



22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24th, 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

"God, Whose Mighty Word"

#673 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

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he

offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaheus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

RESPONSE:

The gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”*

#779 Vv. 1,2,5

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

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

#820 Vv. 1,4

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!

***Please note there is NO Sunday School today following the service.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Coffee Servers: Connor Bresnahan & Pam Carlson

Greeter: Connor Bresnahan

Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer

Reader: Butch Johnson

Usher: Mike Carlson

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 Wednesday, Oct. 27th! 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.

Follow the Star to the CLLC Bethlehem Bakery*

Attention all Bakers: The yearly Bazaar is around the corner! Start thinking about what to bring to the CLLC Bazaar this year! We suggest these Swedish Christmas specialties: Rosettes, Lefsa, Tea Rings, Cardamom Bread, etc., they are all very popular items. Also, please bring Quick breads/Sweet breads (banana, cranberry, pumpkin, lemon), Yeast breads (wheat, rye, etc.). Cakes, bars, fudge, Spritz cookies by the dozen sell really well. Please put a note indicating what the baked item is, such as: banana bread, gingersnaps, Fantasy Fudge, and please list if any nuts in your baked items. We are also hoping for many Gluten-free baked items. **Please bring your goodies in the pan (or baggie) to the church kitchen on Friday, December 3rd. We are packing the cookies, breads, fudge, etc. at 1:00 pm on Friday.** Contact Judy Nelson at 651-257-1788 with any questions or call her if you would like to help pack the goodies on Friday.

A Men's Fellowship Group meets every Thursday morning at 8 AM for breakfast at Phil's Grill. If you are interested in joining, please talk to Butch Johnson or email him at lorens@writeme.com.

Newborn 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.

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!

Chain Reaction Theatre Project: *White Privilege* – this Sunday, October 24th at 3 PM at Faith Lutheran Church, Forest Lake. Real stories written by Malaina Moor & directed by Justin Cervantes, tells raw, true stories about the consequences of white privilege on the Black experience in America. Performed in a series of vignettes by both Black and white actors, the play explores a wide range of issues surrounding race, cultural appropriation, the education system and police brutality. Recommended for ages 13+ due to strong subject matter. Tickets are \$20 and proof of vaccination or negative CV test result required. For info/tickets: www.simpletix.com/e/white-privilege-faith-lutheran-church-tick-tickets-78758
Additional locations/dates/times are available online.

Pray & Play: *Serving God, Serving Others, Serving Our Country* – Area churches have joined together to bring you another Pray & Play Day! On Monday, November 8th from 9 AM to 2 PM at Trinity Lutheran-Lindstrom, we will learn about and from veterans, and how we serve others as people of faith. For 4 year olds thru 5th grade and the cost is just \$5 (includes craft materials & snack). Bring your own bag lunch. Watch your Sunday School emails for registration and more information.

Confirmation is back! Confirmation will be starting back up on Wednesdays for 7th and 8th graders. Contact Stacy for more information at youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org

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

If you have questions, contact Barbara Wikelius at bjwikelius@gmail.com or 651-257-5892

BAKE, CRAFT & DONATE - The 20th Annual CLLC Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale is Saturday, December 4th from 9 am to 3 pm. 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.

Veterans Coffee Talk – North Branch American Legion Post 85, 6439 Elm St, North Branch, MN - **3rd Tuesday of every Month 9-10 am.** November 16th will be the next Coffee Talk. Meet other veterans, build friendships, listen to their experiences. Everyone is 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. 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 wwymd@aol.com with your name, phone and voice range. Call Barbara Young, TF Lighting Festival, 651-465-6635 for additional information.

CLLC Book Club

What is the CLLC Book Club? A group of CLLC Christians who believe all people are part of God's creation and 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, November 29th at 7 pm. We will be reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. If you'd like to attend, please contact Bonnie Anderson, brinkanderson@gmail.com.

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

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

- Gretchen Hanson, prayers for healing and comfort following a recent surgery.
- Judy Lindahl, prayers for comfort and peace as she is currently in hospice care.
- Tim Hawkinson, son of Ellen Hawkinson, prayers for stroke recovery/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. 24th** NO Sunday School today – MEA Break
- **Sunday, Oct. 24th** Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, Oct. 25th** Quilting Group from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Undercroft
- **Tuesday, Oct. 26th** *Gather* Bible Study 1:30 to 3 PM at CLLC
- **Wednesday, Oct. 27th** Tree of Life Kids Choir 5 to 6 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Oct. 27th** Confirmation from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Thursday, Oct. 28th** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 10/31/21:

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading – Romans 3:19-28

Gospel – John 8:31-36