



*When the Creator  
Wore Sandals*

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran  
Church  
Sunday after Epiphany  
January 12, 2025**

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**Preparation for Worship: Read**

Psalm Psalm 110 – Hymnal pg. 141

**Opening Prayer** O gracious LORD, our hearts are filled with joy for the great privilege and blessing of coming into your presence to hear your holy Word, for there in Your Word we see Jesus as Your Perfect Son and our Perfect Savior. May this view of our Saviour move us to worship You with our whole heart and to dedicate our life to serve Your holy name. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: 340 st. 1-3, 7-9** Awake, My Soul, to Joyful Lays

1. Awake, my soul, to joyful lays

And sing Thy great Redeemer's praise.

He justly claims a song from me,--

His loving-kindness, oh, how free!

2. He saw me ruined in the Fall,

Yet loved me notwithstanding all.

He saved me from my lost estate,--

His loving-kindness, oh, how great!

3. When I was Satan's easy prey

And deep in debt and bondage lay,

He paid His life for my discharge,--

His loving-kindness, oh, how large.

7. Too oft I feel my sinful heart  
Prone from my Jesus to depart;  
But through I have Him oft forgot,  
His loving-kindness changes not.

8. When I shall pass death's gloomy vale  
And all my mortal power must fail,  
Oh, may my last, expiring breath  
His loving-kindness sing in death!

9. Then shall I mount and soar away  
To the bright world of endless day  
And sing with rapture and surprise  
His loving-kindness in the skies.

**Invocation:**

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



C: A - men.

**Confession of Sins:** P: Jesus invites us saying, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

**C:** We come to you Lord, with the heavy burden of our sins. We know that You bore our sins in Your body on the cross. Therefore we are confident to confess our sins trusting in You for forgiveness.

**C & P:** Almighty and most merciful God, I confess that I am a sinner by my very nature, I was born in the sin of Adam. Because of my corrupt nature, I sin against you daily in my thoughts, in my words and actions. I have done the things you forbid, and I fail to do the things you command. Lord, I know I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. Yet, I come before you in repentance, because you

**are merciful and gracious and have given Your Son to die for me. Oh God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Forgive me, I pray, for Jesus sake.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, is truly merciful and gracious, He has given His own Son into death for our sins, and raised Jesus to life for our justification. By His unfailing word of promise, I assure you that all your sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.



C: A - men.

**Response of Praise:**

**Hymn 244**

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:1-15**

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were

naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

### **Response of Praise:**

P: He that dwells in the secret place of the Most High:

**C: Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty**

P: For He shall give His angels charge over you:

**C: To keep you in all your ways.**

P: They shall bear you up in their hands:

**C: Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

P: I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God:

**C: In Him will I trust.**

### **Epistle Reading: Romans 5:12-21**

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— 13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. 16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience

many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### **Confession of Faith:** The Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Hymn: 342 Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

1. Chief of sinners though I be,  
    Jesus shed His blood for me;  
    Died that I might live on high,  
    Lived that I might never die,  
    As the branch is to the vine,  
    I am His, and He is mine.
  
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love!  
    Higher than the heavens above,  
    Deeper than the depths of sea,  
    Lasting as eternity.  
    Love that found me--wondrous thought!--  
    Found me when I sought Him not.
  
3. Jesus only can impart  
    Balm to heal the smitten heart;  
    Peace that flows from sin forgiven,  
    Joy that lifts the soul to heaven;  
    Faith and hope to walk with God  
    In the way that Enoch trod.
  
4. Chief of sinner though I be,  
    Christ is All in all to me;  
    All my wants to Him are known,  
    All my sorrows are His own.  
    Safe with Him from earthly strife,  
    He sustains the hidden life.
  
5. O my Savior, help afford  
    By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!  
    When my wayward heart would stray,  
    Keep me in the narrow way;  
    Grace in time of need supply  
    While I live and when I die.

**Epiphany Series:**

# When the Creator Wore Sandals

**Today's Text: Mark 1:12-13**

*"12 Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness. 13 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan, and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to Him."*

Theme:

## *Jesus is the PERFECT Son of God!*

- I. He Overcame all Temptation For Us.**
- II. For our Salvation and for our Sanctification.**

**Hymn: 328** O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art

1. O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou art  
The Life and Comfort of my heart.  
A sinner poor I come to Thee  
And bring my many sins with me.
2. O God, my sin indeed is great;  
I groan beneath the dreadful weight.  
Be merciful to me, I pray;  
Take guilt and punishment away.
3. Saint John the Baptist points to Thee  
And bids me cast my sin on Thee;  
For Thou hast left Thy throne on high  
To suffer for the world and die.

4. Help me to mend my ways, O Lord,  
And gladly to obey Thy Word.  
While here I live, abide with me;  
And when I die, take me to Thee.

### Offering of Thankful Hearts:

**Sing** - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

### Prayers of the Church:

**The 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

### OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

**Benediction:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**Closing Hymn: 401 Praise to Thee and Adoration**

1. Praise to Thee and adoration,  
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,  
Who, to serve Thine own creation,  
Didst partake of flesh and blood.  
Teach me that I never may  
From Thy fold or pastures stray,  
But with zeal and joy exceeding  
Follow where Thy steps are leading.
  
2. Let me never, Lord, forsake Thee,  
E'en though bitter pain and strife  
On my way shall overtake me;  
But may I through all my life  
Walk in fervent love to Thee,

In all woes for comfort flee  
To Thy birth, Thy death, and Passion,  
Till I see Thy full salvation.



### **Scripture Treasure to Remember:**

#### **1 Peter 1:18-19**

*“You were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today** - Bible Study at 11:20.

**Wednesday** - Skype Bible Study at 9:30.

Board of Doctrine Meeting at 12:00

**Thursday** - PCPC Study Club at 2:00 pm.

Catechism Class at 4:00 pm.

**Friday** - Shut-in visit with George at 1:30

**Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00 am.

Bible Study at 11:20

#### **Midweek Bible Study**

We have planned our first Midweek Bible Study for a week from this Wednesday. We will meet at Karl Schwabe's home on Wednesday January 22nd at 3:00 pm. We will begin with a study of the book of Malachi and the essence of God Pleasing Worship.

#### **Annual Voters Meeting**

Our Annual Voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 2nd after the service. We will be holding election of officers, discussing our budget including our CBP estimate for our offerings to the Synod, going over the annual report and discussing plans for the coming year. If you have any

comments or suggestions for our joint work please speak with one of the voters.

### **CLC National Women's online Retreat**

This online Retreat is being held on Saturday, January 25 beginning at \_\_\_\_\_ (9:00 a.m. Pacific, adjust for your time zone). The Theme is "Press Pause: Grace-full Stewardship." The scriptural foundation for the retreat is 1 Peter 4:10, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Registration and more information can be accessed at: <https://tinyurl.com/PressPause25>.

### **CLC Call News**

**Pastor Paul Krause** of Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD and Zion in Hidewood, SD has **received** the call to St. Stephen Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

**Sam Naumann** has reentered the ministry of the CLC and has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO.

**Teacher Claire Abbas** of Berea Lutheran School in Inver Grove Heights, MN has **received** the call to Trinity Lutheran School in Watertown, SD.

### **Foreign Mission Prayer List**

**Myanmar** (South Asia) – On December 28th, the military forcibly entered the CLC-Myanmar orphanage home, where the Kinship orphans live with Pastor Kham and his wife. They took one of the orphans, a fifteen-year-old boy, to be conscripted into the army. That day, more than 100 young boys were taken from the region. The military agreed to release any boy whose family could pay a hefty bribe. Money was quickly borrowed to pay the bribe, and the orphan was released before he could be sent away to an unknown location, potentially never to be seen again. The CLC Board of Missions has approved a grant from Kinship to repay the loan, helping to alleviate further hardships for Pastor Kham and his family. The harsh military rule and civil war have been ongoing for nearly four years since the military coup in February 2021. Our brothers and sisters of the CLC-M have suffered greatly and live in constant fear as much of the fiercest war has been fought in the region where they are located. Thank the Lord for the safe return of the boy and for providing the resources to assist our brothers and sisters during these difficult times. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers, asking for peace, justice, good government, and relief for all who are affected by this conflict.

**Bangladesh** (South Asia) – The CLC will sponsor a four-day pastoral training seminar in Gopalganj for the pastors and leaders of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) in mid-January. Missionary Ohlmann and Pastor Monotosh will lead the studies. More than fifty pastors and church leaders are expected to attend. Plans for the BLCM building project have received government approval, and the necessary permits are ready to be issued. The contractor is prepared to begin construction as soon as funding becomes available. The Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to support the construction of this multipurpose building, which will serve the BLCM as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. In mid-January, Missionary Ohlmann will spend two weeks in Bangladesh teaching at the seminar and visiting several congregations and preaching stations of the BLCM for outreach. Ask the Lord to bless the pastoral training seminar and Gospel outreach. Continue to pray for the building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work.