



LEWISTOWN

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

November 3, 2019

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Speaker: Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

Sermon: Choosing to Abide

Scripture: Psalm 32:1-7; Luke 19:1-10

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10:30 AM

Prelude

Cantate Dominc
O Day Full of Grace

Hassler
Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayers to God.

All: In times of distress, we will not be overwhelmed.

Leader: You are our hiding place, O Lord;

All: You preserve us from trouble and surround us with glad cries of deliverance.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God with grateful hearts!

* **Hymn #472** (blue)

O Sing to the Lord

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You are righteous, O God, and your law is truth. Yet we struggle to be faithful and daily fail to live lives of justice and mercy. Forgive us again, O God; keep covenant with us, as you have promised, and soothe our aching souls, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow. For the Lord has promised to forgive all, and to surround with steadfast love everyone who trusts in God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

Anthem

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As we have been forgiven, let us forgive each other.
Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Chat

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 32:1-7; Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

Choosing to Abide

*** 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.

* **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

Lord's Prayer, Traditional

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Praise-Thanksgiving

Handel

Doxology #592 (blue)

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #514 (blue)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Charge and Benediction

Learn to do good: Seek justice,
rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan,
plead for the widow, trusting in the
power of God to do all things.

And now may the deliverance of God,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
go with us all and give us peace. Amen.

* **Closing Chorus** Gloria Patri #579 (blue)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Postlude Fanfare and Processional on Sine Nomine Wagner

**if comfortably able, please stand*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Introit & Anthem: Chancel Choir; Director, Doug Garner

Liturgist: Kevin Kodish

Next Week: Danny Garner

Acolyte: Liam Griffith

Children's Chat: Leah Riden

Next Week: Pastor Sarah Sedgwick

Ushers: Sue Garner (head usher), Bob & Jean Patton, Paul
Olbrich, Jack Wilson, Lynn Curry

Children's Church: Communion, no Jr. church

Next Week: Leah Riden

Preaching: Rev. Sarah Sedgwick

Infants/Preschool: Kate Diven

Next Week: Donis Zagurskie

Deacon for the Month: Lynn Curry

Counters: Ed Curry & Lonnie Griffith

Next Week: Kari Cullen & Maryann Haines

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Psalm 32:1-7

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*
Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.
You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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WEEKLY REFLECTION PAGE

You are encouraged to use the reflection questions and prayers throughout the week to strengthen your relationship with Christ and all God's people.

Question for Reflection

In the story of Zacchaeus, Jesus offered companionship to him even before Zacchaeus made restoration to those he had cheated. Were the good works of Zacchaeus the requirement or the response for receiving the love of Jesus? What makes "grace" grace?

Morning Prayer

Thank you, God, for this new day. May I grow in faith and increase in love, that I may be worthy of the call you have placed on my life. Let my words and my deeds glorify the name of Jesus Christ, that others may know of your grace and abide in your love. Amen.

Evening Prayer

God, thank you for the gift of this day. I humbly ask you to forgive my shortcomings today, having faith that you will forgive me. I thank Christ for coming home with me tonight and assuring me that, no matter what, I am a child of God and a member of your ecumenical community of faith. I now take my rest, confident in your promise that steadfast love surrounds those who trust in you. Amen.

Feel free to share some thoughts on the reflection question with Pastor Sarah by emailing her at pastorsedgwick@gmail.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us, please sign the Visitors' Register and pick up a Welcome Brochure. Children's activity bags, Bibles, large print hymnals and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

VETERANS: We would like to honor our veterans next Sunday. If you know of any veterans who are affiliated with Lewistown Presbyterian and who are not already on our list from last year, please send us their name, branch of the military and years of service. You can call the church 717-248-4561 or email the church at lewispres@comcast.net.

BAPTISM: Next Sunday we will offer the Sacrament of Baptism to Evelyn "Evie" Rose Merry during our worship service. Her grandmother, Rev. Jeanette Mater, will be assisting with the baptism. Please join us as we welcome Evie into the family of Jesus Christ!

BE A BOOK BUDDY: The Preschool and 3's are looking for congregation members to be book buddies with our students. For just \$10 you can sponsor a student and they will receive a brand new book every month of the school year. We would like to be able to supply a book to every child, so feel free to sponsor more than one! You can find envelopes and a collection box in the narthex. Please email Elder Leah Noerr at leah.noerr@gmail.com

BACKYARD MINISTRIES: Thank you for considering these requests to serve the families in our community!

- **PUMPKIN BREADS:** The week of Thanksgiving we will be delivering pumpkin breads to our backyard families. If you would like to make a bread, please bring it to the church by **November 24**. They can be made ahead and frozen! Small or large loaves are appreciated!
- **GIVING TREE:** Socks and "One Gift" per child. There is a tree in the narthex with tags indicating a boy or girl and size of the socks. Then purchase a toy for the boy or girl of no more than \$10 in value. Gifts will be returned to the church by **December 8**. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well, if shopping is not an option.
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER BAGS:** We are accepting donations of instant potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy packet, canned corn and beans for Christmas dinners. You may bring donations to the narthex.

BOY SCOUTS FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST: Troop 4 will be serving breakfast Saturday, November 16, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Baraca room. They will be serving a full breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children and children under five are free with a paying adult. Proceeds benefit summer camping scholarships.

NOMINATING COMMITTEES: Please keep our Pastor Nominating and Congregational Nominating Committees in your prayers.

- Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC): Carole Auker, Lynn Curry, Ruth Fisher, Sue Garner, Diane Griffith, Carl Haldeman, Kathy Hardin, Lisa Snyder, Larry Welshans with COM Liaison Rev. Scott Andrews
- Congregational Nominating Committee: Elder Lisa Snyder (Chairperson), Elder Ed Curry (Vice-Chairperson), Deacon Diane Griffith
At-Large: Kari Cullen, David Eichenlaub, Kris Hill and Ginny Westover

LEWISTOWN PRESBYTERIAN STAFF:

Interim Pastor: Sarah Sedgwick

Visitation Pastor: Robert Zorn

Christian Education Director: Ginny Westover

Choir Director: Doug Garner

Organist/Accompanist: Joan Loewen

Youth Choir Director: Leah Riden

Administrative Assistant: Deb Yetter

Financial Secretary: Susan Ferguson

Preschool Director: Ginny Westover

Preschool Teachers: Margie Henry, Hope Staley

Custodian: Kathy Hardin

Sexton/Security: John Gregory

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, November 3 Communion

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, November 4

- 11:30 AM Prayer Ministry

TUESDAY, November 5

- 6:30 PM Small Group Study – third floor

WEDNESDAY, November 6

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM Worship & Music Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, November 10

- 9:00 AM Adult Study Group – Library
- 9:15 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Deacons’ Meeting

GIVING REPORT AS OF 10/27/19

Weekly Need:	\$ 3,173.08	YTD Need:	\$ 136,450.44
Received:	\$ 2,065.00	YTD Received:	\$ 135,171.86

Dedication of pledge cards is next Sunday, November 10.

If you need a pledge card, please contact the church office and one will be provided.

*"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."*

John Wesley