



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 22nd, 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

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 who are hearing impaired at the front entrance when you enter. Please see an usher for guidance.
- 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
 We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
 We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
 Free us from our sin, gracious God.
 Listen when we call out to you for help.
 Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
 Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are forgiven through the love, grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ. In Him may you know you are loved, you are forgiven, you are family, and you are free. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

ELW Hymn #413

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 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.

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

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4, Pew Bible OT p. 651

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Pew Bible NT p.157

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

ELW p.151

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

The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you of Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23, Pew Bible NT p.3

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

"Are You a Contagious Christian?"

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Here I Am, Lord"

ELW Hymn #574

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERING – Meditation & Generosity

OFFERTORY *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

ELW Hymn #186

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.**

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *“Christ, Be Our Light”*

ELW Hymn #715

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 life, mission and ministry! Printed Annual Reports are available in the entryway. The Report is also available on the website and in emailed News and Events.

TAKE THE PASTOR'S CHALLENGE!

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!





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 the 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!

BIBLE STUDIES

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!

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

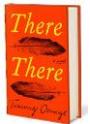
Commandments. Our congregation has two circle groups that will be meeting monthly for these lessons: Groups are always open to anyone who wishes to join in some friendly time together studying the Bible!

- 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.



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



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 before worship. 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 30 minutes early and take about 5 minutes total. Email me at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org if interested, or contact the office.

Visitation: We are again starting up with our “**Caring Hands**” Lay visitation/home communion ministry team at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. If you would like more information on this essential ministry and are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Brian at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org or contact the office. This ministry starts up again in February.

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: We are 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**

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. **Reserve** by signing up in the narthex or emailing or calling the office.

Youth! can sign up to help in the narthex, with Stacy or through office.

Grumpy Old Men Worship Service is coming back! Although we may be known as such, we like to say: we are far from grumpy, not all old and definitely not all men! A *Grumpy Old Men* themed worship service will be held in during the Celebration of the Lakes weekend, **Sunday, February 12th, at 9:00am**. 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.*)

- We offer our deepest sympathies to family and friends on the passing Darlene Reed. May God continue to hold the Reed family and friends in His care as they mourn their loss of Darlene.
- Bev Luckow, sister of Midge Nelson, prayers to give the doctors wisdom in treating her continuing health issues.
- 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.

PASTORAL CARE- Just a reminder, please let us know if there is someone who is sick or hospitalized or for any other reason, would like a visit from Pastor Brian. You can contact the office or Pastor Brian directly. revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org or 319-883-0178

UPDATE ON ENVELOPES- Unfortunately the boxes of envelopes for giving are still delayed from the company who makes them, due to supply issues and trouble finding employees.

They are estimating mid-March before they will be here. In the meantime feel free to use last years envelopes you may have, an ordinary envelope, or one from the pew, labeling them clearly with name. As always, there is the option of on-line giving.

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

THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

- **Sunday, January 22nd**
 - 9:00 am Worship
 - 10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship
 - 10:15 am Alpha in Green Room
 - 10:15 am Sunday School
 - 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, January 23rd**
 - 12:00 pm Word Alive Bible Study in Green Room
 - 4:00 pm Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
 - 6:00 pm 4-H Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- **Tuesday, January 24th**
 - 1:30 Gather Bible Study in the Green Room
 - 7:00 pm AI-Anon in the Undercroft
- **Wednesday, January 25th**
 - 10:00 am Staff Meeting in Office
 - 5:00 pm Tree of Life Choir
 - 6:30 pm Mentoring for Confirmation students

- **Thursday, January 26th**
 - 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Swedish Inn
- **Friday, January 27th**
 - 11:00 am Narcotics Anonymous
- **Saturday, January 28th**
 - 10:00 am Visitation Deanna Bulen
 - 11:00 am Funeral for Deanna
- **Sunday, January 29th**
 - 9:00 am Worship
 - 10:00 am Celebration of Mission and Ministry (aka. Annual Meeting)
 - 10:15 am Sunday School
 - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

1-15-23 Attendance = 367 - Sanctuary – 92 Facebook – 258 YouTube – 17

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."

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Reader: Anna Burch

Acolytes: Brody Sogard

Altar Guild: Karen Campbell and Donna Grossmann

Coffee Servers: Lee and Jennifer Peterson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Mark and Anna Burch, Mark Wolcott, and Scott Lundberg

Offering Assistants: Jamie Carlson and Dave Johnson

