner **Next Week:** Sue Garner

**Acolyte:** Abigail Siddons

**Children's Chat:** Leah Riden **Next Week:** Annalise Haines

**Children's Church:** Leah Riden

**Next week:** Annalise Haines

**Ushers:** Karen McCurdy (lead usher), Brad Siddons, Maryann and Annalise Haines, Kevin and Machele Kodish

**Preaching:** Pastor James Thomas

**Infants/Preschool:** Linda O'Dell and Alex Garner

**Next week:** Diane Griffith and Riley Cullen

**Deacon for the Month:** Mercy Westover

**Counters:** Brad Siddons and John Gregory

**Next Week:** Dave Noss and Dale Henry

## **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.

**THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL** today is in celebration of the birth of Fitzgerald Vincent Rutledge, born Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> to Kyle and Brooke (Kodish) Rutledge. Kevin and Shelly Kodish are his grandparents and Gloria Runk is his great-grandmother.

**ATTENTION PRESCHOOL PEN PALS:** Each year every preschool graduate receives a Bible signed by their pen pal. The Bibles are available on the front pew, alphabetized according to last names. Please write your name and favorite Bible verse inside the front cover. Feel free to include a note. Then return to the church office by May 22. Thank you!

**SOUND BOARD OPERATOR NEEDED:** We are in need of an assistant/substitute sound board operator for when John Gregory is unavailable. Please let him know if you can help.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:** You can participate in Crossroads Pregnancy Center's fund-raiser by taking home a baby bottle bank and filling it with your loose change (or bills if you choose!) and then return it on Father's Day, June 17.

**THE LUMINA CENTER** is seeking an enthusiastic, qualified candidate for the position of Program Director. He/she must desire to assist children and youth in succeeding. He/she will be expected to work closely with the Director, staff, board members, children and their families. He/she will be responsible for coordinating events, improving existing activities and developing new programs. He/she would be expected to adhere to the mission statement of the LUMINA Center as follows: LUMINA is a Community Center which offers the light of faith, hope and love "to" "for" and "with" the children, youth and families of Mifflin County in the name of Christ. Applications are available on the LUMINA Center's website or the LUMINA Center office. **For more information, please contact Debbie Wilt at 717-242-2888. Website: [www.luminacenter.org](http://www.luminacenter.org)**

### **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

- **Youth Group:** Youth group for youth in grades 6-12 is held every Sunday evening from 6-7:30 PM on the third floor of the church. All are encouraged to attend – and to bring their friends for fun, food, fellowship and most importantly, growth in relationship to God.
- **Adult Sunday Morning Study** led by Pat Brown meets in the church parlor on Sundays at 9 AM. The study is Ten Women of the Bible by Max Lucado.
- **Tuesday Evening Group** meets on the third floor of the church at 6:30 PM. The study is "Prayer; Does it Make Any Difference?" by Philip Yancey. All are welcome!
- **Wednesday Morning Group** meets at the manse at 6:30 AM. A Clash of Kingdoms, by Ray Vander Laan, is part of the very popular "That the World May Know" series in which Vander Laan guides participants to a deeper understanding of the context of scripture to allow them to apply it more faithfully to their own lives.
- **Sunday Evening Group** meets from 6:00 – 7:15 PM at the manse. Address the Mess, by Andy Stanley which will help participants be honest about the challenging aspects of their lives. *However, due to messy and busy schedules, the group is on hiatus until June.*

**NURSERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Minister to our youngest set (and their parents!) by offering about an hour of your time during the worship service on a given Sunday morning. Clearances and a cheerful heart required. Please contact any member of the Christian Ed Committee to join the nursery rotation. Committee members are: Leah Riden, Elaine Siddons, Susan Ferguson, Miranda Shoop and Ginny Westover. Clearances can be obtained through the church office. Thank you to those who have already responded!

**MISSION TRIP:** Plans are being made for an adult mission trip to Puerto Rico for hurricane relief. The trip will take place in the fall and details will be announced in early summer.

### **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

1 John 3:1-10

<sup>3:1</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness.

<sup>5</sup> But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

<sup>7</sup> Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup> The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. <sup>9</sup> No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. <sup>10</sup> This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.



## **2018 SESSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

*The session, along with the pastor, provides primary leadership of church. Session responsibilities are coordinated by the following committees. Please feel free to committee members with any questions, commendations, or concerns:*

**Christian Education:** Facilitates spiritual growth through classes, small groups, and special events. Coordinates Nursery, Children's Chat and Children's Church volunteers; oversees Youth Group, Small Groups, Sunday School, VBS, Traveling Day Camp and other programs, working closely with the Christian Education Coordinator. Elders are Susan Ferguson and Leah Riden.

**Worship and Music:** Works with the pastor to provide and facilitate meaningful worship services. Oversees choirs and choir directors, supervises ushers, coordinates acolytes and liturgists, arranges special music. Elders are Sue Garner and Cole Cullen.

**Property:** Maintains and improves church buildings and properties in order to facilitate effective ministry; supervises custodial and security staff and serves as official liaison with outside groups who use our building. Elders are Carole Auker, Dave Noss, and Glenn Snyder.

**Stewardship:** Oversees and directs financial and personnel resources, supervises the church treasurer, provides stewardship education, recommends and oversees budget, oversees endowment funds and special offerings. Manages all paid personnel. Elders are Lonnie Griffith, Lisa Snyder and Ruth Fisher.

**Fellowship:** Facilitates spiritually edifying relationships within the church body, provides funeral lunches, organizes receptions, and meals for other events, oversees the church kitchen, provides opportunities for church members to get to know each other and deepen relationships. Elders are Bill Sisson and Ruth Fisher.

**Preschool:** Facilitates and directs the work of the Lewistown Presbyterian Preschool and Nursery School; establishes curriculum in conjunction with teachers; reviews teacher performance; oversees school finances, including scholarships; encourages congregational support and relationships with students' and families. Elders are Tara Reeder and Leah Noerr.

**Mission and Evangelism:** Inspires and facilitates the church's outreach to the community and to the world by determining mission budget, maintaining relationships with mission coworkers, representing the church in the community, and organizing member participation in hands-on mission. Elders are Amy Smith and Karen McCurdy.

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

May 13 – May 20, 2018

### **SUNDAY, May 13** Mother's Day

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM No Youth Group this evening – celebrate Mom!
- 6:00 PM No Adult Small Group at the manse this evening

### **MONDAY, May 14**

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

### **TUESDAY, May 15**

- 6:30 PM Adult Small Group – third floor

### **WEDNESDAY, May 16**

- 6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse

### **THURSDAY, May 17**

PANORAMA Deadline

### **SATURDAY, May 19**

- 10:00 AM Faith Festival - Library
- 1:00 PM Presbytery Event: Good Samaritan

### **SUNDAY, May 20**

- 9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor
- 9:15 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Group

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### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 5/6/18**

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 60,144.30
Last Week:	\$ 5,775.19	YTD Received:	\$ 57,530.54