



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Baptism of Our Lord

January 8th, 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.
- 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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

ELW Hymn #858

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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 42:1-9, Pew Bible OT p. 686

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43, Pew Bible NT p. 122

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17, Pew Bible NT p. 3

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON *"We are Loved and We are Family"*

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"We Are Called"*

ELW Hymn #720

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

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW Hymn #881

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

***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!***

Parsonage Open House Today!

All are invited to join Pastor Brian at the parsonage today any time between Noon – 2:00 p.m. for coffee/juice and cookies and a chance to tour the remodeled parsonage. Built in 1907, the Chisago Lake Lutheran parsonage has a rich history and has been a prominent part of the Center City community for well over 100 years. Come and see it for the first time or come to see the recent updates and work that has been completed through the hard work of our Property Committee. Pastor Brian, Jen and their family are truly grateful for all the hard work and effort that has been put into this labor of love and are eager to share it with the Chisago Lake family!

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 beginning Monday, January 9**. We will meet in the Green Room. Each week we will be taking a sneak peek at the readings for the following Sunday. This Bible study is open to both men and women of all ages – those still working and those who are re-purposed (the Bible doesn’t actually mention

retirement 😊). Just bring your own Bible or use the Bible app on your phone – no experience or preparation necessary. Just show up, read the texts with those who are present, and enjoy the collective questions, insights, stories, and experiences of the group. We encourage those who work locally and can get away for an hour to join us. Bring your own lunch (or not). This is very informal, but we will start on time and end on time for those who are taking a working lunch. Whether you haven't even picked up a copy of "The Bible for Dummies" or you are a seminary educated Bible scholar, you'll find this is a great way to go deeper in God's Word, grow your engagement with the Bible, and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding for what is proclaimed on Sunday mornings. Mark your calendars now, invite your friends and co-workers and watch God do a new thing in your life!

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



At one point or another, everyone struggles with life's biggest questions. Questions about faith, purpose, hope, and meaning. If you're wrestling with some of those questions right now, you don't have to go it alone. Alpha is a series of sessions that typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and

everyone is welcome. Chisago Lake Lutheran Church will offer its first Alpha Course beginning **Sunday, January 8th 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 session lasts about 60 minutes. Contact Pastor Brian revdup@chisagolakeluthern.org with questions or if you would like to be involved as a possible small group facilitator. This is an incredibly engaging and relevant series and an excellent resource and experience for anyone - especially people who are new to the Christian faith or seeking to deepen their faith.

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.

Annual Meeting: Join us for the 169th Annual Meeting for Chisago Lake Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, January 29th, 2023** directly following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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 will be 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 ministry please contact Pastor Brian at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org or contact the office. ***There will be a brief informational/orientation meeting this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the Green Room.***

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!

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant - The people of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church join together in sharing our profound thanks for the faithful service and ministry of **Louise Angrimson** as she retires after 24 years as our office coordinator. Louise has made a profound impact on all of us - past and present members, staff and community partners who have all been blessed by her warmth, positive attitude, faithfulness and professionalism. We all join in saying: "well done, good and faithful servant!" May God richly bless you as enter a new season of life!

Heartfelt Thanks - Our family wants to thank all of the members of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church for your hospitality and the warm welcome we have received since I began service as your new Pastor on November 14. We are truly grateful for all the work that has been done on the parsonage, all the kind notes and housewarming gifts that have been shared, for your patience as we learn people's names and our way around this beautiful area, and for your understanding and support as we navigate a commuting relationship for a season. We pray each of you and your families had a safe, joyful, and truly meaningful Christmas and that God will richly bless you in the year to come! **Pastor Brian and Jen**

Thank You – Last year Louise, Lee Turner and I put together Usher Teams for June through

December. Lee, though quite busy with Cemetery business still helped as a substitute and I used him many times, thank you Lee! Ushering schedules are made out January through June and July through December. I want to thank the June through December teams who are now having some time off; unless I call on you to be a substitute! I especially appreciate when someone couldn't be there, their contacting me to find a replacement. You all make me look good.

Also, thank you to Louise for all the help and guidance she gave me throughout these months in getting the teams ready for January through June, this schedule begins today. Thank you all for coming forward to be ushers.

I would also like to thank Sue Abrahamson for helping me as Louise is retiring, we didn't miss a step. All the new schedules were emailed out to the ushers for the coming months. Pastor Brian calls me the "Head Usher", but I'm just one of the group.

Thanks again for everything. **Jerry Vitalis** 257-4496

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

- 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.

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 CLLC:

- **Sunday, January 8th**
 - 9:00 am -Worship

- 10:00 am –Coffee and Fellowship
- 10:15 am –Alpha in Green Room
- 10:15 am -Sunday School
- 4:30 pm –Lay Visitation Team Orientation in the Green Room
- 7:00 pm -Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

- **Monday, January 9th**
 - 12:00 pm –Word Alive Bible Study in Green Room
 - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
 - 6:00 pm -Worship & Music Committee
 - 6:00 pm 4-H Meeting in Fellowship Hall

- **Tuesday, January 10th**
 - 6:00 pm Property Committee
 - 6:30 pm -3M Committee in Office
 - 7:00 pm -Youth Committee
 - 7:00 pm -Finance Committee in office
 - 7:00 pm -AI-Anon in the Undercroft

- **Wednesday, January 11th**
 - 10:00 am Staff Meeting in Office
 - 3:00 pm 6th and 7th Grade Confirmation
 - 3:00 8th Grade Confirmation at Trinity
 - 5:00 pm Tree of Life Choir or Confirmation

- **Thursday, January 12th**
 - 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Swedish Inn

- **Friday, December 16th**
 - 11:00 am –Narcotics Anonymous

- **Sunday, December 18th**
 - 9:00 am - Worship with Holy Communion
 - 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

1-1-23 Attendance = 205 - Sanctuary – 59 Facebook – 110 YouTube – 36

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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Kay Oien

Reader: LouAnn Mattson

Acolytes: Haldon Briggs and Wyatt Schneider

Altar Guild: Karen Campbell and Donna Grossmann

Coffee Servers: Marlee and John Eret

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

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

Offering Assistants: Dave Johnson and Chris Knight

STAFF EMAILS

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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."