



June 5-6, 2021
Pentecost 2
Confirmation Sunday



Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. (1 Timothy 6:12)

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Today's Worship

For a printed liturgy, see the green liturgy folder, page 1.

Pre-Service Devotion: "These words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

Hymns: 338 411:1-5 411:6 Bulletin "O Perfect Love" 442:2 315 334

Old Testament Reading Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ² But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. ⁴ The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Gospel Reading John 15:1-9

¹ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Sermon Text 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

WHEN I GROW UP ↑

- I. I'll see clearly how God made me mature
- II. I'll see clearly how God kept me His child
- III. I'll see clearly how God nurtured me in love

Preaching Today: Pastor Bruce Naumann

"O Perfect Love"

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1. *O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Your throne
That ours may be the love which knows no ending,
Which You have given us in Your dear Son.*
2. *O perfect Life, be now our full assurance
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,
Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,
With childlike trust that fears no pain or death.*
3. *Grant us the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;
Grant us the peace which calms all earthly strife
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow
That dawns upon eternal love and life.*
4. *Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
Through Jesus Christ Your co-eternal Word,
Who, with the Holy Ghost, by all things living
Now and to endless ages are adored!*



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Liam Michael Bauer – Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
for it is the power of God to salvation
for everyone who believes."

Malachi Christopher Brown – Hebrews 10:23

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without
wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

Sophia Myrtle Carstensen – Romans 5:1-2

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with
God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have
access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in
hope of the glory of God."

Levi Hote Falkenberg – Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own
understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall
direct your paths."

Natalie Lyn Gurgel – John 15:5

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I
in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

Arionna Rose Hubbard – Isaiah 43:1

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name; You are Mine."

Mason Allen Joers – Psalm 31:14

"But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;
I say, 'You are my God.'"

Anton Julius Knutson – Philippians 1:6

"He who has begun a good work in you will complete
it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Grace Esther Larson – Romans 15:13

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Adalia Grace Mielke – Philippians 4:4-5

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
Let your gentleness be known to all men."

Lucas James Quam – Joshua 1:9

"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be
dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Bethany Ann Schmid – John 10:27-28

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither
shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

Logan Michael Thompson – Psalm 119:93

"I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have given me life."

Charlotte Louise Vaver – John 17:3

"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

Riley Jean Washburn – Psalm 25:5

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God
of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.



Class Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (LSB 686)

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
4. Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.



Communion Announcement: Since the Lord's Supper implies a unity of faith and confession, we ask that those who have not previously participated with us in the Lord's Supper meet first with the pastor to discuss our Scriptural doctrine before partaking of the Lord's Supper in our services. In this practice of closed communion, we seek to follow and obey the Word of God.

Regular Communion Restored: At this weekend's Communion worship services (June 5-6), we are offering the Lord's Supper at the front of the sanctuary as before. Individual Communion kits will be available for those who wish to use them from the pew.

This Week at Messiah

Sunday services live-streamed/archived at eauclairemessiah.com.

Sun, 6/6

Confirmation Sunday

9:00 am Communion Service (Ushers #2, Counters E)

9:40 am Dove West	11:15 am Heritage Court
10:30 am Heritage Assisted Living	1:00 pm Dove South

11:00 am Communion Service with Confirmation (Ushers #Extra)

Mon/Tues, 6/7-8

Great Lakes Delegate Conference – Fond du lac

Tues, 6/8

9:00 am Koffee Klatsch

Wed, 6/9

1:45 pm Lake Hallie

6:00 pm Board of Education
7:30 pm Elders

Sat, 6/12

6:30 pm Worship Service (Ushers #3)

Sun, 6/13

9:00 am Worship Service (Ushers #4, Counters F)

10:00 am Dove West	1:00 pm Dove South
10:15 am Heritage Assisted Living	2:00 pm Veterans
11:15 am Heritage Court	

6:30 pm Open Meeting on Joint Statement

Upcoming Dates at Messiah:

- June 24-27, CLC Delegates Convention at ILC
- July 7-10, Membership Directory Photo Shoot at Messiah
- July 12-16, VBS Session 1 at ILC
- August 2-6, VBS Session 2 at ILC
- August 14, VBS in the Park (Riverview)
- August 11-15, Youth Group: Porkies Camp-Out

Announcements

On Friday, May 28, the LORD called retired Pastor Elton Hallauer home to His side. He was father and grandfather to a number of Messiah members, and served Bethel Lutheran in Morris and Hancock, MN for 52 years. His victory service was held in Morris, MN at 11 am on Friday, June 4. We pray for the LORD's comfort for his daughters, including Messiah members Karen Johannes and Sandy Hulke, as well as for all those who mourn his passing. *"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. 'Yes,' says the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.'"* (Revelation 14:13)

Marge Bloom, the mother of Lois Porath, passed away on May 31. Her victory service was held on Friday. Lois writes "she was 91, and not in good health, so though we'll miss her, she was definitely ready to go home to Jesus." God grant Lois and her extended family the comfort of God's promises in Christ. *1 Thessalonians 4:14 – For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.*

On Monday, May 31, Lila Christine Schaller was born to Tim and Laura (née Naumann) Schaller at Mayo Rochester, MN. Lila was born very early and is very tiny. She was baptized immediately by her father, Tim. We thank our gracious God that Laura is recovering well after her C-section, and that Lila is doing well at her fragile state of life and is receiving the best of care. Our greatest thanks is for the care of the Good Shepherd for this little lamb, and has made her His own through the washing of regeneration. Please continue to pray for this young family.

Barb Gullerud underwent surgery on Tuesday for a broken hip. She and Pastor Mark Gullerud (who served here at Messiah for many years) live in Sunnyvale, CA. We pray for Barb's swift recovery in the LORD's care! Correspondence may be addressed to markgull76@hotmail.com or by mail to: 1161 S Mary Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

Pastor Frank Gantt, of our sister congregation near Atlanta, GA, writes: *"After my recent monthly circuit trip, I went to the ER for some pain in my legs. Both legs have clots as do both lungs. I have been admitted to the hospital to receive blood thinner and to monitor the situation. Prayers for me and my family are appreciated."* We pray for Pastor Gantt's healing and for the wellbeing of his family and congregation.

CLC News: Mr. Caleb Noeldner, a member of Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has returned the call by Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA. They have now called Mrs. Michaela Winters, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI.



A Groundbreaking Ceremony for our addition to the school was held last Sunday at 10:15 am. There were about 85 in attendance. Pastor Caleb led the short service in front of the school by the flagpole. The footprint of the new building was marked out by white string. Those in attendance thanked God for all the blessings he has already given to our congregation. We also asked that God would keep the workers safe, and would bless the teachers and students who will use this building, and bless our community by the Gospel. Members of the Messiah Building Committee, Royal Construction, and River Valley Architects were present and took part in turning over some soil during the ceremony. Members from multiple generations (Jonathan Lau, Kelly Lau, and D'Sean Watkins), our youngest member (Jackson Schierenbeck and his parents Joe and Madie), and members from the outreach of our School (Uriah and Penny Krause, and their kids Connor and Kienan) were also present and did some digging. Pastor Tiefel gave an address centered on verses from Psalm 78, in which God talks about each generation of his followers leading the next to know him by faith. This, we pray, will ever be the high purpose of our school. See more photos at tinyurl.com/m-gbreak

Construction area notes: we previously thought we were going to be able to use the north parking lot for through traffic during construction; this is no longer the case. It is needed as a secure storage area for building materials. This area will be blocked off for at least the next couple of months. Those who are able are asked to please park in the upper lot on the athletic field. If you park on the south driveway, please do so only on the right side (as you enter). Most of us will be interested in seeing the progress first-hand over the next few months. However, we have been asked to stay out of the remodel and new-construction areas due to safety reasons. Please use only the narthex and kitchen entrances and do not proceed into the school area from the fellowship hall. All water has been shut off to the affected area, so only the narthex bathrooms are operable. There will be designated weekends when members will be able to walk through safely and see the progress for themselves. We will announce these in advance so members can allow extra time for themselves if they wish to walk through.

You are invited to attend the installation service of Pastor Chad Seybt as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI on June 13, 2021 at 1:30 pm. S St. Paul's is located at 105 North Washington Street (Hyw 54) in Melrose. If you plan to attend, please inform Pastor John Schierenbeck at johnschierenbeck@gmail.com or (863) 521-8423. Pastor Seybt is also presently serving the Fairchild, Millston, and Onalaska congregations and will continue to serve them.

Outreach Effort: Messiah participated in the Eau Claire Memorial Day parade held on the 31st, although it was not our usual entry. We could not find a coordinator for designing a float so we had to scale back some. The parade organizers did not allow anything of any kind to be handed out. But we were still able to have a presence, thanks to some last-minute planning by Outreach Committee Chairman Josh Gurgel. Our live-stream banner, usually hanging out by the church box, was carried at the front of our group, comprised of 16 members from 4 families. Most were wearing "Messiah" apparel and carried VBS yard signs with the dates for this year's sessions along with a phone number. We thank these members for their time and effort and ask the Holy Spirit to use our testimony for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

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Service Preview for the Upcoming Weekend

God's Word Serving Us:

***Bible Readings** – Genesis 3:8-15, 2 Cor. 4:13-18, Mark 3:20-35*

***Bible Class** – Recessed until Fall*

Christians Serving Us:

Saturday 6/12 6:30 pm: Usher Team 3

Gary Meyer	Blane Knutson
Luke Knutson	Tom Beekman
Jon Oster	Jack Mielke

Sunday 6/13 9:00 am: Usher Team 4

Dave Johannes	Joel Gullerud
Kevin Hulke	Jeff Rutz
Brent Rutz	Britten Rutz
Carter Rutz	

Counters for the week following 6/13 – F

Andy Buck, Mark Franson, Josh Gurgel

Communion Setup 6/12 – Jennifer Schaller

Thank you!

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An open Meeting on the "Joint Statement" will take place on Sunday, June 13, beginning at 6:30 pm in our sanctuary. For background information, please see the appropriate sections of the Convention Prospectus (found online at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21 and on our narthex kiosk).

Registration for VBS is now open! We will have two sessions on the campus of ILC - July 12-16 and August 2-6, for Pre-K through 8. To register, click on the banner at www.eauclairemessiah.com. There are also paper forms in our narthex. **Also, VBS Yard Signs** are now available in the narthex.

Pre-convention dorm cleaning is coming up Tuesday, June 8. Times are 9:00-noon, 1:00-4:00 and 4:00-7:00. Some ladies from Red Wing plan to clean Monday, June 7 starting at 9:00. Please consider joining them for a few hours. Other times and days will work, too. Please contact Lynette Roehl at 715-831-8306 or lynette.roehl@ilc.edu.

ILHS Art Teacher Needed: ILC is seeking an instructor for high school art. Art is a senior-level class with 2 sections that meets 5 days a week (45-minute class periods). If you are interested in being considered for this position, please contact ILC President Dan Schierenbeck at dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu. Please provide any relevant education or experience related to the position.

Messiah will be producing a member photo directory in 2021 (see the flier in your church mailbox). On-site photos will be taken on July 7-10 here at church; you may sign up on the weekends at our narthex table, or contact our office for an appointment. Online scheduling is open now at www.ucdir.com

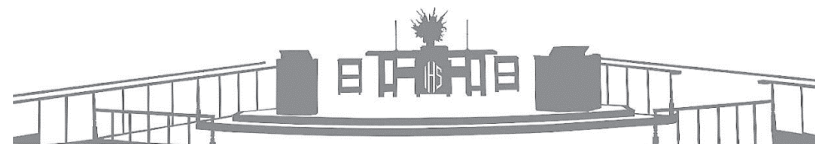
- Click on "Photography Appointment Scheduling" (on the right column)
- The Church Code is **wi120** - the password is **photos**
- Slots are available Wed-Fri, July 7-9, 2 to 8:30 pm
- Slots are available Sat, July 10, 10:30 am to 5 pm

If you can't be present for portraits, we would very much appreciate it if individuals and families would send us a suitable photo for the directory. You may send it by regular mail, or email your photo to: church.office@ecmessiah.org

Daily Rest Correction: The devotion for June 2, Vol 3, Number 2 contains an error. The paragraph reads "Though each person has his or her separate role, they are absolutely one hundred percent in unity." This sentence should read "Though each person has his separate role, they are absolutely one hundred percent in unity." Please forgive this editing mistake.

In the hospital: Betty Nolting was hospitalized on Tuesday with a heart condition, which now appears to be resolved, and returned home on Thursday. Laura Schaller and baby Lila are hospitalized at Mayo, Rochester following a premature birth (see above). Alice Naumann was discharged from Sacred Heart on Wednesday, and is recovering at the home of her son, Prof. Paul Naumann. Beth Fleischer has been hospitalized for several days with a serious case of COVID. Trena Smith underwent surgery on Friday, and expects to be hospitalized overnight.

Messiah Shut-ins: Marge Eckel (1431 Peterson Ave.), Shirley Johnson (2512 New Pine Dr. Altoona), Mae Noeldner (3706 Damon St. #17), Ellen Knuth (Care Partners, 887 Brian Lane, Altoona), Connie Larson (1500 S. Edgewater Dr.), Tom and Linda Larson (3134 Eldorado Blvd.), Betty Nolting (HeatherWood Assisted Living #213), Mavis Thelen (418 N. Barstow), Paul Tiefel, Sr. (2455 Sawgrass Rd #419, Altoona), Johanna Williams (2118 Augusta St.) and Shelly Williamson (Bellevue, IA).



Fruits of Faith Last Week ~ May 29 & 30, 2021

Weekend Worship: (Sat. 87 – Sun. 224) 311 Weekend Online: 161
 Groundbreaking Ceremony: 85
 Dove West: 11 Heritage Court: Cancelled by facility Dove South: 8
 Heritage Assisted: 7 Lake Hallie: 15 Veterans: 8

Weekly Offering Information

Offering Summary		Home Budget	Missions (CBP)	Building Fund	
2021 Budget		\$778,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$450,000.00	Goal
YTD Budget		\$329,154.00	\$84,615.00	\$507,056.16	Received to Date
YTD Offerings		\$301,333.55	\$83,837.75	\$845.00	Last Week (5/30)
Weekly Need		\$15,889.00	\$3,872.00		
Last Week (5/30)		\$8,790.25	\$3,042.25		
Amount Still Needed		\$476,666.45	\$116,162.25		





“Welcome Back to Church!”

By Pastor Bruce Naumann

During the past year of pandemic isolation, we all have been very thankful to God that He has provided us with the means to share His Word through live streaming and other venues. Thanks be to God that He has spared the large majority of our members from severe health problems due to the virus! Now that restrictions have been eased and the danger has, God-willing, subsided, it's a good time to remind each other of the blessings of in-person fellowship.

The word “fellowship” has to do with sharing. *Church* fellowship can be described as “whatever Christians do together as spiritual partners.” Examples include worship, prayer, singing hymns and spiritual songs, sharing the Lord's Supper, Christian education, mutual encouragement in God's Word, and mission work.

God wants to bless His believers through the *interactive* exercise of their faith with others who share the same beliefs in Jesus, founded on the truth of His Word. This fellowship that we share was never meant to be purely passive. Yes, it's possible to do these things in a limited way from a distance, but the best blessings come when you give as well as receive:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16)

"Take, eat [*all of you*]; this is My body...This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do [*you all*], as often as you [*all*] drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you [*all*] eat this bread and drink this cup, you [*all*] proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." (1 Corinthians 11:24-26)

[words in brackets added to indicate the plural meaning of Jesus' words]

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

Is there a problem with hearing God's Word and practicing one's Christian faith at home? No – we should all be doing that! But when we have the opportunity, God's encouragement is to be with each other regularly, “...*not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*” (Heb. 10:25 ESV)

It may often seem like attending a church service is only a passive thing anyway. But the fact that you make a point of being there is very important to all the others, since it gives you the opportunity for mutual sharing of the Gospel, for greeting your fellow Christians in Jesus' Name, and for offering your personal support to them.

Consider a similar example of the importance of “being there.” If a close relative or dear friend were getting married and you were able to attend, how would it benefit others if you said “thanks for the invitation – I'll be watching it at home”? Isn't it an even more special occasion when the LORD Himself invites us to spend time, actually together, with our fellow church members to hear His Word, sing His praises, pray in His Name, and receive Jesus' true body and blood in Communion? The fact that we are present says to everyone: “*Because of what God has done for us in Christ, I want to take advantage of every opportunity to gather with others who believe this Good News – not only for my benefit, but for theirs as well!*”

Of course, there are always those who, because of their circumstances, have little opportunity to share in-person fellowship. Those who are shut-ins or who live at a far distance from church are isolated by necessity. Our congregations strive to bridge this gap by bringing church TO them, through pastoral and member visits, through the mail, and by electronic means. **We also understand that some of our members are still exercising caution in order to avoid becoming ill, and that this is a personal health decision.**

“Welcome Back to Church!” Worshipping together is a positive way to strengthen your own faith, and to share that faith with others, through Word and Sacrament. Our focus should always be on the great gifts that God has given to us in His Son as our Redeemer, and the LORD's promise to provide us with the great blessings that personal, interactive fellowship will bring. With a Savior like ours, we can all have the cheerful attitude that David expressed in Psalm 122:1, “*I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD.’*”

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; June 7-12, '21

Mon Deuteronomy 5:12-15 We love our heavenly Father, so we do not find His commandments grievous; He loves us enough to provide for our physical rest and spiritual refreshing. The qualifier *To keep it holy* is of the essence; we *keep it holy* when we dedicate it to our redeemer God—and we try to do so with prayers, Bible study, worship, and testimony. Our Sunday services are not Jewish Sabbath observances, and for good reason. Stay tuned.

Tues Mark 2:23-28 Jesus is our guide into all truth, leading us to perceive that God did not intend this commandment to be a burden; so whatever makes it a burden is not God-pleasing. Jesus understood the Sabbath law that way, and He practiced it that way, as did David and the priests/clergy in performing their Temple duties. Thank You, dear Savior!

Wed 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Q: Who created the Universe, *commanding light to shine out of darkness*? Who *has shone in our hearts*, enlightening us to see how splendid God is? A: Trinity God, with Jesus Christ up-front (6). Knowing God via Jesus is such a *treasure* that we can take all kinds of abuse without collapsing (8-9). So if-and-when this happens to you, it's a reflection of Jesus' suffering and death - - all for your benefit (10-12).

Thurs Psalm 126 There are all kinds of *captivity* (economic, social, spiritual), so we apply God's Word wherever and whenever it fits. In King David's era, God's people were recovering from civil war. In Luther's time, God was doing even greater things, and so it goes throughout the centuries. Hard times are followed by good times; God turns a tough beginning into a happy outcome (5-6). *The LORD has done great things for us, whereof we are glad* (3).

Fri John 12:34-36 The Bible is universally available, and the Bible has God's answer to every valid question. However, the skeptics had already dismissed Jesus as the Light of the world (ch. 9) and needed to recover from that mistake. So Jesus put their question "on hold" and urged them to take current advantage of His light. Would they come to the Light and escape the darkness of separation from God? [It's a better question than theirs was.]

Sat Acts 27:1-12 Some might consider this to be a Mediterranean cruise, but the ship was not a luxury liner, and Paul was not a workaday sailor but a prisoner manacled with others headed for trial in Rome. Evidently each port-of-call was important to Luke and Paul (2-3). Although weather conditions were threatening, and Jesus (who controls the weather) was giving notice that things were about to get worse, the non-Christians thought they were smart enough to chart their own course.