



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 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 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.”
For your convenience, gluten-free wafers are available by request, and a non-alcoholic juice option is always available in the light-colored center cups for those who prefer.
- 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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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL *"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"* ELW #858

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

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.

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HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p. 149

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Isaiah 62:1-5, Pew Bible NT p. 709

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

John 2:1-11, Pew Bible NT p.87

The Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord

This is the Gospel – the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“A Lesson from a Mule”

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW#638

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“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.**

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LAMB OF GOD

ELW p. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*"Taste and See"
"One Bread, One Body"*

ELW #493

ELW #496

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Attendance: January 12; Sanctuary – 103, FB – 206, YouTube – 75, Tuesday - 9 = 393

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
- Neil Paulson's uncle Randy is getting his liver transplant on January 27! Please pray for him, his surgical team, and his donor.
- Continued prayers for Mirza Baig as he recovers from a serious stroke.

JOIN US FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND MINISTRY.

THE 171st ANNUAL METTING OF CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL BE SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH AT 10:15 AM.

Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for our 171st year of mission and ministry here at CLLC, immediately following worship on Sunday, January 26 in the Fellowship Hall. 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!

*****There will be an informal discussion of the 2025 Proposed Budget here in the sanctuary following worship service. Anyone is invited to have a look at the budget and be a part of the discussion. Join us! *****

Gather Women's Bible Study: January: Ruth and Naomi.



Ruth chooses to remain part of Naomi's family, even after Naomi has lost everything – including her husband and sons. This intergenerational story of faithfulness during emptiness and sorrow helps us learn how to rely on God in bleak times.

Faith Circle meets at a member's home **January 21 at 1:00pm.**

Contact Judy Nelson at 651-257-1788. **Glory Circle** meets at church **January 28 from 1:30-3pm.** Contact Nancy Schoon at 651-303-9648.

Note of gratitude:

Dear Chisago Lake Lutheran Quilters,

On behalf of the St Cloud VA patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of quilts.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans.

Thank you for your continued support and advocacy.

Sincerely, Daniel Ball, Director, Center for Development and Civic Engagement

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.



THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

Sunday, January 19

- o 9:00 am – Communion Worship Service
- o 10:00 am – 2025 Proposed Budget discussion - Sanctuary
- o 10:00 am – Fellowship
- o 10:15 am – Sunday School/ New Member Class, Green Room
- o 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, January 20

- o **NO** Quilters today
- o Noon – Men's/Women's Bible Study
- o 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday, January 21

- o 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship service
- o 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, January 22

- o 6:00 pm – Confirmation

Thursday, January 23

- o 8:00 am – Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn

Sunday, January 26

- o 9:00 am – Worship Service
- o 10:15 am – Sunday School
- o 10:15 am – **Annual Meeting**
- o 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Khloe Bresnahan and Dylan Lindahl

Reader: Lisa Schmidt

Ushers: John Nelson, Anothony Weber, Daniel and Dalton Perry

Altar Guild: Karen Campbell and Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Tech: Brayden Bresnahan

Communion/Offering Assistants: Steve Grossmann, Lee Peterson, & Chris Knight

Coffee Servers: Dave and Kathy Reed