



# CHISAGO LAKE

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# LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Epiphany  
January 29<sup>nd</sup>, 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 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**

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 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.**

GATHERING HYMN

*“Earth and All Stars”*

ELW Hymn #731

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.

**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

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8, Pew Bible OT p. 886

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Pew Bible NT p.158

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, O Lord.**

#### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12, Pew Bible NT p.4

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

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

#### SERMON

*"Please Pass the Salt!"*

Pastor Brian

## 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.**

## 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 – Meditation &amp; Generosity

## OFFERTORY

*“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

ELW Hymn #186

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* ELW #551

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 today as we celebrate and give thanks for our 169<sup>th</sup> 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 the News and Events email.

## 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 STUDY

**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!

### CELEBRATION OF THE LAKES EVENTS

**Lasagna To-Go!** Come grab a meal after a day of activities! The youth will again be offering a **Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:00pm.** It will be served To-Go style from the lower parking lot. Included is 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, emailing or calling the office.

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

## Grumpy Old Men Worship Service



Are you ready to wear your flannel shirts to church? Ladies, put on a snow hat and you won't have to do your hair? Men, just think, you won't even have to shave! Well, here's your chance. A **Grumpy Old Men** themed worship service will be held during the Celebration of the Lakes weekend,

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am.** We encourage ice fishing gear attire (flannels, boots, tackle boxes, etc.). Make it fun. This is the 3rd time we've had the Grumpy Old Men Worship Service. The film's wedding scene from the first movie was filmed here in 1993, we'll be celebrating 30 years this year. The stars, Walter Matthau, Jack Lemmon, Burgess Merideth, and Ann Margaret were in the wedding scene. Many members of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church were hired as movie wedding scene extras. We'll have our Heritage Room open, with the special "Green Hornet" fishing rod used by Walter Matthau in the movie. The picture above shows the dedication of the rod from Todd Angel to Sally Barott for the church history collection. Other pictures/posters and more memories from that year will be on display to share with you.

**Souper Bowl of Caring** began in 1990, with a simple prayer from a single youth group:



**“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”**

Since then, more than \$174 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. A Noisy Offering will be collected on **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, and will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice: **Family Pathways Food Shelf.**

**Valentine's Day Brunch** at Country Bed and Breakfast in Shafer. **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, Sally Barott is offering a Swedish waffle bar complete with heart shaped waffles, an assortment of toppings, fresh fruit, juice, stuffed eggs, assorted Valentine's sweets and fresh coffee. Cost is \$20 with seatings at 10:30am and 1:00pm. Reservations are required, so reserve now for a day with someone you love!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org) or contact the office. This ministry starts up again in February.

**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

**Chisago Lakes Community Meal** would like to thank and acknowledge your donation. Your generous support makes it possible for us to provide a free meal and a social outlet to members of our community every Monday night. In addition to providing meals, your support allows us to provide volunteer opportunity for numerous groups in our community. Churches like you make our community a great place to live!

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

- We offer our deepest sympathies to family and friends on the passing Deanna Bulen, mother of Amy Wakefield. Her funeral was here yesterday. May God continue to hold family and friends of Deanna in His care as they mourn their loss of Deanna.
- Gretchen Hanson, prayers for strength and healing with her upcoming surgery.
- Bev Luckow, sister of Midge Nelson, prayers to give the doctors wisdom in treating her continuing health issues.
- Collette Campbell, daughter of Linda Lindgren, she is now settled in a group home in Pine City, prayers for gaining strength.
- Aspen, 6 year old granddaughter of Linda Lindgren, who has a new insulin pump, prayers for continued management of her Type 1 diabetes.

- Hannah Turner, wife of Matt Turner, daughter in law of Lee & Karen Turner, prayers for wellness and healing are requested in continued battle with blood clots.
- 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](mailto: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. In the meantime, feel free to use last year's 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](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

### **THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:**

- **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:00 am Worship
  - 10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship
  - 10:00 Celebration of Mission and Ministry (Annual Meeting)
  - 10:15 am Sunday School
  - 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - 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 31<sup>st</sup>**
  - 7:00 pm Al-Anon in the Undercroft
  
- **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - 10:00 am Staff Meeting in Office
  - 3:00 pm 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
  - 3:00 pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation at Trinity
  - 5:00 pm Tree of Life Choir
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- **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**
  - 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Swedish Inn
  
- **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**
  - 11:00 am Narcotics Anonymous
  
- **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:00 am Worship
  - 10:15 am Alpha Course in Green Room
  - 10:15 am Sunday School
  - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

**1-22-23 Attendance = 367 Sanctuary- 101 Facebook – 334 YouTube – 31**

**Like, Follow, and Share our posts on Facebook to help us reach even more people with the Gospel – the good news about Jesus!**

### **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."

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.

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#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist:

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Acolytes: Cooper Peterson

Altar Guild: Karen Campbell and Donna Grossmann

Coffee Servers: John and Marlee Eret

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Erica Paffel, Debbie Hall, Chris Knight and Rich Whitman

Offering Assistants: Chris Lundberg and Chris Knight

