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Week 15 of 15: Shipwrecked

Theme Verse for the Week:
Philemon 1:4

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God

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WELCOME! During this “time after Pentecost,” which is the “time of the Church,” we welcome you to join us in worship and mission.

FOR WORSHIP, most of what you will need is in this bulletin. Hymns are indicated by number and can be found in the back part of the red hymnal. Pastor/leader parts are in plain typeface. Congregational parts are in **bold** typeface and indented.

CHILDREN are always welcome and encouraged to participate fully in worship.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from the ushers.

PLEASE USE THE CARDS on the back of the pew in front of you. These cards identify visitors, indicate member participation in worship and Holy Communion, and provide a way to make prayer requests (which are prayed over during the week). Place them in the offering plate during the offering or give them to an usher.

HOLY COMMUNION is our Lord’s thanksgiving feast of victory and his table is open to all. The door to that table is Holy Baptism. We believe, teach and confess that Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. With this understanding, baptized Christians who usually commune in other Christian congregations are welcome to join us at the Lord’s table. Those who are not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

HOLY BAPTISM is the Sacrament by which we are brought into Christ’s kingdom and made into priests to serve our God. If you have not been baptized and desire to receive this gift, please speak with the pastor after worship to discuss instruction and preparation for this gift of life.

COMMUNION SONGS

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (814)

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways (772)

SENDING

We stand to receive the blessing.

BLESSING

Continue to walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Before You, Lord, We Bow* (893)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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....for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Revelation 19:9

We remain standing as the bread is broken and for the invitation.

This is the feast of victory for our God!

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign!

Alleluia!

COMMUNION

Communion instructions are on the inside front cover of the bulletin. We commune by intinction: receive the host and dip it into the chalice. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you. Prayers for before and after receiving Communion are on page 72 in the front part of the hymnal.



GATHERING

PRELUDE MUSIC *Come Labor On* -Lovelace

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty God, our Savior and Redeemer,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and sinned against you. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. We have persecuted your church. We have neglected your mission and ignored your promises. Remember us not according to our sins, O Lord, but according to your steadfast love. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Holy Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ there is forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. In His name, + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice always in this gift and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, live in newness of life.

Amen.

We stand and face the cross, turning as it is brought forward.

GATHERING SONG *Lift High the Cross* (660)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:13

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *I'm Going on a Journey* (446), stanza 1
I'm going on a journey . . . and I'm starting today . . .
My head is wet . . . and I'm on my way . . .
Christ's mark is on me . . . it's on you too . . .
it says he loves me . . . and he loves you, too!

WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Ruth 2:4

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Storm -sung by Megan Boyk

How long have I been in this storm?
Overwhelmed by the ocean's shapeless form
Water's getting harder to tread
With these waves crashing over my head

If I could just see you, everything would be alright
If I'd see you, this darkness would turn to light
I will walk on water, and you will catch me if I fall
I will get lost into your arms and everything will be alright

I know you didn't bring me out here to drown
So why am I ten feet under and upside down?
Barely surviving has become my purpose
I'm so used to living underneath the surface

If I could just see you, everything would be alright
If I'd see you, this darkness would turn to light
And I will walk on water, you will catch me if I fall
I will get lost into your arms, and everything will be alright
I know everything will be alright

OFFERING SONG: *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* (814, sing twice)
We stand as the gifts are brought forward.

**Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right . . .

. . . and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father . . .

APOSTLES' CREED

The Apostles' Creed has its roots as an early baptismal creed. In a concise format, we confess the truth of who God is.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Lord, in your mercy. Response: **Hear our prayer.**)

MEAL

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

John 20:21

OFFERTORY *Let us Ever Walk* -Manz

OFFERING *Today's loose offerings will go to the operating fund.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy:

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.
¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.
¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

Psalm 1

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Hap - py are they who love the law of the Lord.

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PSALM 1 Verses:

1. The one is blest who, fearing God, walks not where sinners meet,
Who does not stand with wicked ones, and shuns the scorner's seat.
2. How blest the one who in God's law finds goodness and delight,
And meditates upon that law with gladness day and night.
3. That one is nourished like a tree set by the river's side;
Its leaf is green, its fruit is sure; The works of such abide.
4. The wicked, like the driven chaff, are swept from off the land;
They shall not gather with the just, nor at the judgment stand.
5. The Lord will guard the righteous well, their way to God is known;
The way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'er thrown.

SECOND READING: Acts 27:1-2, 13-26; 28:16, 30-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

¹When it was decided that we were to sail for Italy, they transferred Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort, named Julius. ²Embarking on a ship of Adramyttium that was about to set sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica.

¹³When a moderate south wind began to blow, they thought they could achieve their purpose; so they weighed anchor and began to sail past Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴But soon a violent wind, called the northeaster, rushed down from Crete. ¹⁵Since the ship was caught and could not be turned head-on into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. ¹⁶By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda we were scarcely able to get the ship's boat under control. ¹⁷After hoisting it up they took measures to undergird the ship; then, fearing that they would run on the Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and so were driven. ¹⁸We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, ¹⁹and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

²¹Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. ²²I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, ²⁴and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.' ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶But we will have to run aground on some island."

CHAPTER 28:16 When we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself,

with the soldier who was guarding him.

³⁰He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Celtic Alleluia* (174)

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord!

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON *Shipwrecked*

This is the 15th in a series of 15 weeks on the book of Acts.

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Following time for reflection, we stand to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Will You Come and Follow Me* (798)