



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23rd, 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 creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

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 have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,

and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”* ELW #886, Vv. 1,2,4

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

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

RESPONSE:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hark, the Glad Sound!”

ELW #239, Vv. 1,3,4

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING OFFERING

“I Then Shall Live”

Sheila Brom & Cole Riemer

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 God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW #774, Vv. 1,2,3

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

Cantor: Sheila Brom

Coffee Server: Marlee Eret

Greeter: Jerry Vitalis

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer

Reader: Debbie Hall

Usher: Debbie Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 168th Annual Business Meeting of Chisago Lake Lutheran will be 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. We will be voting 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.

Those attending the Annual Meeting in-person will be treated to brunch. *** Please contact Bridget at 651.257.6300 or office@chisagolakelutheran.org by Wednesday, January 26th so we know how many to plan for brunch.*** To date, 3 people have responded yes.

We Need You!

At the Annual Meeting on Jan 30th, Council members will be elected to serve in roles of leadership, as well as members for our Personnel and 3M Committees. These leaders make important decisions regarding the operations and MISSION of our church.

Our constitution allows for up to 15 members on the Church Council, each serving up to two 3-year terms. If you would like to serve the Lord in this way, we would welcome your voice and leadership! If you are interested, please contact the church office or Dave Reed at 651-257-6870. We need your participation!

ZOOM Expertise Needed! We are looking for 1-2 people who would be willing to assist with making sure the Zoom portion of the Annual Meeting goes smoothly. If you are able to attend in person and help out, please contact Pastor Steve or the church office as soon as possible.

Thank You to Everyone Who Has Returned Their Statement of Intent for 2022!

Your continued commitment, support and care for God's ministry through CLLC is a gift! You can still mail your card to the church, email your response to the church office, or fill out the secure form on the website. We celebrate that:

- 58 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 if the past
- The commitments received to date total **\$157,363.56**

Compare this to last year's numbers at this same time of year:

- 100 people/families have returned their faithful intents for 2021
- 37 of these have increased their giving from what they gave in 2020
- 15 people/families have returned intent cards who have not done if the past
- The commitments received to date total **\$274,007.56**

Grumpy Old Men Service The decision has been made to have a 2022 GOM service in the summertime instead of this winter due to a number of challenges. The summer service may coincide with the Center City Days celebration. If you are interested in helping with planning and participating in this service, please contact the church office.

A Huge THANK YOU to Louise Angrimson! Louise graciously came out of retirement to help assist Pastor Steve and train Bridget in September when they were both new to CLLC. Her last day was January 15th and she will continue to assist on an as needed basis. Her expertise and knowledge have been invaluable in keeping the church running smoothly and we are very grateful to her!

2021 Bazaar Update: Thank you to everyone who participated in another successful year! The Bakery made \$1400, the Kitchen (cinnamon rolls & sloppy joes) made \$1300, the Raffle took in \$900 and over \$1200 was made from Sponsorship Ads. Total profit to the church's General Fund is \$6,130.

Christmas Poinsettias Lisa & Steve Sontag donated two poinsettias in loving memory of Bobby Sontag and Sara Schmitt and Chero Young donated two poinsettias in loving memory of Darwin and Lois Berglund.

The CLLC Quilting Group is meeting on Mondays. This **Monday, January 24th**, we will be **packing newborn kits**. Bring a sack lunch and meet in the Undercroft from 9 AM to 2 PM. All are welcome to help out & join us! Contact Pat Williams at 651-257-3140 with questions.

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.

A New *Gather* Bible Study Begins This Month!

The Kingdom of God, written by the Rev. Dr. Mark Allan Powell, will help us explore how to interpret Jesus' references to "the kingdom of God (or heaven)." We will consider whether biblical passages refer to the present or to the future or to both. There are three different ways to participate in this study prepared for Women of the ELCA:

- 1) Via Zoom on Tuesday, January 25th from 1:30-3:00 pm. Contact Bonnie Anderson at brinkanderson@gmail.com for the link.
- 2) In person at a time that works best for those who are interested. Contact Nancy Schoon at 651-303-9648.
- 3) On your own. Contact Barb Wikelius at bjwikelius@gmail.com for info. about *Gather* Magazine. New subscribers can receive their first year as a free gift from our WELCA unit.

What is the CLLC Book Club?

We are a group of CLLC Christians who believe that all people are part of God's creation and that all people deserve justice. We seek to develop a deeper understanding about the injustices and experiences of our Black, Brown and Native brothers and sisters in Christ through reading books, watching videos, and having conversation with each other.

CLLC Book Club will finish reading Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer for our next meeting on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. We will also work on a land acknowledgment statement. If you'd like to meet with us, please contact Bonnie Anderson, brinkanderson@gmail.com or 651-257-2467.

Lasagna Fundraiser Pick Up Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 12th from 4 pm to 6 pm

The Youth & Youth Committee are doing a fundraiser for youth & summer camping experiences. This dinner will include lasagna, breadsticks, fruit cup & brownie and will be available for pickup from the upper level doors main entrance. Suggested donation is \$5/meal or \$20/family. Call or email the church office with your reservation by Wednesday, Feb. 9th. Meal delivery will be available for church members unable to pick up in person. This event is in conjunction with the "Celebration of the Lakes" taking place Feb. 10th-13th.

The Beautiful New Praise Banners in the Sanctuary were donated by Linnae Frans and family in memory of Ellis Frans.

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.

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

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

Pastor Steve – pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org

Bridget – 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

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 better health.
- Continued prayers for Ellen Hawkinson's brother & sister-in-law for health related concerns.
- 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 for recent & upcoming surgeries.

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, Jan. 23rd** Sunday School for 3 yrs to 5th grade at 10 AM
- **Monday, Jan. 24th** Pray & Play Day at CLLC for 4 yrs to 5th grade at 9 AM to 2 PM
- **Monday, Jan. 24th** Quilting Group Packing Newborn Kits from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Undercroft
- **Tuesday, Jan. 25th** *Gather* Bible Study on Zoom from 1:30-3 PM
- **Wednesday, Jan. 26th** Tree of Life Kids Chorus at 5 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Jan. 26th** Confirmation at CLLC at 6:30 PM
- **Thursday, Jan. 27th** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill