



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Epiphany of Our Lord
January 7, 2024
9:00 am

*GROUNDING IN THE GOSPEL, GUIDED
BY THE SPIRIT, WE ARE A PEOPLE
AND PLACE OF GRACE!*

WELCOME!

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Center City, MN
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WELCOME TO CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are so glad you are here. At Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, we are “Grounded in the Gospel, Guided by the Spirit.” We are a people and a place of grace, where we welcome and invite all people to come as you are and be open to who God calls you to be.

- Children are wanted & welcome in worship. Activity bags and kits are available and a special children’s message is shared at each service.
- There are devices to assist those who are hearing impaired at the front entrance when you enter. Please see an usher for guidance as needed.
- We practice open communion at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. We believe God’s love, mercy and grace extends to all people offering new life and new beginnings. We join with the Psalmist in Psalm 34:8 inviting you to “Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who put their trust in him.”
For your convenience, gluten-free wafers are available by request, and a non-alcoholic juice option is always available in the light-colored center cups for those who prefer.
- We invite you to write your name and contact information on the blue connect card in the pew in front of you and/or sign our guest book in the entry. If you would like to be included on our email list, please add your email address. We would love to keep you informed of what’s happening around Chisago Lake Lutheran! You can drop your card in the offering baskets or at the Welcome table in the entryway. Thank you!

Be Well! Be Loving! Be Courageous! Be the Church!

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of
the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p. 149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb
forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6, Pew Bible OT p. 707

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

ALLELUIA

ELW p.151

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12, Pew Bible NT p.1

The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel – the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Where Do You Look For God?”

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

ELW #303

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW Hymn #186

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward as instructed or alert the ushers if you would like the elements brought to you. For your convenience, gluten-free wafers are available by request, and a non-alcoholic juice option is always available in the light-colored center cups for those who prefer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"I Am the Bread of Life"
"What Feast of Love"*

ELW Hymn #485
ELW Hymn #487

COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your
own life. In your name we pray.
Amen.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**Attendance: December 31 = 298; Sanctuary –63, FB – 171, YouTube –64
Tuesday, January 2 = 13**

PRAYER CONCERNS – *Please contact the office with any requests or updates.*

- Prayers for Dave Harms who is at Fairview Southdale being treated and monitored for a kidney infection.
- Deepest condolences for the family and loved ones of Dave Hultman on his recent passing.
- Prayers for Louise's family as they mourn the loss of her brother, Steve on Christmas day and continued healing prayers for sister Nancy. Prayers especially for peace and comfort for Steve's wife Jill and family. Thanks so much.
- Update on Midge's sister, Bev Luckow. Bev passed away Christmas Day. Thank you for all the prayers for her. Please pray for peace for her family as they go through this time of loss.
- Deepest condolences and prayers for the family of Carol Dahlquist, sister in law of Bev Sandgren, who passed away recently.

Current Ways to Give to the Church Thank you for sharing your generosity with Chisago Lake Lutheran! You have continued to share what God's entrusted to you and we are grateful. Ways you can give include:

1. Mail your envelope/check to the church office at 1 Summit Ave, PO Box 175, Center City, MN 55012
2. Or sign up for regular online giving through our partner company Vanco on the church [website](#). It is secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. www.chisagolakelutheran.org
3. Or use your phone to scan the QR Code which takes you directly to our church website and use Vanco to give a one-time gift or recurring payments.



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PHONE- 651-257-6300 / OFFICE HOURS – Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

Sunday, January 7

- 9:00 am – Communion Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School/Adult Forum
- 11:00 am – Tree of Life Choir practice
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, January 8

- 9am-2pm - Quilters
- Noon – Men's/Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday, January 9

- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship service
- 6:30 pm – All Committee Night
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, January 10

- 6:00 pm – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation/Youth Group

Thursday, January 11

- 8:00 am – Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am – Journey Through the Bible Series
- 11:00 am – Tree of Life Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Annika and Kara Hall

Reader: Lou Ann Mattson

Ushers: Scott & Jane Weiss and Brad & Lou Ann Mattson

Altar Guild: Karen Campbell and Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Tech: Brayden Bresnahan

Communion/Offering Assistants: Steve Grossmann, Chris Knight, and Chris Lundberg

Coffee Servers: John and Judy Nelson