



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Baptism of Our Lord
January 12, 2025
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

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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/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 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! The reverse side of the card has space for prayer requests as well. You can drop your card in the offering baskets or the Welcome desk in the entryway. Thank you!

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

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The Heritage Room will be open TODAY after worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL *“Baptized in Water”* ELW #456

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

ELW p. 147-148

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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.148-149

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you; we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the God and Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7, Pew Bible OT p.687

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17, Pew NT p.119
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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CHILDREN MESSAGE Stacy Johnson

ALLELUIA ELW p.151
**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, Pew Bible NT p.56
The Gospel according to St. Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel – the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *“Are You Willing to Point People to Jesus?”* Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *“I Love to Tell the Story”* ELW #661

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”* Hymn #186

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions – all signs of your gracious love. Receive them back for the sake of Him who gave himself for us: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

ELW #543

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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

- Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and love in the past year as Dale has been battling cancer and cancer treatments. It is much appreciated! Dale and Pat Williams
- Continued prayers for Mirza Baig as he recovers from a serious stroke.

Attendance: January 5; Sanctuary –115, FB – 315, YouTube –64, Tues- 13 = 507

Get a 2nd dose of this service online on both Facebook and You Tube or by watching local Channel 10 (CLTV) on Sundays. At 10 am you'll see last week's service

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.



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 7PM CLLC WELCOMES
WARTBURG COLLEGE,**

CASTLE SINGERS AND
KAMMERSTREICHER

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Chisago Lake Lutheran Church is excited to welcome the highly acclaimed Wartburg College Castle singers and Kammerstreicher Chamber Orchestra for a free will concert on Saturday, Feb. 8th at 7:00 pm and again for special music for our 9:00 am worship service that Sunday, Feb. 9, all coinciding with our "Grumpy Old Men" service as part of the annual Chisago Lakes Celebration of the Lakes. Make plans now to join us for this amazing concert!

NEEDED! We are still in need of a few families who would be willing to house two or more students overnight that Saturday. If you would be willing to help with this need, please sign up on the clipboard that will be available during worship or in the office. Thanks! 😊



This year, we are excited about the significant developments for our Chisago Lakes Community Meal as we work towards establishing it as a nonprofit organization. To achieve this objective, we require considerable human and financial resources. If you know individuals with the necessary skills and experience who may be interested in contributing, please contact Jamie Carlson at jamielcarlson@live.com or 651-200-1867 to discuss these

opportunities further.

Additionally, we are seeking individuals with expertise in grants and grant writing.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING AS WE CELEBRATE MISSION AND MINISTRY AT CLLC, SUNDAY, JANUARY 26. Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our 171st year of mission and ministry here at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, immediately following worship on Sunday, January 26 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 AM. Come see what God has done through CLLC over the past year and help chart the next chapter as we elect new leaders for the Church Council and our various ministry committees/teams. We invite everyone to "Come and See" the "New thing" God is doing in our midst in this next season of mission and ministry.

NEWBORN KIT NEEDS! Every year several hundred Newborn kits are assembled, packaged and sent off to areas of need. We are in the process now of collecting needed items, they may be placed in the bin in the church entryway:

- Ivory bar soap, blue label
- Onesies or baby t-shirts (new or gently used)
- Washcloths and bath towels (new or gently used)
- Ziploc sandwich bags
- Cash, if you prefer

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

Sunday, January 12

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am – New Member Class, Green Room
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

- 6:00 pm –Confirmation

Thursday, January 16

- 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast, Swedish Inn
- 11am-6pm – [Traditional Swedish Dinner at Christ Luth. in Marine on St. Croix](#)
- 7:00 pm – Church Council meeting

Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 am – Communion Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School/New Member Class
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Carter Heinsch

Ushers: Steve Sontag, Dale Bahn, Jim Peterson, and Lee Peterson

Reader: Katie Schmidt

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Technician: Brayden Bresnahan

Offering Assistants: Lori Sampson and Katie Schmidt

Coffee Servers: Chris Knight and Rich Whitman

Thank You to everyone who donated items for our Joy Baskets!! The youth assembled them, and Pastor Brian delivered them on his visits. So many people expressed their appreciation! Thanks for caring for our community of faith!