



# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

June 22-24, 2024 – 5th Weekend after Pentecost

**Acts 27:13-26**

**I belong to him and serve him even in the storm.**

**Verse 13:** Experienced sailors waited for a window to sail. What is the wisdom and blessing of making plans?

What is the blessing of gathering advice from others?

**Verses 14-17:** The captain's plans were quickly dashed to pieces. You see the sailors and passengers working hard to make adjustments given their dire situation. The Christian knows they are a child of God and their eternity is secure. The Christian's joy is to serve others out of thanks to God. This includes dire situations as well. What are opportunities you've had to help others in dire situations or times you've been helped?

**Verse 18-20:** What happens to people when they run out of all earthly props and helps?

The Unbeliever:

The Believer:

What is the opportunity Christians have to model their faith when trouble and difficulties arise?

When was a time your faith sustained you in a crisis?

When was a time you helped someone through a crisis with God's Word?

**Verse 21-24:** We have a message to share. It is both law and gospel. The law shows us our sins (S.O.S.) and the Gospel shows us our Savior (S.O.S.). How did Paul share both law and gospel with the people on the ship?

What was the miracle God would work among them out of his grace and mercy?

What were the temporal consequences of their decision to sail, not listening to Paul's advice?

Paul had a direct revelation which told him "*Do not be afraid.*" What promises of Scripture do you lean on that give you reason not to be afraid no matter the situation?

**Verse 26:** The ship would run aground. What is the comfort for the Christian even if every possession would be lost?

How does the reality of Jesus' death on the cross for you, his resurrection from the dead, your baptism and his sure promises give you comfort and enable you to serve him even in the storm?