



Baptism of our Lord

January 9th, 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

Isaiah 43:1-7

- ¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- ³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- ⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
- ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
- ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
- ⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

RESPONSE:

The Gospel of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

ELW #304, Vv. 1-2

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.**

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

“Spirit of Gentleness”

ELW #396, Vv. 1,3,4

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: Pam Carlson
Greeters: The Dubbs Family
Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan
Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer
Readers: Jamie Carlson & Connor Bresnahan
Ushers:

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** were due to the church office by **Wednesday, January 5th**.

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.

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!

Gleaning From the Harvest Ministry Grants

The Saint Paul Area Synod is now accepting applications of its new grant program! These grants are meant for exploration and experimentation in the following areas:

- **Evangelism** - for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and engaging your community in new and inspiring ways
- **Racial Justice** - for providing education and awareness of bias/privilege/racism and opportunities for engagement in anti-racism work
- **"We Never Did That Before"** - for trying something innovative, experimental or simply new to your context
- **Worship Training & Technology** - for enhancing worship experiences, expanding the reach of worship, accessing new technology and/or training

One \$15,000 grant will be awarded from each category along with other grants up to \$5,000. The funds are to be used to create a new ministry or enhance an existing one that will intentionally reach out to people who are not already connected to your community. Funds may not be used to simply cover normal operating expenses already in your budget. The idea is not about church growth (although that may happen), but rather about bringing the good news of Christ into the world. We encourage creativity, fun and risk taking! Last day to submit an application is Feb. 14. Contact the church office to learn more and how to apply.

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 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. 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.

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.

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:

- **Sunday, Jan. 9th** Sunday School for 3 yrs to 5th grade at 10 AM
- **Monday, Jan. 10th** Quilting Group from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Undercroft
- **Monday, Jan. 10th** CLLC Book Club at 7 PM on Zoom
- **Tuesday, Jan. 11th** Property Committee Meeting at 6 PM
- **Tuesday, Jan. 11th** 3M Committee Meeting at 6 PM
- **Tuesday, Jan. 11th** Finance Committee Meeting at 7:30 PM
- **Wednesday, Jan. 12th** 6th Graders meet at Trinity Lutheran at 3 PM
- **Wednesday, Jan. 12th** Confirmation at Trinity Lutheran at 3 PM
- **Wednesday, Jan. 12th** Tree of Life Kids Chorus at 5 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Jan. 12th** Adult Vocal Lessons at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Jan. 12th** Youth Committee Meeting at 7 PM
- **Thursday, Jan. 13th** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill