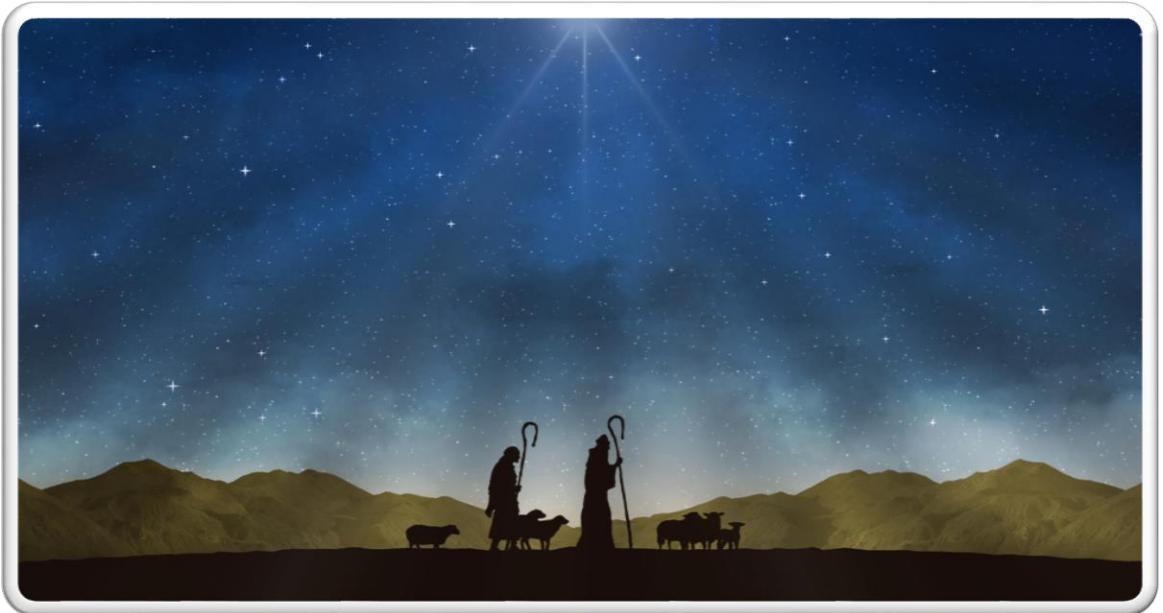




# CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



1st Sunday of Christmas

January 1st, 2023

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  
ELCA

[www.chisagolakelutheran.org](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

**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 are available and a special children’s message is shared at each service.
- There are devices to assist those of us 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.”
- 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. Thank you!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**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 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

*"What Child is This"*

ELW Hymn #296

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

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27, Pew Bible OT p.126

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7, Pew Bible NT p.181

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSE**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Brian King

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

ELW Hymn #282

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY

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.*

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS    *“What Feast of Love”*    ELW Hymn #487  
*“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*    ELW Hymn #295

## 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

SENDING SONG                      *“Go Tell it on the Mountain”*                      ELW Hymn #290

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

***God is doing some amazing work through  
the ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church.  
This is a great time to invite your  
friends, neighbors, co-workers  
and family members  
to join us in worship!***

## Make Alpha a New Year's Resolution And Invite Your Friends!



At one point or another, everyone struggles with life’s biggest questions. Questions about faith, purpose, hope, and meaning. If you’re wrestling with some of those questions right now, you don’t have to go it alone. Alpha is a series of sessions that typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. Chisago Lake Lutheran Church will offer its first Alpha Course beginning **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am in our Green Room.** Each session will begin with refreshments, feature a large group video presentation, conclude with time for honest

questions and small group conversations. Each session lasts about 60 minutes. Contact Pastor Brian [revdup@chisagolakeluthern.org](mailto:revdup@chisagolakeluthern.org) with questions or if you would like to be involved as a possible small group facilitator. This is an incredibly engaging and relevant series and an excellent resource and experience for anyone - especially people who are new to the Christian faith or seeking to deepen their faith.

### Join Our New “Word Alive” Men’s/Women’s Bible Study!



Want to go deeper (with God’s Word, not snow)? Join Pastor Brian each Monday at **Noon beginning Monday, January 9**. We will meet in the Green Room. Each week we will be taking a sneak peek at the readings for the following Sunday. This Bible study is open to both men and women of all ages – those still working and those who are re-purposed (the Bible doesn’t actually mention

retirement 😊). Just bring your own Bible or use the Bible app on your phone – no experience or preparation necessary. Just show up, read the texts with those who are present, and enjoy the collective questions, insights, stories, and experiences of the group. We encourage those who work locally and can get away for an hour to join us. Bring your own lunch (or not). This is very informal, but we will start on time and end on time for those who are taking a working lunch. Whether you haven’t even picked up a copy of “The Bible for Dummies” or you are a seminary educated Bible scholar, you’ll find this is a great way to go deeper in God’s Word, grow your engagement in the Bible, and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding for what is proclaimed on Sunday mornings. Mark your calendars now, invite your friends and co-workers and watch God do a new thing in your life

### MINISTRY OPPURTUNITIES

**Sunday Morning Prayer Team!** Psalm 100:4 says: *“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”* In my previous call, I was blessed to have a Sunday morning prayer team of men and women who were willing to pray over the Church, our worship service, and our pastors each Sunday about 30 minutes prior to our first service. While weird at first (I had no previous experience of such a thing), I came to treasure the blessing this was to me and our congregation to know that each Sunday our church and leaders were covered in prayer. I would invite any CLLC members who are interested to contact me and become part of a rotation for this purpose each Sunday morning. It would mean coming to worship about 35 minutes early and take about 10 minutes total. Email me at [revdup@chisagolakeluthern.org](mailto:revdup@chisagolakeluthern.org) if interested or contact the office.

**Visitation:** We will be starting up a lay visitation/home communion ministry team at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. If you would like more information and are interested in joining this important ministry please contact Pastor Brian at [revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org) or contact the office.

**Coffee Servers:** Looking for hosts and hostesses to serve coffee after Worship on Sundays. This is an easy and fulfilling way to connect and serve! Contact the office if you have dates that will work!

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**Well Done Good and Faithful Servant** - The people of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church join together in sharing our profound thanks for the faithful service and ministry of **Louise Angrimson** as she retires after 24 years as our office coordinator. Louise has made a profound impact on all of us - past and present members, staff and community partners who have all been blessed by her warmth, positive attitude, faithfulness and professionalism. We all join in saying: "well done, good and faithful servant!" May God richly bless you as enter a new season of life!

**Heartfelt Thanks** - Our family wants to thank all of the members of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church for your hospitality and the warm welcome we have received since I began service as your new Pastor on November 14. We are truly grateful for all the work that has been done on the parsonage, all the kind notes and housewarming gifts that have been shared, for your patience as we learn people's names and our way around this beautiful area, and for your understanding and support as we navigate a commuting relationship for a season. We pray each of you and your families had a safe, joyful, and truly meaningful Christmas and that God will richly bless you in the year to come! **Pastor Brian and Jen**

**Thank You** – Last year Louise, Lee Turner and I put together Usher Teams for June through December. Lee, though quite busy with Cemetery business still helped as a substitute and I used him many times, thank you Lee!

Ushering schedules are made out January through June and July through December. I want to thank the June through December teams who are now having some time off; unless I call on you to be a substitute! I especially appreciate when someone couldn't be there, their contacting me to find a replacement. You all make me look good.

Also, thank you to Louise for all the help and guidance she gave me throughout these months in getting the teams ready for January through June, this schedule begins today. Thank you all for coming forward to be ushers.

I would also like to thank Sue Abrahamson for helping me as Louise is retiring, we didn't miss a step. All the new schedules were emailed out to the ushers for the coming months. Pastor Brian calls me the "Head Usher", but I'm just one of the group.

Thanks again for everything. **Jerry Vitalis** 257-4496

**WELCOME to our new Office Coordinator, Sue Abrahamson!**

Sue and her husband Al have been lifelong members here. They have 2 boys, Tim and Joe. Sue enjoys gardening, traveling and spending time with her family. Welcome Sue!

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

- Collette Campbell, daughter of Linda Lindgren, as she moves to a group home in Pine City for care due to her Parkinson's Disease
- Aspen, 6 year old granddaughter of Linda Lindgren, as they continue to gain control of her blood sugar levels and adjust to using an insulin pump in the near future.
- Hannah Turner, wife of Matt Turner, daughter in law of Lee & Karen Turner, prayers for wellness and healing are requested.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments and a good outcome with her A-fib.

**Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** Whether you are fully or partly retired, you may find that your lifestyle is fine as-is and that you don't need additional money from your IRA. However, even if you don't need (or want) the extra funds, at age 72 (it was age 70½ prior to January 1, 2020), the IRS requires you to take IRA withdrawals known as "Required Minimum Distributions" (RMDs). RMDs are subject to income taxes, and more taxable income may push you into a higher tax bracket.

Thankfully, for charitably-minded retirees with traditional IRAs, there is a tax-relief strategy available: the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD gifting option allows you, starting at age 70½, to instruct your IRA administrator to direct IRA distributions—up to \$100,000 per year – to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity. Because the IRA income goes directly to charity, you do not report the QCD as taxable income and do not owe any taxes on the QCD, which may be particularly beneficial to you if you are forced to take RMDs and don't need the extra money. In addition to avoiding taxable income, your IRA distribution can be put to good use in support of our many ministries here at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church.

**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's secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. [www.chisagolakelutheran.org](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

**12-24-22 4pm Attendance = 513 Sanctuary –224, Facebook – 259, YouTube – 30**  
**12-24-22 9pm Attendance = 304 Sanctuary –113, Facebook -162, YouTube- 29**  
**12-25-22 Attendance = 196 Sanctuary- 44, Facebook- 125, YouTube- 27**

### THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - 9:00 am -Worship 9:00 am
  - NO Sunday School
  - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - Building Closed
  - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
- **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft
- **Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**
  - 10:00 am Staff Meeting – Office
  - 3:00 pm 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
  - 3:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation - Trinity
  - 5:00 pm Tree of Life Choir, S
- **Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - 8:00 am Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn
- **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - 11:00 am Narcotics Anonymous
- **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:00 am -Worship Service
  - 10:15 am – Sunday School
  - 10:15 am – Alpha Course, GR
  - 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Kay Oien

Reader: Bev Sandgren

Acolytes: Connor Bresnahan

Altar Guild: Karen Campbell and Judy Nelson

Coffee Servers: John and Marlee Eret

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Scott and Jane Weiss, Brad and LouAnn Mattson

Communion and Offering Assistants: Jamie Carlson

*Get a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of this service by watching local Channel 10 (CLTV) on Sundays. At 10 am you'll see last week's service.*

### **PASTOR'S PARKING LOT PRAYER**

All Chisago Lake members are invited to pray this prayer often: "Let Chisago Lake Lutheran Church be a place of welcome and hospitality; comfort and care; hope and joy for all who enter and exit our doors. Transform hearts, minds, and lives through the power of your Holy Spirit and through the message of your love and grace through Jesus Christ. Amen."