



**Series: Love and Truth**  
**The Message of 1 John**

**Week 8: Live in Love**

*"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

**June 17, 2018**

**10:30 AM**

**Prelude**

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Though I Speak

Wagner  
Wood

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Call to Worship**

adapted from John 15

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the vine; you are the branches."

**People: If we remain in him and he in us, we will bear much fruit; apart from him we can do nothing.**

Leader: If you do not remain in him, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

**People: If we remain in him and his words remain in us, we can ask whatever we wish, and it will be done for us.**

Leader: Jesus said: "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

**People: If we keep his commands, we will remain in his love, just as he kept the Father's commands and remained in the Father's love.**

Leader: Jesus said: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

**People: Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

Leader: Jesus said: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last...This is my command: Love each other."

**\* Hymn #418** (blue)

God, Bless Your Church with Strength

## **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious and loving God. We know that your word is true and your guidance is trustworthy. However, we find ourselves trusting the words of the world over the guidance of God. We are directed by our vacillating hearts rather than by your steady hand. We avoid challenge and change because we trust the familiar. Yet you call us to new things and ask that we trust your faithfulness. Forgive us, and open us to your word and your will, that we may live in faith an obedience to your good, pleasing and perfect will.**

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

## **Affirmation of God's Forgiveness**

### **Special Music**

Father Abraham

Cedarmont Kids

## **Children's Sermon**

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory      Children of the Heavenly Father

Bish

\* Doxology #591 (blue hymnal)

\* Prayer of Dedication

### **\* Song**

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss,  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there,  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life—  
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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**\* Song**

Good Good Father

1. Oh, I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think you're like.  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love  
In the dead of night.  
And you tell me that you're pleased  
And that I'm never alone.

*Chorus:*

*You're a good, good Father.  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,  
And I'm loved by you.  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

2. Oh, I've seen many searching  
For answers far and wide.  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only you provide.  
'Cause you know just what we need  
Before we say a word.

*Chorus:*

*You're a good, good Father.  
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,  
And I'm loved by you.  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

*Bridge:*

*Because you are perfect in all of your ways.  
You are perfect in all of your ways.  
You are perfect in all of your ways... to us.  
You are perfect in all of your ways.  
You are perfect in all of your ways.  
You are perfect in all of your ways... to us.*

3. Oh it's love so undeniable,  
I, I can hardly speak.  
Peace so unexplainable,  
I, I can hardly think  
As you call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still,  
As you call me deeper still into love, love.

*Chorus:*

*You're a good, good Father.*

*It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,  
And I'm loved by you.*

*It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

*You're a good, good Father.*

*It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,  
And I'm loved by you.*

*It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

*You're a good, good Father.*

*It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are,  
And I'm loved by you.*

*It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.*

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scripture Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

### **Sermon**

Live in Love

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 #359** (blue)

More Love to Thee, O Christ

\* **Benediction**

\* **Closing Chorus**

Though I May Speak (v 3)

*Come, Spirit, come; our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship and are freed.*

**Postlude**

Postlude on "Stuttgart"

Pethel

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*\*If comfortably able please stand*

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Accompanist:** Joan Loewen

**Liturgist:** Paul Olbrich

**Next Week:** Susan Ferguson

**Acolyte:** Landon Cunningham

**Next Week:** Bailey Cullen

**Children's Chat:** Lynn Curry

**Next Week:** Miranda Shoop

**Children's Church:** Lynn Curry

**Next Week:** Miranda Shoop

**Special Music:** Children's Choir; director, Leah Riden

**Ushers:** Amy Smith (lead usher), Marilyn Miller, Violet Miller,  
Carl Haldeman, Patricia Snyder, Paul Olbrich

**Preaching:** Pastor James Thomas

**Infants/Preschool:** Rachel Cunningham and Riley Cullen

**Next week:** Elaine Siddons and Alex Garner

**Deacon for the Month:** Donis Zagurskie

**Counters:** Dale Henry and Ginny Westover

**Next Week:** Jack Wilson and Maryann Haines

## **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 CHANCEL FLOWERS** today are dedicated to God's glory and are given in loving memory of Frank Hassinger by his wife, Audrey and son, Jeff and family.

**COMMUNITY VBS is coming soon! Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28, 6:00-8:30 PM.** With everything that is wrong in the world, today's children need to know that they can turn to Jesus to rescue them. That's the focus of this summer's Lewistown Community Bible School. "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" is the theme 6-8:30 PM, Sunday-Thursday, June 24-28.

We have the privilege and responsibility of hosting Shipwrecked here at Lewistown Presbyterian, with participation by First United Methodist, Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic, St. John's Lutheran and First Baptist churches. Jesus will be shared repeatedly as children travel from station to station: Bible Discovery, God Sightings, Castaway Sing and Play, Imagination Station, Tropical Treats, Shipwreck Games and Kid Vid/Verse.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help. We are responsible for the suppers and Sunday's snack, the Bible stories, God sightings and video/verse. Also, for the safety of the children, we need adults who are willing to supervise small groups of children as they travel from station to station. Please contact Ginny Westover or a member of the Christian Education Committee for more information.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, June 24 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to process Pastor Thomas's announcement that he has received another call.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Our annual church picnic will be held at Kish Park on Tuesday, July 10 beginning at 6PM. The Fellowship Committee will provide chicken and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

**THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL TODAY** is in celebration of the birth of a daughter to Megan and Matthew Snyder on Wednesday. Proud grandparents are Rich and Betsy Harper.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG:** Please return the bottles today (filled or unfilled).

### **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. Because of Father's Day, we will not meet this evening.
- **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:** This group is taking the summer off and will resume in the fall.
- **Wednesday Morning Group** meets at the manse at 6:30 AM. Their current study is The Daniel Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz. The study will guide us to focus us on praying like Daniel, whose prayer life led him to have great strength and influence in a very difficult situation. All are welcome to join us.
- **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. *We will not meet this evening.*

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



## **TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

### **1 John 4:7-21**

<sup>4:7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

<sup>13</sup> This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. <sup>16</sup> And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. <sup>17</sup> This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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### **Notes:**

## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

June 17 – June 24, 2018

### **SUNDAY, June 17** Father's Day

9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor  
10:30 AM Worship Service

### **MONDAY, June 18**

11:30 AM Prayer Ministry  
6:00 PM Joy Seekers  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts  
7:00 PM VBS Committee Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, June 19**

6:30 AM Adult Small Group – manse

### **SUNDAY, June 24**

9:00 AM Adult Small Group – parlor  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
11:30 AM Community Luncheon  
5:30 PM VBS Supper  
6:30 PM Community VBS

*A number of Twelve-Step groups meet in the church during the week. A schedule of meetings is posted in the Third Street vestibule.*

*If you would like to schedule any meetings or events at the church, please inform the church office so that it can be assured that your desired room is available and that your event can be properly publicized.*

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### **GIVING REPORT AS OF 6/10/18**

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,341.35	YTD Need:	\$ 76,851.05
Last Week:	\$ 2,661.00	YTD Received:	\$ 71,212.59