



21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17th, 2021
9:00 am

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Center City, MN
ELCA

WELCOME TO CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We are glad you are here. At Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, we are “Grounded in the Gospel, Guided by the Spirit.”. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and strive to be God’s hands active in the world. While we are a church with a rich history, we are also a church for today.

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.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

#756 Vv. 1,3,4

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

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

RESPONSE:

The gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

#620 Vv. 1,2,6

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*You are invited to give to Chisago Lake Lutheran online at:
<https://www.chisagolakelutheran.org/online-giving.html>*

*You can also send your offering to the church:
1 Summit Ave, PO Box 175
Center City, MN 55012*

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

You are invited to share the bread and the wine using the individually wrapped wafers and grape juice. Please discard the cups as you leave the sanctuary.

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

The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

#551 Vv. 1,2,4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us following the service for coffee and treats in the Fellowship Hall on the 2nd level of the building. All are welcome!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Coffee Server: Marlee Eret

Greeters:

Guest Accompanist: Julie Lauritzen

Readers: Connor & Brayden Bresnahan

Usher: Jerry Vitalis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What about Calling a Pastor? “We have Pastor Steve, and I’m glad he’s here, he’s super, but aren’t we going to have a call committee for a permanent pastor?” Well, yes, of course we will, in time. It’s a four-phase process, and the St. Paul Synod has guidelines for each phase. We’re now in Phase II, with only two phases yet to come: Calling the New Pastor, and Beginning New Ministry.

Phase One was a one-three month process where we said farewell to our former pastor and worked with synod staff (Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, who will continue to help us) to hire Pastor Steve Cruys. We were on the very low end of the one-three months’ time span for this phase.

Phase Two is called Ministry Site Exploration. We did this three-four years ago with Pastor Steve Molin. This phase lasts three-twelve months. In this phase we work with our interim pastor to continue and strengthen our ministry. We select a Mission Exploration Team to work with Pastor, the synod, and our congregation to develop a Ministry Site Plan. Once the exploration and plan are completed, then a call committee will be formed.

“We did this whole business with the Holy Cow Survey and the Site Plan not that long ago, and the Renewal Team just did another survey. Can’t we just go straight to a new call?” Time sure flies, doesn’t it? Sometimes a year seems like a day, especially when our church is 160+ years old, and we know how to do church. Other times it drags, especially when it’s a Plague Year or two, and we’re anxious to get back to normal, whatever that was.

It’s hard to remember how far we’ve come and how much has changed since we last completed this process. Here are some reminders: new staff members, new online worship opportunities with increased participation, a miserably long year without hugs and handshakes, the (mostly) welcome addition of Zoom meetings, burials without funerals, drive-in Easter, weddings with few guests and no receptions, outdoor VBS, the very welcome blessings of large bequests that ensure enduring stability, Sunday School in pajamas, socially distanced worship services, and no Wednesday night soup. I miss the soup. It’s taking some doing to re-form and reform our practices for the After Plague Time, should it ever fully arrive.

Lutherans are good at reformation, but we do need to take time to gather our wits, our wishes, our dreams, and our hopes. We need to recognize what we value, and the Renewal Team has some potential answers for us. We need to recognize what we’ve learned lately, and how the newly different world around us helps to define our mission. We need to ask God what we are about to become, and then do our best to become whatever that is. We need to work through this phase toward our next beginning together. Everyone is welcome to join a committee, a working group, the Mission Exploration Team, run for Council, and/or contribute ideas and questions. Next question, please?

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Openings Remain on the Constitution Revision Team *"Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is, some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few are to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention."*— Francis Bacon, *The Essays*.

So it is with our congregation's constitution. Some parts need only a taste, just to remind us why we are here. Those parts are in the beginning; they define us, our beliefs, and our relationships. Others we take as a matter of course; we accept what they say and exercise our powers accordingly. A few require diligent attention, for example, the sections on pastors, annual meetings, the council and officers, and committees. Our Constitution Revision Team will first bring our document into compliance with the ELCA's guidelines. The changes may be found in any of the sections, but they should be simple to amend. Second, they will look for errors or omissions; they will be our editors. Don't cringe; editing can be fun, especially with a group. Most importantly, they will pay diligent attention to those sections which guide our daily practices: those which deal with *how* we carry out our mission through staff, committees, and finances.

Our current constitution is on our website or available in hard copy from the church office. It deserves your attention, even those parts that only need a tasting. As you graze your way through it, ask yourself which parts agree with you and which parts are harder to digest. Which would you spice up a bit or do without altogether? You and your ideas have a place at the revision table. Feel free to call or write with questions, concerns, or to reserve your place. Time and date to be announced.

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The CLLC Tree of Life Children's' Choir Will Be Starting Up Soon! Join us on Wednesday, October 27th from 5 to 6 PM in the Sanctuary. We are excited to announce Barbara Yotter will be the Children's Choir Director. For more information, email Julie Riemer at music@chisagolakelutheran.org.

Midwife Kit Needs! While you are out shopping, PLEASE pick up 2 to 2½ gallon Ziploc bags, boxes of Ziploc sandwich bags, and bars of basic Ivory soap w/blue on the packaging. There is a bin in the Narthex for your donations to be dropped off.

BAKE, CRAFT & SELL - The 20th Annual CLLC Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale is Saturday, December 4th from 9 am to 3 pm. Now is the time to start planning what you would like to bake, make or donate! We will need bakery items, homemade crafts for the church to sell, and any treasures (except furniture) you would like to donate to the antiques sale at the Bazaar. You may drop off your antiques any time the church office is open. Please contact the church office with any questions.

CLLC Book Club

What is the CLLC Book Club? We are a group of CLLC Christians who believe that all people are part of God's creation and that all people deserve justice. We seek to develop a deeper understanding about the injustices and experiences of our Black, Brown and Native brothers and sisters in Christ through reading books, watching videos, and having conversation with each other.

The CLLC Book Club will meet on Zoom on Monday, October 18th at 7 pm.

We will be reading *Stay with Me* by Ayobami Adebayo. If you'd like to attend, please contact Bonnie Anderson, brinkanderson@gmail.com.

River Valley Christian Women's Connection annual luncheon is Monday, October 18th at 11:30 am at the Alliance Church of the Valley in St. Croix Falls, WI. This year's theme is being an Overcomer and the cost is \$13/person. Reservations are required by Oct. 9th. Call Sharon at 612-718-8546 with questions or to make your reservation.

Veterans Coffee Talk (note location/date change) – North Branch American Legion Post 85 at 6439 Elm St, North Branch, MN **3rd Tuesday of every Month 9-10 am**. October 19th will be the next Coffee Talk. Meet other veterans, build friendships, listen to their experiences. Everyone is welcome.

Beers & Hymns sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church-Lindstrom is scheduled for Sunday, October 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the Uncommon Loon Brewery in Chisago City. Watch for additional information. All are welcome!

Invitation to Sing at TF Lighting Festival Vespers! Singers from the community are invited to sing in the Ecumenical Choral Vesper Service on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM as part of the Taylors Falls Lighting Festival. Tyler Olson will direct the choir and Pat Remer will be the accompanist. Five rehearsal sessions will be held at Taylors Falls United Methodist Church, 290 W Government St on Sunday evenings starting mid-October. Due to Covid concerns, masks will be required at all rehearsals and the event. Contact wymd@aol.com with your name, phone and voice range. Call Barbara Young, TF Lighting Festival, 651-465-6635 for additional information.

You can reach staff via phone (651-257-6300) or email to:

Pastor Steve – pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org

Bridget/Louise – office@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stacy – youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stephanie – finance@chisagolakelutheran.org

Julie – music@chisagolakelutheran.org

Bev or Bob – call the church office if you need to reach either of them

Gather Bible Study - Fall 2021: The Gift of the Spirit (2 of 3 sessions remaining)
Tuesdays: October 26 and November 23 – 1:30-3:00 pm at CLLC

Rev. Sara Olson-Smith, associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa, will lead us on our own divine Wild Goose chase. We'll track the Holy Spirit's actions throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. We'll explore how the Spirit moves God's people into adventures we would never dare risk on our own.

Session 2: Breath of God: Reviver and Reformer

Session 3: Wind of God: Refiner and Re-router

This study is open to women of all ages. Scholarships for first-time subscribers to *Gather* Magazine are available through our local Women of the ELCA Unit. If you have questions, contact Barbara Wikelius at bjwikelius@gmail.com or 651-257-5892.

Current Ways to Give

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.

There are various ways you can continue to give to CLLC:

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

PRAYER CONCERNS (continued on back)

- Sympathy and prayers for Glenda Nyberg and family on the passing of her husband Dewey Nyberg on September 30th. Private services will be held at a later date. May you rest in peace Dewey.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with the Grossmann family as they mourn the loss of a family member. Joan's grandson, Nathan, passed away from Covid on September 29th in Florida at the age of 40 years. His father is Jim Grossmann and his Uncle & Aunt are Steve and Donna Grossmann. Joan asked to relay the message "please get vaccinated to protect yourself and others." May the Lord give them all comfort and peace in their time of bereavement.
- John Nelson, prayers for healing and recovery from a shoulder replacement surgery.
- Judy Lindahl, prayers for comfort and peace as she is currently in hospice care.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Tim Hawkinson, son of Ellen Hawkinson, recovering from a stroke & doing speech therapy.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments.
- Carrie Benson, continued healing and recovery from Covid.
- Jodi Medin, daughter-in-law of Delores Medin, peace and comfort through her ongoing melanoma treatments.
- Shirley Gustafson, prayers for healing and recovery from recent surgeries.

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, Oct. 17th** Sunday School for 3 years to 5th Grade at 10 AM
- **Sunday, Oct. 17th** Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, Oct. 18th** Quilting Group from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Undercroft
- **Monday, Oct. 18th** CLLC Book Club at 7 PM on Zoom
- **Thursday, Oct. 21st** Church Council Meeting at 7 PM in the Green Room

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 10/24/21:

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52