



*When the Creator  
Wore Sandals*

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran  
Church  
Sunday after Epiphany  
January 26, 2025**

**Pastor:** David Reim - 549-5250

**Organist:** Julie Reim

**Usher:** Guy Harding

**Preparation for Worship:** Read Psalm 138 – Hymnal pg. 154

**Opening Prayer** “Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.” (Jer. 15:16) O LORD, how amazing that we should be called by Your Name; and that you have exalted your Word above all. O Lord, open our hearts today that we may hear Your holy Word and see our Saviour in all His glory that we may be strengthened in heart and soul to worship you in spirit and in truth, and dedicate our life to serve You. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: 4 God Himself Is Present**

1. God Himself is present:

Let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple--  
All within keep silence,  
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.  
Him alone God we own,  
Him, our God and Savior;  
Praise His name forever.

2. God Himself is present:

Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding!  
"Holy, holy, holy"--

Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Thine ear To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That Thy Church now raises.

3. O Thou Fount of blessing,  
Purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in Thy merit.  
Like the holy angels,  
Who behold Thy glory,  
May I ceaselessly adore Thee.  
Let Thy will Ever still  
Rule Thy Church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial.

**Invocation:**

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



**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: Job 7:1-7**

“Is there not a time of hard service for man on earth? Are not his days also like the days of a hired man? 2 Like a servant who earnestly desires the shade, and like a hired man who eagerly looks for his wages, 3 So I have been allotted months of futility, and wearisome nights have been appointed to me. 4 When I lie down, I say, ‘When shall I arise, and the night be ended?’ For I have had my fill of tossing till dawn. 5 My flesh is caked with worms and dust, my skin is cracked and breaks out afresh.

6 “My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle, and are spent without hope.

7 Oh, remember that my life is a breath! My eye will never again see good.”

**Response of Praise:**

P: All the earth shall worship You and shall sing unto You, O God

**C: They shall sing to Your name, O Most High.**

P: Make a joyful noise unto God, all you lands,

**C: Sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.**

P: The Lord sent His Word and healed them,

**C: And delivered them from their destructions.**

P: Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness,

**C: and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah!**

P: Praise Him, all His angels,  
C: **Praise Him, all His hosts. Hallelujah!**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel.

19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.

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



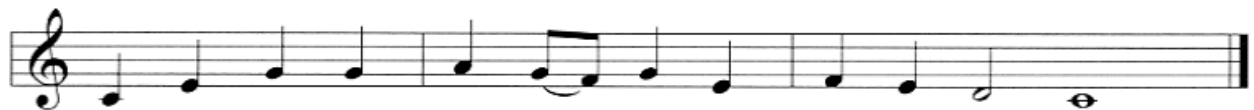
C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



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: 5 Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear**

1. Lord, open Thou my heart to hear  
And through Thy Word to me draw near;  
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain,  
Let me Thy child and heir remain.
  
2. Thy Word doth deeply move the heart,  
Thy Word doth perfect health impart,  
Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless,  
Thy Word brings peace and happiness.
  
3. To God, the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.

## **Epiphany Series:**

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## **Today's Text: Mark 1:21-45**

*"21 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath  
He entered the synagogue and taught.*

*22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one*

*having authority, and not as the scribes.*

*23 Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" 26 And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." 28 And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.*

*29 Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. 31 So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them.*

*32 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him."*

*35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. 37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." 38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth."*

*39 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.*

*"Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him*

*from every direction.”*

Theme:

## *Jesus Reveals His Authority as God!*

**Hymn: 557** At Even, when the Sun did Set

1. At even, when the sun did set,  
    The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay  
    Oh, in what divers pain they met!  
    Oh, with what joy they went away!
  
2. Once more 'tis eventide, and we,  
    Oppressed with various ills, draw near.  
    What if Thy from we cannot see,  
    We know and feel that Thou art here.
  
3. O Savior Christ, our woes dispel;  
    For some are sick, and some are sad,  
    And some have never loved Thee well,  
    And some have lost the love they had;
  
4. And some are pressed with worldly care,  
    And some are tried with sinful doubt;  
    And some such grievous passions tear  
    That only Thou canst cast them out;
  
5. And some have found the world is vain,  
    Yet from the world they break not free;  
    And some have friends who give them pain,  
    Yet have not sought a friend in Thee;

6. And none, O Lord, have perfect rest,  
For none are wholly free from sin;  
And they who fain would serve Thee best  
Are conscious most of wrong within.

7. O Savior Christ, Thou too, art man;  
Thou hast been troubled, tempted, tried.  
Thy kind but searching glance can scan  
The very wounds that shame would hide.

8. Thy touch has still its ancient power,  
No word from Thee can fruitless fall;  
Hear in this solemn evening hour  
And in Thy mercy heal us all.  
Amen.

### **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!

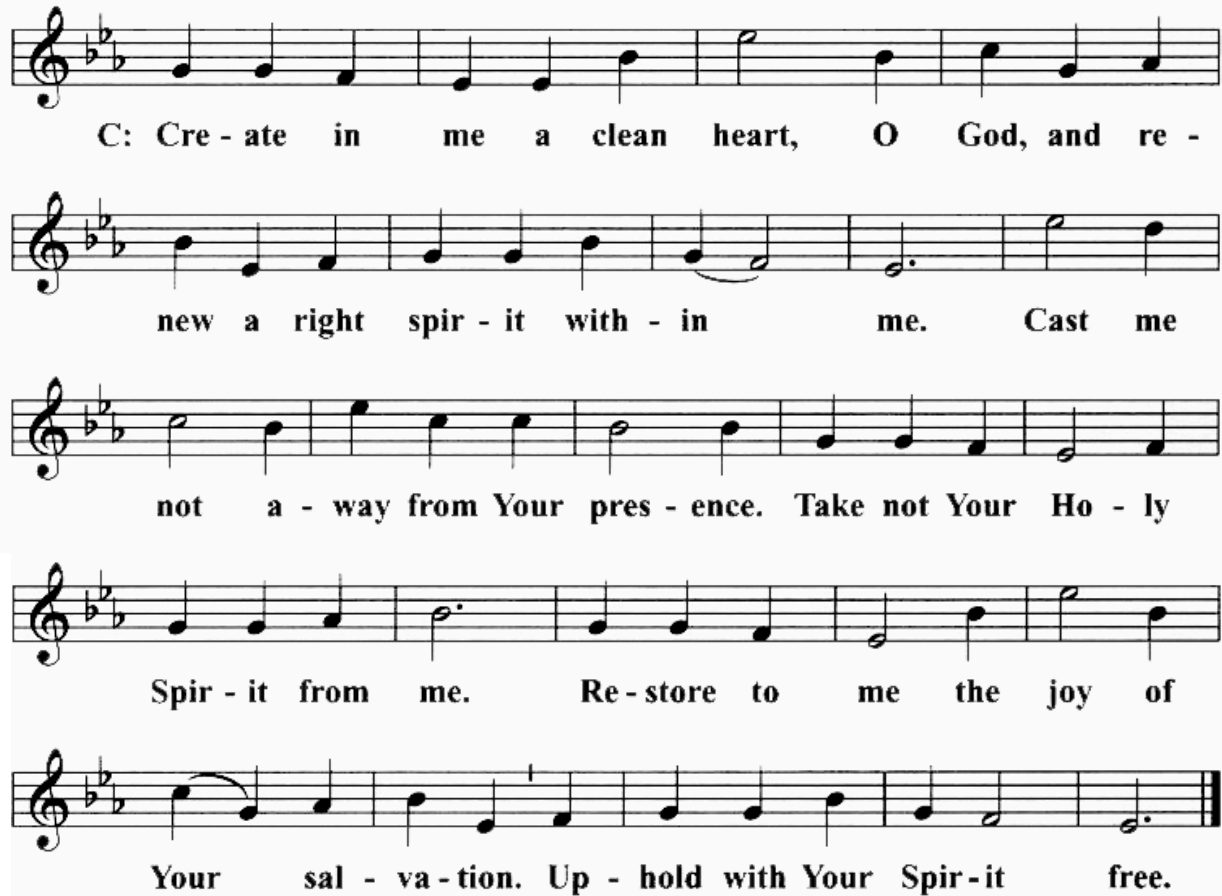
### **Prayers of the Church:**

**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: 349 st. 1-3, & 5** Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1. Jesus, Thy boundless love to me  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
Unite my thankful heart to Thee

And reign without a rival there.  
To Thee alone, dear Lord, I live;  
Myself to Thee, dear Lord, I give.

2. Oh, grant that nothing in my soul  
May dwell but Thy pure love alone!  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,  
My Joy, my Treasure, and my Crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
My every act, word, thought, be love.

3. O Love, how cheering is Thy ray!  
All pain before Thy presence flies;  
Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away  
Where'er Thy healing beams arise.  
O Jesus, nothing may I see,  
Nothing desire or seek, but Thee!

5. Oh, draw me, Savior, e'er to Thee;  
So shall I run and never tire.  
With gracious words still comfort me;  
Be Thou my Hope, my sole Desire.  
Free me from every guilt and fear;  
No sin can harm if Thou art near.



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

#### **Matthew 6:19-21**

*“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Monday** - Brass Trio and Men's Choir at 6:30.

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

Midweek Bible Study at 1:00 at Britt's home.

**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.

Voters Meeting after the service.

### Midweek Bible Study

Our Midweek Bible Study will continue with a study of the book of Malachi and the essence of God Pleasing Worship. The study will also be available on Skype. You can join the study via this link on Skype: <https://join.skype.com/UlipjV6x9PYm>

### Annual Voters Meeting

Our Annual Voters meeting is scheduled for next 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.

### Foreign Mission Prayer List

**The Philippines** (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Palangyos had several new opportunities to preach the Good News as part of the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) December outreach program. The Christmas outreach was conducted both in rural and urban areas. Missionary Ohlmann will spend ten days in the Philippines working with Pastor Palangyos in late January and early February. Plans include visiting an independent Lutheran congregation with no pastor in a mountain village. Ask the Lord to strengthen the faith of His children of the LAMP and to fill them with zeal to spread the Gospel. And ask for our Savior to bless their outreach efforts so that many more may join us in repenting of our sins and rejoicing in our forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

**India** (South Asia) – Southern India, where the CLCI and BELC are located, has recently experienced historically heavy rainfall in late December, leading to significant flooding and damage to church buildings and homes of many members.

The CLC has faced difficulties in sending funds to India due to restrictions imposed by the pro-Hindu/anti-Christian government on charitable contributions from abroad. No funds can be sent until a solution is found. Pray that the Lord will protect, support, and strengthen the faith of His children in India during the challenges brought about by the recent floods, and ask Him to provide a way for the CLC to continue supporting the ongoing training of faithful pastors and church leaders.

**Tanzania** (East Africa) – Four students, Elinaja, Jasper, Raphael, and Marko, graduated from the seminary at the end of November. Four students will return to the seminary when the new school year begins on January 20th. The seminary also expects an additional 3 or 4 new students. A pastoral conference is scheduled for Jan. 13-15 in Arusha. Missionary Naumann and Paula returned to Tanzania on January 9th. Praise God for the privilege of partnering with the TZCLC in training men to be faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving Word. Ask for God's continued blessing, guidance, and provision for Wittenberg Seminary and the work of the TZCLC. And ask the Lord to bless the upcoming pastoral conference.

**Nepal** (South Asia) – Missionary Ohlmann visited Nepal in December. While in Nepal, he taught the fifteen Kinship supported students enrolled in the Himalayan Lutheran Bible Institute (HLBI). He and Raju also led studies at a regional pastoral conference organized by the HCLCN, with more than fifty pastors, students, and church leaders in attendance. Thank the Lord for blessing the visit and granting safe travels for Missionary Ohlmann to and from the mission field and for those who traveled many kilometers to attend the pastoral training. Thank the Lord for the fifteen men who have dedicated their time and lives to training for the Gospel ministry. Ask for the Lord's continued blessings of the Gospel outreach and ongoing ministry of the HCLC in Nepal.