



Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2nd, 2022

9:00 AM

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church

Center City, MN

ELCA

WELCOME TO CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We are glad you are here. At Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, we are “Grounded in the Gospel, Guided by the Spirit.” We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and strive to be God’s hands active in the world. While we are a church with a rich history, we are also a church for today.

There are devices to assist those of us who are hearing impaired at the front entrance when you enter. Please see Julie Riemer for guidance use if needed.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Who sends the word with angels,
Who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.
Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people:
God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.
† In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are clothed in peace.
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

RESPONSE:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Shout for Joy Loud and Long"

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

OFFERING – Meditation & Generosity

*You are invited to give to Chisago Lake Lutheran online at:
<https://www.chisagolakelutheran.org/online-giving.html>*

*You can also send your offering to the church:
1 Summit Ave, PO Box 175
Center City, MN 55012*

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.**

Shout for Joy Loud and Long



1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -
4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long; chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.
ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.
teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.
un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

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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.**

Distribution

You are invited to share the bread and the wine using the individually wrapped wafers and grape juice. Please discard the cups as you leave the sanctuary.

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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"The King Shall Come"

ELW #260, Vv. 1,4,5

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Get a 2nd dose of this service by watching local Channel 10 (CLTV) on Sundays. At 10 am you'll see last week's service and at 6 pm, you'll see this week's service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Coffee Server:

Greeter: Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer

Reader:

Usher: Jamie Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message from our Council President: Good-bye, 2021! Hello, 2022!

More than most years, 2021 has been a year of transitions for our congregation. I'm grateful for your labors and contributions toward helping us ride gracefully over what could have been a bumpy road.

Together, we've tackled, with crucial synodical, pastoral, staff, and volunteer efforts, changes in our responses to a pandemic, to staff turnover, to worship formats, and more. Much more, which will be detailed in the annual report in a couple of weeks. Each of us has changed, too, as we have managed our own responses to the transforming landscape of church life and membership. Thank you so very much for your continuing trust and participation as we move into a new calendar year.

Our next big event is the annual meeting on January 30. Last year at this time, we scrambled to prepare and conduct a hybrid meeting; this year, it feels pretty normal to say that we'll meet both in person and remotely. I've heard from a few snowbirds that they liked being able to attend and vote from warmer locations. It's great that we can Zoom in easily this time. Watch upcoming notices for the link.

We'll certainly complete the required business of discussing and resolving and electing and approving, but we will also eat. We're planning a catered brunch to be served immediately after worship that day, barring interference from The Plague. After the meal, we'll have our meeting and move forward into the new year together. Gladly, hopefully, and thankfully.

See you next year!

Jenni Runte, Council President

The 168th Annual Business Meeting of Chisago Lake Lutheran will be held on Sunday, January 30th, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall or by Zoom.

Every member who has been confirmed is encouraged to attend this important event in the church's year. This meeting gives members the opportunity to vote for members of the

Church Council, the Memorial, Mission and Ministry Committee and the Personnel Committee. It is also the time to vote on the 2022 budget. Please set this time aside on your calendar and come and help plan the year ahead. **Committee reports** are due to the church office by **Wednesday, January 5th.**

Generosity Response - Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who has returned a statement of intent for 2022. Your continued commitment, support, and care for God's ministry through CLLC is a gift! You can still send your card to the church, email your response to office@chisagolakelutheran.org, or fill out the secure form on the website. We celebrate that:

- So far 55 people/families have returned their faithful intents for 2022
- 9 of these have increased their giving from what they gave in 2021
- 4 people/families have returned intent cards who have not done so in the past
- The commitments received to date total \$149,295.56

Pastoral Care Needs or Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one experience illness, undergo surgery, or are hospitalized, or if you have a pastoral need, PLEASE contact the church office, or Pastor Steve directly (910-890-8321). We want to care for you in your time of need, but cannot if we don't know about it. These are tough times, know that we are here to walk the road together.

2022 Offering Envelopes Have Been Placed in Your Mailboxes Please pick them up after Worship services. If you know of someone who is worshipping online or unable to attend, please pick up their envelopes and deliver them for us. Thank you!

Sunday School Today is Pajamas/Movie Day

Join us at 10 AM for a movie, popcorn and activities in the east end of the Fellowship Hall. Regular Sunday School resumes on January 9th with the opening in the Fellowship Hall.

Pray & Play on Monday, January 24th at CLLC All 4 year olds through Grade 5 are invited to sign up for an "Olympic Training" Pray & Play from 9 AM to 2 PM. There is no cost for this event thanks to a Thrivent Member helping us out. Bring your own lunch (snacks provided), items for the Food Shelf, a mask, and outdoor winter attire for sledding. For more information or to volunteer, please email Stacy at youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org.

Confirmation Resumes This Week Confirmation meets on Wednesdays after school for 7th & 8th graders at Trinity Lutheran Church. 2022 dates are: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 2/2, 2/9, 2/23, 3/2- Ash Wednesday Service, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 & 4/20. Please contact Stacy with questions.

6th Graders at Trinity Lutheran Church on Wednesdays Resumes This Week Also.

The CLLC Tree of Life Children's' Chorus Meets on Wednesdays! All children are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary. Barbara Yotter will be the Children's Chorus Director. Chorus resumes on Jan. 12th. Email Julie Riemer at music@chisagolakelutheran.org for info.

Voice Lessons Offered for Adults Meet on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary with Barbara Yotter instructing. Great opportunity to enhance your vocal talent. Email Julie Riemer at music@chisagolakelutheran.org for info. Lessons resume on Jan. 12th.

The CLLC Quilting Group will resume meeting again on Monday, January 10th. Bring a sack lunch and meet in the Undercroft from 9 AM to 2 PM. All are welcome!

The CLLC Book Club will meet Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7 PM on Zoom. We will discuss parts 3 and 4 from the book "*Braiding Sweetgrass*." Please contact Bonnie Anderson at brinkanderson@gmail.com for the Zoom link or with any questions.

Veterans Coffee Talks – *Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City* – **2nd Tuesday of every month from 9-10 AM** or *North Branch American Legion Post 85, 6439 Elm St, North Branch, MN* – **3rd Tuesday of every Month 9-10 AM**. Meet other veterans, build friendships, listen to their experiences. Everyone is welcome.

You can reach staff via phone (651-257-6300) or email to:

Pastor Steve – pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org

Bridget/Louise – office@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stacy – youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stephanie – finance@chisagolakelutheran.org

Julie – music@chisagolakelutheran.org

Bev or Bob – call the church office if you need to reach either of them

Current Ways to Give

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.

There are various ways you can continue to give to CLLC:

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's secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. www.chisagolakelutheran.org

PRAYER CONCERNS (please contact the church office with any concerns/updates.)

- Belva Fish, prayers for healing and recovery following an emergency surgery.
- Delores Allen, prayers for healing and recovery for an arm fracture after a fall.
- Harriet Ryberg, prayers for healing and comfort after surgery.
- Gretchen Hanson, prayers for healing and comfort following surgery.
- Tim Hawkinson, son of Ellen Hawkinson, prayers for improved speech and memory following a stroke.
- Prayers for Ellen Hawkinson's brother having trouble with persistent phlegm and her sister-in-law who has Covid.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments.
- Jodi Medin, daughter-in-law of Delores Medin, peace and comfort through her ongoing melanoma treatments.
- Shirley Gustafson, prayers for healing and recovery from recent surgeries.

THIS WEEK AT CLLC/HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

- **Sunday, Jan. 2nd** Sunday School will be Pajamas/Movie in Fellowship Hall at 10 AM
- **Monday, Jan. 3rd** Office closed
- **Wednesday, Jan. 5th** 6th Graders meet at Trinity Lutheran at 3 PM
- **Wednesday, Jan. 5th** Confirmation at Trinity Lutheran at 3 PM
- **Thursday, Jan. 6th** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill