



Sunday, September 17, 2023

Pentecost 16

Shipwreck Sunday

Theme of the Day:

The Church is Called By God Amid the Storms of Life

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Congregation will sing the final verse

Stanza 1 - Students

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare to make no other claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Stanza 2 - Students

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Bridge - Students

Anchored in Christ; anchor of souls. We have this hope, firm and secure.
Our hope is anchored in the blood of Christ.

Stanza 3 - Students

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found!
Clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

Bridge - Students

Anchored in Christ; anchor of souls. We have this hope, firm and secure.
Our hope is anchored in the blood of Christ.

Stanza 4 - Students & Congregation

Congregation:

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare to make no other claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

Students:

Anchored in Christ; anchor of souls. We have this hope, firm and secure.
Our hope is anchored in the blood of Christ.

Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

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The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have promised to be with your church forever. We praise you for your presence in this place of worship and ask your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with your Holy Word and sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Genesis 8:18–22; 9:1–3, 8–16

¹⁸So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another. ²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. ²²“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” ¹Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. ²The fear and dread of you will fall on all the beasts of the earth, and on all the birds in the sky, on every creature that moves along the ground, and on all the fish in the sea; they are given into your hands. ³Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. ⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you:

Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

100A Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

Psalm 100A

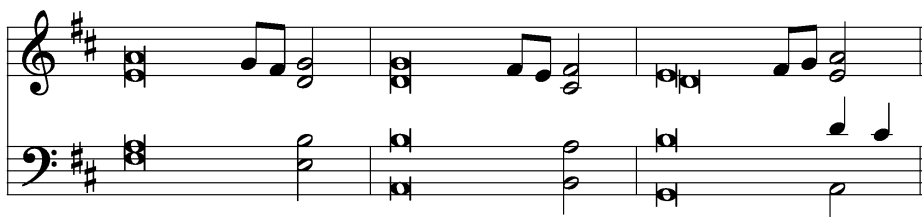
The Presiding Minister will sing the 1st refrain and verses 1 & 3 of the psalm. The congregation will sing every refrain after the 1st and verses 2 & 4 of the psalm, and the Gloria Patri.

Refrain



En - ter his gates with thanks-giv - ing.

Tone



Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth.
 Worship the LORD with / gladness;
 come before him with / joyful songs.

Know that the / LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and / we are his;
 we are his people, the sheep of his / pasture. Refrain**

Enter his gates with thanks- / giving
and his / courts with praise;
give thanks to him and / praise his name.

**For the / LORD is good
and his love endures for- / ever;
his faithfulness continues through all gener- / ations.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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Second Reading

Acts 27:27–38; 28:1–2

²⁷On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. ²⁸They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. ²⁹Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. ³⁰In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. ³¹Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved.” ³²So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it drift away. ³³Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. “For the last fourteen days,” he said, “you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven’t eaten anything. ³⁴Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.” ³⁵After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷Altogether there were 276 of us on board. ³⁸When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea. ¹Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. ²The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 115:1

Alleluia. Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 17:1,13–26

¹After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ¹³“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. ²⁰“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

870 O Church, Arise

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Sermon Text: Genesis 8,9 selected verses

Sermon Theme: God's Everlasting Covenant: Our Rainbow of Comfort in the Storms

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Please be seated.

Shipwreck History Reading

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

The Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav'n 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!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the

sin of the world; grant us your peace.

A - men. A - men.

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Please be seated.

Personal prayer for before communion

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

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Personal prayer for after communion

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

819 If God Himself Be for Me

CW 819

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Please stand.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

711 Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

CW 711

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Announcements

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Six large-print hymnals are available for use. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you. Members of the congregation are to indicate their intention to commune in the friendship registration booklet. For preparation before you communion, you could read about the Sacrament of Holy Communion from Luther's Small Catechism on page 293, or you could review the Christian Questions that Martin Luther wrote for those who were about to communion on page 295.

LWMS FREE-WILL OFFERING We are gathering a free-will offering for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society today. The offering goes to support the supplemental work that they are doing to support mission work being done in the United States and also in the world mission fields. The boxes are located at the back of church, at the front exit to church, and in the stairwell going to the basement. Thanks for helping support the work of LWMS.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY We would like to welcome to our church family Mark and Emily Spaeth and their daughters Madi and Molly. They were received into membership on September 12 at the council meeting. A formal date for welcome is being planned after all the remaining Bible Information Classes are concluded.

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE! The Outreach Committee is planning a produce give-away, NOW and running until abundance allows. You may bring your extra produce to the table by the entryway on Sundays. If your garden does amazingly well this year, feel free to share.

SAVE THE DATE: Trinity is hosting Trunk or Treat on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. Start getting your trunks and costumes ready!

THE LWMS FALL RALLY will be September 30, 2023 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Mansfield, OH. Registration starts at 9:00 AM. The speaker will be Aaron Wakeman. The presentation is on the Friends Network. There will be a sign up sheet at the table right of the side entrance door and in the basement. Plan to come and bring a friend.

MORNINGS WITH MOMMY DONATIONS: Can you help us prepare for another year of Mornings with Mommy by donating money or supplies? Items needed include: 100% juice boxes, play-dough, glue sticks, glue bottles, masking tape, wide masking tape, baby wipes, washable markers, crayons, dry-erase markers, snack-size ziploc bags, and snacks—animal crackers, teddy grahams, goldfish crackers, cheez-its, ritz crackers, graham crackers. If you wish to give monetary donations, the money will be used to buy supplies and educational toys to match the themes of the program. Please put all donations in the box in the back of church. Thank you all for your support of this program!

AT THE FARM: Are your little ones ready for some learning and fun? Sign up for our first sessions of Mornings with Mommy on Monday, September 18 (at 9:30 or 11:00) & Tuesday, September 19 (at 9:30). Our first session's theme is "At the Farm." Play with soy beans in our sensory bins, make a muddy pig, gallop on a horse, drive some tractors, and much more. After snack, children can go outside to visit some live farm animals and go on a hay ride. Space is limited! Register soon online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

WOMEN-TO WOMEN CLOTHING SWAP: Women's Ministry invites you to a night of clothing and house décor, to swap amongst other women on Sunday, October 15th @ 4:00 in the school gym. Join us for a fun night of devotion, finger foods, games and swapping our old for new to you! Please bring **between 1-10 very gently used** items of clothing, shoes, accessories, or home décor to swap, and a finger food to share. Doors will open at 3:45 for you to bring your items and browse. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, and in the basement. Signup is helpful but not required. Feel free to bring a friend! Contact Stacey Heldman- 419-348-5563 or Dawn Curth-419-889-3597 with any questions.

LOOKING FOR HELP On April 7, 2024, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert Choir under the direction of Prof. Wendt will have a concert at Trinity. We are looking for 18 families to help us out by hosting a couple of teens for April 6th. You will need to have a place for them to sleep and provide a small evening snack if necessary and some breakfast in the morning. If you would be able to help with that, please email Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com.

THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHOIR began on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00pm. The Singing Schedule for the season will be available at practice. Call Junior Weihrauch for any questions: 419-889-4315. Come and sing praises to our Lord!

LOOKING FOR HELP WITH WORSHIP: If you like to sing, play music, or are gifted using technology, we have opportunities for you to help beautify our worship services. We are looking for people who would be willing to sing solos as we introduce psalms. If you would like to bring a friend along that's also great. Are you able to play an instrument to help lead in congregation singing? Are you able to put together PowerPoint Presentations or record using a computer? We need help with both. Please let Pastor know if you would be willing to help out with any of these tasks or email info@tlcjenera.org.

AREA REFORMATION SERVICE: Celebrate 506 years of God's Grace on Sunday, October 29th at the WELS-ELS Joint Reformation Service. The service will be at Peace Lutheran in Deshler. It is at 5039 Co Rd. G. Events include Musical Recital at 3:45 pm. In years prior we have had people sing solos, play the violin, guitar, piano, organ, or perform in duets. All we would need is the song that the person would like to perform and an estimated time. Worship service at 4 pm. The service will use the Lutheran German Mass (in English) and explanation behind the reason of why things were done the way they were. Choirs from our area congregations are encouraged to participate. There will also be a German Dinner that includes brats, pork and sauerkraut at 5:30 pm. If you would be willing to provide breads, salads, side dishes, desserts, or participate musically in the Recital or Service, please contact Pastor Nowak at 419-302-5271 or pastormattn@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Began on Sunday, September 10th. We will have Sunday School starting at 9:20 am and going to 10:10 am. The Sunday School will be in the school for grades K-7 and in the church basement for ages 3 – Pre-K. Please bring your children for another opportunity to hear and grow in God's Word!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will take place between worship services. We will meet in the sanctuary and discuss the Book of Acts. We will examine the challenges, blessings, and promises God made to the young Christian church. Then, we will see how that applies to our lives. Come and see God's promise to his Church in every age. For Adult Bible Study, we will also have topical Bible Studies that are interspersed in our Scriptural studies. This year's first topic is Irreconcilable: A Study of the Pharisees and their Conflict with Jesus. Many Christians know that being a Pharisee isn't a good thing but may not know or agree on the reason. Explore the origins of the Pharisees and find out why they were so hostile to Jesus.

LUTHER SOCIETY - SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY The Luther Society Bible Study began on Sunday, September 10, and is open to all Trinity members from grade 8 to grade 12. We also welcome friends of the teen group members, gladly sharing God's Word with them, too! The class will meet in the 7th & 8th Grade classroom. The first book the students will be using is "Life's Big Questions; God's Big Answers" by Dr. Brad Alles, a professor of education at Concordia University Wisconsin, a Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod school. The book looks at the idea of Apologetics - the idea of defending your position - and is broken down into 13 chapters of topics that many young people face today. This book (and all teen group studies this year) will be taught by Mr. Falck and Mr. Evans and will cover at least the first half of the school year. The short chapters will be guided with questions, discussion, and even the occasional meme or video clip so Mr. Falck can at least make himself look kind of cool to the teens. At the end of our study of this book, each participant will be able to keep the book as a good reference to review the truths they learn from God's Word and always "be prepared to give an answer for the hope that they have" (1 Peter 3:15).

SCAMS Please watch out for scammers! If anyone (member, teachers, or pastor) contacts you, asking for personal information, gift cards, or other forms of money, please contact the person beforehand or contact the office or pastor to check first! Nobody will normally ask you for these things.

DAILY LECTIONARY

9.17: 2 Chron 36:1-23, Phm 1:25, Col 4:1-18

9.18: Neh 1:1-2:10, Hag 1:1-2:23, 1 Tim 1:1-20

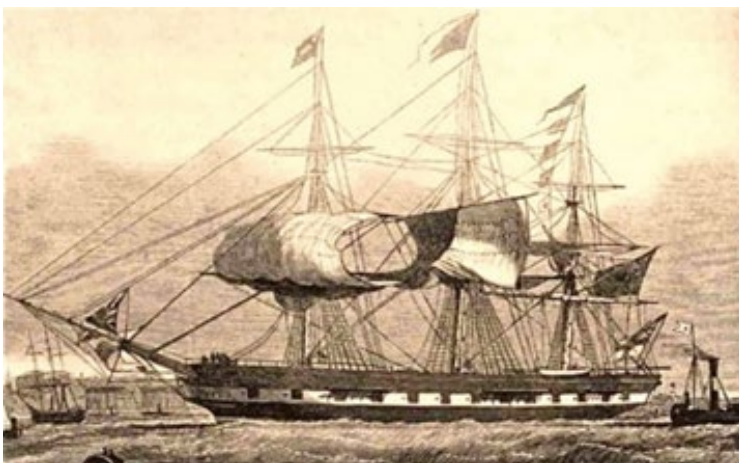
9.19: Neh 2:11-20; 4:1-6, 1 Tim 2:1-15

9.20: Neh 4:7-23, 1 Tim 3:1-16

9.21: Neh 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15,16, 1 Tim 4:1-16

9.22: Neh 7:1-4, 8:1-18, *Ezra 1:-10:19*, 1 Tim 5:1-16

9.23: Neh 9:1-21, 1 Tim 5:17-6:2



Shipwreck Remembrance 2023

Today, members and guests of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jenera, Ohio, gather to give thanks to God for protecting their ancestors 191 years ago when their ship was wrecked off the east coast of the United States.

A group of over 150 people had banded together to leave Germany in July of 1831. The German economy was very poor. A pair of high-top boots cost as much as an acre of farmland. They also wanted to get away from the forced military service, high taxes and an unfair government.

They sailed on Aug. 1 on a ship called the “James Beacham” which later became known as the “Famous Dove.” On Sept. 16, 1831, a strong gale struck, and the ship hit a sand bar which tore a large hole in the bottom of the ship, and it quickly filled with water. It appeared that it would sink before morning. Everyone was filled with fear but Margaretha Arras, a 13-year-old girl, reminded the people that Jesus quieted the waters on the Sea of Galilee and saved His disciples and “maybe He will save us too!” She started to sing a hymn (some say it was Martin Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress”) and soon all the immigrants joined in the singing. They vowed “If we are saved, the 17th of each September shall be kept as a holy day by us and our descendants, even unto the third and fourth generation.”

By the next morning, the storm had stopped, and they discovered that they were near the coast of Virginia, just south of Cape Henry. With help from people on the shore, they made it safely to land, thanking God for saving them from the storm and they repeated their vow.

Some families worked in the eastern states to earn money for their trip to Ohio. Two families arrived in Hancock County in 1834 and the next year 11 more families came. The first recorded Shipwreck Service was held on Sept. 17, 1836, with the text being Psalm 50:15 “Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me.” This same text was used for the fiftieth anniversary in 1881. Some of the Shipwreck survivors founded Jenera and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. The earliest services consisted of reading a sermon and singing hymns in various homes. In the late 1830’s and 1840’s, several pastors ministered to the settlers. In 1852, the first frame church was built.

As Jenera was incorporated in 1883 one mile north of the church, it was decided to move into the village. On the Sunday before Christmas in 1889, a beautiful brick church on Main Street was dedicated to the glory of God.

Three solid brass bells, donated by members of the original church, still ring to begin each service. Two additions have been made to the building that has served for over one hundred years and a school was started in 1948.

Many descendants of the Shipwreck passengers are members of Trinity today who gather to give thanks and praise to God for rescuing their forefathers from death in the storm and, more important, from eternal death, through His Son!

Below is a partial list of passengers aboard The Famous Dove. Many names are very familiar to Trinity. Information was taken paper written by Jonathan Rossman in 1998 at

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

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| Arras, Adam (10) | Marchwart (Marokwart/Marquart) |
| Arras, Johannes | Kruchbaum (Krichbaum) (8) |
| Arras, Peter (4) | Luniack, (Luneack) (6) |
| Bauer, Henrich (3) | Pifer, Peter |
| Bauer, M (4) | Preis (Price), Christian |
| Bauer, John | Preis (Price), Nicholas (4) |
| Bauer, William | Repper, Gero |
| Bietsch (Beach) | Repper, Lich |
| Bosse | Repper, Peter (?) |
| Blumenschein (3) | Rettig, Ada, |
| Dillman, Peter (3) | Rauch, Johannes |
| Essinger, Adam | Schaller |
| Essinger, Nick | Schmidt, George (5) |
| Fullhart, Jacob | Tracht (Traucht), Adam (12) |
| Gaszman (Gossman), John (5) | Tracht (Traucht), Philip (4) |
| Griner, Philip(3) | Willisch (Wilch), John Peter (4) |
| Gossman, A | Willisch (Wilch), Michael |
| Haszman | Von Stein (2) |
| Heldman | Bohm (Boehm) |

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of September 10th)

Total Worship Attendance: 229, Early: 121, Late: 108, Adult Bible Class: 37, Sunday School: 27; Teen Bible Class: 7; Online worship service views for September 3rd: 34.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through September 23rd are the members of Dwight Rader's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, September 24th, will be the members of Steve Rausch's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Mark & Kathi Curth – early
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – late

Next Sunday: James & Deb Reichley – early
Richard & Ruth Johnson – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (September 17th through September 24th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 & 10:30 SHIPWRECK SUNDAY; Communion; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20

Mon Mornings with Mommy 9:30 & 11:00; Worship Committee Meeting 1:00

Tue Mornings with Mommy 9:30

Wed Choir 7:00

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30 WELS CONNECTION;** Communion; Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon Soccer Practice 3:30-5; Faculty Meeting 3:30; Board of Ed 6:30

Wed Chapel 8:20; Soccer Practice 3:30-5

Sat Soccer @ Home 9:00

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