



## Reformation Day

October 31<sup>st</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

**"TEMPLE TALK" 2021 Christmas Bazaar - Sally Barott**

## 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

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

#504 Vv. 1,2,4

## 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

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as

a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

### **RESPONSE:**

The gospel of our Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

## SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"That Priceless Grace"*

#591 Vv. 1,2,4

## 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE

Receiving Bibles Today:

Aubrey Griffin

Liam Hall

Brielle Hollister

Timothy Schroeder

## 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

*“Drawn to the Light”*

#593 Vv. 1-3

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the building. All are welcome!*

*Please note for anyone receiving the weekly bulletin by regular US mail, the post office is currently taking longer to deliver mail so it may not arrive by Sunday morning. You can find the bulletin online on the church website under “Online Worship, Sunday Worship, Pentecost 2021” or in your weekly News & Events Email.*

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Coffee Servers: Ginny & Dave Johnson  
Greeter: Khloe Bresnahan  
Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer  
Readers: Brayden & Connor Bresnahan  
Ushers: Lou Ann & Brad Mattson

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Milestone** Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who are completing their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade milestone and receiving their Bibles today. We bless these Bibles and young people as they continue to grow in faith and love. We also bless their parents as they continue to guide their children in their faith journey.

### **Join Us For Newborn Kit Packing – Monday, November 1st**

Anyone interested in helping is welcome to help pack newborn kits on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9 AM in the Quilting Area located in the Undercroft. Please contact Pat Williams with any questions at 651-257-3140.

**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.

**Pray & Play: *Serving God, Serving Others, Serving Our Country*** – Area churches have joined together to bring you another Pray & Play Day! On Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Join the CLLC Tree of Life Children's' Choir on Wednesdays!** All children are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 6 PM in the Sanctuary. Barbara Yotter will be the Children's Choir Director. Email Julie Riemer at [music@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:music@chisagolakelutheran.org) for info.

**Confirmation is Back!** Confirmation is offered on Wednesdays for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Contact Stacy for more information at [youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org)

**Thank You from Haley Sogard:** To my church family, thank you so much for the wonderful gift of this scholarship. I am elated to say that this gift will go towards my education for a career in assisting and informing others, and doing so, making their life better. I hopefully will do even half as well as this church in that regard. Thank you so much again, Haley.

**BAKE, CRAFT & DONATE - The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual CLLC Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale** is Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**St. Paul Area Synod - News & Events Weekly Newsletter** The Saint Paul Area Synod publishes its **News & Events** newsletter every Monday morning. The email includes synod activities as well as those of congregations and partner organizations. To subscribe, visit <https://spas-elca.org/our-synod/news-events/> and select the "General Interest" option. To submit news or an event, email [communications@spas-elca.org](mailto:communications@spas-elca.org).

**The St. Paul Synod of the ELCA Seeking \$100,000 from Member Churches for New Mission Starts** – The Church Council approved matching amounts up to \$500. If you would like to donate, please indicate your donation for the St. Paul Synod Missions. The fund raising appeal ends November 30, 2021. Funds will support the following projects:

- Good Samaritan Lutheran Church is an intentional outreach to the Hmong community on St. Paul's East side
- Humble Walk is a "worshipping community of seekers" in St. Paul's West 7<sup>th</sup> Street neighborhood
- Shobi's Table is a food truck offering healthy food to St. Paul's Eastside
- Cristo Rey seeks to connect the growing Latino population in New Brighton
- Foundation of Life (African National Ministry) is an outreach to the Anuak community in MN in partnership with the Presbyterian Church USA
- The Depot Church worships on Sunday evenings in Hugo in partnership with St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi

**Exploratory Session for Voice Lessons** will begin Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary. Barbara Yotter will instruct us. This is a great opportunity to enhance your vocal talent. This session is for adults and is judgement free. We currently have 5 men and women interested. Come make some friends and develop this gift from God! For more info see Julie Riemer or email her at [music@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:music@chisagolakelutheran.org).

**FFA Fruit Sales** Chisago Lakes FFA is selling fruit for a fundraiser to raise money for the program. The money raised helps send students to state and national competitions, pay for transportation to other events, and offset the cost to send students to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. There are many options available in different packages of delicious apples, oranges, pears, and grapefruit. What makes this fruit special is the time it takes from being picked to arriving on your table. The fruit is grown in the US & immediately shipped from the farm so it lasts weeks longer than store bought fruit! If you would like to order fruit please contact Ethan Johnson by email to [ethanajohnson11@gmail.com](mailto:ethanajohnson11@gmail.com), by phone/text to 651-328-3314, or place on your own using the order link. I'm happy to answer any questions or help you place an order. The last day to place an order is November 15<sup>th</sup>. Online order link: <https://www.myfruitsale.com/portal/customer/setstudent?code=EVVMQC>

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

**ELCA Disability Ministries** If you would like to learn more about the role of this ministry, please visit their website at: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Congregations-and-Synods/Disability-Ministry>

**Veterans Coffee Talks** – *Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City* – **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9-10 AM** or *North Branch American Legion Post 85, 6439 Elm St, North Branch, MN* – **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every Month 9-10 AM**. 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](mailto:wwymd@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](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

- ELCA Disabilities Ministries, prayers of support for the staff/ministry as they strive to ensure all people have a place in the church and to expand on its' mission of inclusion.
- Betty Bourasa, prayers as she goes through testing for a recent illness.  
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. 31<sup>st</sup>** Sunday School today for 3 yrs. To 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 10 AM
- **Sunday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** Quilting Group from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Undercroft - help pack Newborn Kits
- **Wednesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Tree of Life Kids Choir 5 to 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Adult Voice Lessons 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Thursday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY, 11/7/21:

First Reading – 1 Kings 17:8-16

Second Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel – Mark 12:38-44