



## 19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 Is Here!”*

Hymn #526, 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 have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?"

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,<sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”

**RESPONSE:**

The gospel of our Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

Hymn #656, Vv.1-4

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    *"May the Road Rise To Meet You"*    An Irish Blessing - See Insert

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Coffee Server: Marlee Eret  
Greeters:  
Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer  
Reader: Jacob Peterson  
Usher: Jerry Vitalis

## ***An Irish Blessing***

May the road rise to meet you  
may the wind be at your back  
may the sun shine warm upon your face  
May the rain fall softly on your fields  
and until we meet again  
may you keep safe  
in the gentle loving arms of God

For everything there is a season  
a time for meeting  
a time to say goodbye  
In all things  
God is near  
Always guiding your way

May the sun make your days bright  
may the stars illuminate your night  
may the flowers bloom along your path  
your house stand firm against the storm  
and until we meet again  
may you keep safe  
in the gentle loving arms of God

For everything there is a season  
a time for loving  
a time for letting go  
In all things  
God is near  
Always guiding your way

May the road rise to meet you  
may the wind be at your back  
may the sun shine warm upon your face  
May the rain fall softly on your fields  
and until we meet again  
may you keep safe  
in the gentle loving arms of God

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayers of peace and comfort** to the family and friends of longtime member Delores Melquist who passed away on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the age of 98 years. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City at 11 am with burial to follow at Freya Cemetery in Grantsburg, WI.

### **Warm Welcome to Our New Interim Pastor Steve Cruys**



Pastor Steve Cruys is a native of Lindstrom, MN and a graduate of Chisago Lakes High School. After attending Augsburg University in Minneapolis, and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, he served congregations in Albert Lea, Kenyon and Nerstrand, all in MN. He then entered active duty as an Army chaplain. He served a total of 34 years in the Army prior to retiring in 2019. Steve, and his wife, Connie (also a Lindstrom native), currently reside in Scandia with their dog, Maxine. They have four grown daughters, five grandchildren, and one on the way. Pastor Steve enjoys motorcycle riding, classic car restoration, fishing and reading – especially history. He is also a diehard Vikings fan.

### **Tech Volunteers Needed**

Are you interested in gaining experience with Information Technology? Learn how to live stream with audio and video technology, create your own videos, mix your own music, create your own dynamic for your church family! This is a once in a lifetime experience and now is your chance to get in on the ground floor. Your church family needs your help and dedication to bring God's message to our online family. What a wonderful opportunity! Contact Julie by phone 715-338-1295 or email to [music@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:music@chisagolakelutheran.org) for more information.

### **Job Brief**

We are looking for a Director of Media & Communications. This is a part-time position approximately 15-20 hours/week and is responsible to design and implement videos, promotional material, and work as part of the team to promote our ministry. This person will need to be in attendance for all Sunday and mid-week services to ensure online live presentation and recorded for later viewing. This position will be responsible for creating original text and video content, as well as managing social media presence and accounts. Technical skills with the hardware & software for both stationary and mobile videography is a must. Excellent communication skills needed, as well as a desire to express the passion and ministries of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church creatively. Any interested parties should contact Pastor Steve Cruys at 651-257-6300 or send a resume to [pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@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.

**THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with Rally Day!** Thanks to everyone who jumped in and helped to pick up tables! A huge thanks to: Sue Abrahamson, for planning, prepping and serving the food, Judy Nelson for baking a bunch of extra cookies, for Rana Tharaldson for donating the water, for Stacey, Kara, Liam, and Logan Hall for coming early to help set up games and tables and for Linnea for help with prep, set up, and clean up.

**Sunday School** for 3 years (by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>) to 5<sup>th</sup> grade begins today from 10:00 to 10:45 am. Meet outside on the west side of the sanctuary weather permitting or inside the sanctuary if cold or rainy. Children are encouraged to wear masks indoors at this time while county transmission rates are high. Help us to protect one another, as well as our volunteers. 6<sup>th</sup> graders up to all ages are welcome to help with Sunday school (it doesn't have to be a weekly commitment). Any interested volunteers, please contact Stacy by phone or email. Please Register online for Sunday School at: <https://bit.ly/CLLCSundaySchoolRegist>

**Confirmation!** Confirmation will start Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Watch your email for more information or contact Stacy at [youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org) if you'd like to participate.

**Senior High Kick Off!** All 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders, let's gather together around a bonfire up by the garage on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Hot dogs & S'mores will be provided as we plan for the year and talk about Summer Trip ideas for 2022!

### **Volunteer Readers/Coordinator Needed**

Volunteers are needed for reading the lessons during church services. Time commitment is for one Sunday each month. We also need someone to take over coordinating our readers as Julie Nelson is no longer doing this. **Thank you to Julie for her many years of service!** Please contact Bridget ([office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org)) in the church office if you would like to volunteer as a Reader and/or be the new Coordinator.

**Missing Pew Cushion Covers** If you have taken any of the long pew cushion covers home for washing, please return them at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

### **Council President's Message - Our Constitution**

The CLLC constitution needs reviewing. You can find our constitution on the home page of our web site. This will be an opportunity to talk about what is working & what may need updating. This is a project to be done together, gathering folks who will look at the constitution and recommend editing, engaging each other in conversation, and while gathered at our annual meeting. Some may have experience with this process, and some may think it sounds like an interesting effort they'd like to be part of. All are welcome to join in this project. Please contact any Council member with questions or the church office by email to [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org) or phone 651-257-6300 to sign up. We'll convene (in person or via Zoom) a group of the willing this month. Thank you, Jenni Runte

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual CLLC Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale** will take place on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm. Over 30 crafters, cinnamon rolls & coffee, Bethlehem bakery sale, antique items for sale & more! Raffle tickets will be available at a later date.

**Quilting has begun meeting, join us!**

**Mondays from 9 AM to 2 PM.** All are welcome to join in on the fun. Please bring your own lunch. Meet in the undercroft. If you can tie your shoe, you can tie a quilt knot 😊 It's easy.

**Carrie Is Home!** Carrie Benson is now home! She will be doing extensive therapy the next several weeks. The Meal Train will continue for Carrie through October. Continue to follow Carrie's progress at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/carriebenson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/carriebenson) & keep her in your prayers.

**Property Concerns**

If you have a property concern please email [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org) or call the church office. The property email address will be checked periodically at this time.

**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](mailto:brinkanderson@gmail.com).

**A HUGE thanks to Greg and Karen Swanson** for the donation of a foosball table for our Youth Room! Our old one was in rough shape, with several of the players missing legs. There will be some fun (and now fair) games of foosball to come.

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

**River Valley Christian Women's Connection** annual luncheon is Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 9<sup>th</sup>. Call Sharon at 612-718-8546 with questions or to make your reservation.

## **Community Meals Update**

The Community Meals Committee decided the Monday evening meals at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City will be off until Spring due to increased COVID concerns.

## ***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](mailto:bjwikelius@gmail.com) or 651-257-5892.

## **Travel with Chisago Lakes Community Education and EF Go Ahead Tours to Sweden!**

This Community Tour is set to depart 06/23/2023 - 07/02/2023. Travel through the heart of Sweden & see many highlights of this beautiful country. Visit Lindström's own sister city, Tingsryd, Sweden. Look at the itinerary and sign up today! Trip registration is at: <https://www.grouptoursite.com/tours/highlights-of-sweden-ancestry-tour> to book your spot. Contact the Group Coordinator, Ian Lexvold for more information at [ilexvold@isd2144.org](mailto:ilexvold@isd2144.org).

**Calendar events and happenings** – If you would like to place events on the church calendar or add to the weekly news and events, please call the church at 651-257-6300 or email to [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org).

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

Pastor Steve – [pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org)

Bridget/Louise – [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org)

Stacy – [youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org)

Stephanie – [finance@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:finance@chisagolakelutheran.org)

Julie – [music@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto: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](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Prayers for the family & friends of Delores Melquist, longtime member of CLLC, who passed away on September 25, 2021.
- Sue & Butch Johnson and family on the recent passing of her mother whose funeral was September 21, 2021.
- Judy Lindahl, prayers for cancer treatments.
- 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.