



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15th, 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
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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 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!

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

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

ELW Hymn #665

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.

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ELW p. 147-148

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 his 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. 149-150

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all
creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb
forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his
reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7, Pew Bible OT p.650

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Pew Bible NT p.157

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

ELW p. 151

The Gospel according to John.

Glory to you of Lord.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:29-42, Pew Bible NT p. 86

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Brian

SERMON

"Come and See!"

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"I Love to Tell the Story"* ELW Hymn #661

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* ELW Hymn #186

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

Communion Distribution – Please come forward as instructed or alert the ushers if you would like the elements brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW Hymn #462

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

ELW Hymn #492

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**

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

ELW Hymn #314

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

***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!***

JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND MINISTRY (Formerly known as the Annual Meeting) SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our 169th year of mission and ministry here at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church immediately following worship on Sunday, January 29 in the Fellowship Hall. Come see a special video of what God has done through Chisago Lake Lutheran 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 and as we allocate the resources that will fuel our worship, outreach, service and evangelism in the coming year. We invite everyone to "Come and See" the "New thing" God is doing in our midst in this next season of mission and ministry!

TAKE THE PASTOR'S CHALLENGE!

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God gives us 168 hours each week to live our lives to the fullest with every second of every minute of every hour of every day as a precious gift. In response to the gift and blessing of this life, why not respond to God's grace by giving back in the form of **at least one hour each week in public worship** (so that you might encourage and connect with other believers and followers of Jesus); **at least one hour each week in Bible study** (so that you might grow in your understanding of God's Word and God's will for your life); and **at least one hour each week in dedicated Christian service to others** (so that you might use your blessings to be a blessing to others). This is an invitation and challenge to be part of what God is doing through the mission and ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church and beyond!

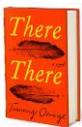
Join Our New "Word Alive" Men's/Women's Bible Study!



Want to go deeper (with God's Word, not snow)? Join Pastor Brian each **Monday at Noon in the Green Room**. Each week we will be taking a sneak peek at the readings for the following Sunday. This is an informal gathering to delve deeper into the upcoming readings for the next Sunday. Feel free to join us for your lunch break and bring your lunch if you desire!

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

At one point or another, everyone struggles with life's biggest questions. Chisago Lake Lutheran Church is offering Alpha Course **Sundays 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 talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation and lasts about 60 minutes. This is an incredibly engaging and relevant series and an excellent resource and experience for anyone!



New Book Club Read- There, There by Tommy Orange is the next book the CLLC Book Group will read. We will discuss the book on **Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.** on zoom. Please contact Bonnie Anderson (brinkanderson@gmail.com) for the zoom link.

The January-April Bible Study in the Women of the ELCA Gather Magazine is a study of The Ten Commandments.

Our congregation has two circle groups that will be meeting monthly for these lessons: Groups are always open to anyone who wishes to join in some friendly time together studying the Bible!

- 1) Faith Circle meets at a member's home on January 17th at 1:00pm. Contact person is Judy Nelson at 651-2571788.
- 2) Glory Circle meets at church on January 24th from 1:30-3:00pm. Contact person is Nancy Schoon at 651-303-9648.

A one-year gift subscription is available to any church member who is interested in subscribing to the magazine. Contact Sue Abrahamson in the church office.

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@chisagolakelutheran.org if interested, or contact the office.



Visitation: We are starting up again with the **Lay visitation/home communion** ministry team at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. If you would like more information and are interested in joining this important fulfilling ministry please contact Pastor Brian at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org or contact the office.

Community Meals: The Chisago Lakes Community Meal Board is seeking to fill a board position for someone to represent our congregation, Chisago Lake Lutheran. The board meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 am at Zion Lutheran Church, Chicago City. Each member on the board is asked to serve a two year term. The board

reviews the policies and finances of the Community Meal as well as gives input into procedures and changes needed in the week to week operation of the Community Meal. Please contact Bonnie Anderson if you are interested in filling that board position for the next two years. (Bonnie Anderson 651-257-2467, brinkanderson@gmail.com)

There is also a need for a caller! Someone from our congregation to enlist volunteers (from CLLC) for the nights that the area churches serve the Community Meal. Please contact Bonnie if you are interested.

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!

In Gratitude

Thank you, Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, for your generosity of providing quilts to the families we serve. Your continuous donation of yearly quilts is appreciated. The families we serve, and Family Pathways are thankful for your generosity.

Thank You, **Family Pathways Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program**

Thank you to those who donated, the youth who helped assemble, and Pastor Brian for delivering **Joy Baskets** for Christmas. Those who received them expressed sincere gratitude for the treats, small gifts, and the visit!

CELEBRATION OF THE LAKES EVENTS

Lasagna To-Go! The youth will again be offering a **Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser** on **Saturday, February 11th from 4-6:00pm**. It will be served To-Go style from the lower parking lot. It includes a full meal of lasagna, breadstick, fruit cup and dessert with a suggested price of \$7/ meal or \$25/family. Proceeds will go toward youth and summer camping experiences. Reservations are appreciated but not required. Call or email the office to reserve!

Grumpy Old Men Worship Service is coming back! Sunday, February 12th, at 9:00am we will again be holding a Grumpy Old Men themed worship service. Dig out your flannel (not required!) and join us for a little fun during worship service!



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

- Bev Luckow, sister of Midge Nelson, prayers to give the doctors wisdom in treating her continuing health issues.
- Prayers and condolences for Mark and Anna Burch and family on the passing of Mark's mom, MaryAnn Burch, on December 30th.
- 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.

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

1-8-23 Attendance =466; Sanctuary –116, Facebook – 321, YouTube –29

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, January 15th**
 - 9:00 am -Worship
 - 10:15 am -Sunday School
 - 10:15 am -Alpha
 - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous in the Fellowship Hall
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- **Monday, January 16th**
 - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
 - 12:00 pm – Men's and Women's Bible Study

- **Tuesday, January 17th**
 - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

- **Wednesday, January 18th**
 - 10:00 am Staff Meeting – Office
 - 3:00 pm -6th and 7th Grade Confirmation
 - 3:00 pm– 8th Grade Confirmation –Trinity
 - 5:00 pm-Tree of Life Choir

- **Thursday, January 19th**
 - 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast, Swedish Inn
 - 7:00 pm –Church Council

- **Friday, January 20th**
 - 11:00 am Narcotics Anonymous
 - 5:00 pm –Wedding rehearsal

- **Saturday, January 21st**
 - 5:00 pm –Goranson/Lemon Wedding

- **Sunday, January 22nd**
 - 9:00 am - Worship
 - 10:15 am -Sunday School
 - 10:15 am -Alpha
 - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Pastor Brian – revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org

Sue – office@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stacy – youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stephanie- finance@chisagolakelutheran.org

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Weston

Reader: Lisa Schmidt

Acolytes: Dylan Lindahl and Khloe Bresnahan

Altar Guild: Pat Williams and Judy Nelson

Coffee Servers: Pam Carlson and Jodi Gechart

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: John Nelson, Connor Bresnahan, Daniel and Lincoln Perry

Communion and Offering Assistants: Lee Peterson and Chris Lundberg

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.

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."