



25th Sunday After Pentecost

November 14th, 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.

There are devices to assist those of us who are hearing impaired at the front entrance when you enter. Please see Julie Riemer for guidance use if needed.

PRELUDE

“Wide River”

Minnesota Blue

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

“Blessed Assurance”

#638 Vv. 1-3

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, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Amos 7:10-15

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:12-20

¹²Friends, I beg you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong. ¹³You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you; ¹⁴though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me, but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them. ¹⁸It is good to be made much of for a good purpose at all times, and not only when I am present with you. ¹⁹My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰I wish I were present with you now and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 13:16-20

¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. ²⁰Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

RESPONSE:

The Gospel of our Lord
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#697 Vv. 1-3

APOSTLE'S 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING OFFERING

“Keep Me In Your Heart”

Minnesota Blue

OFFERING – Meditation & Generosity

*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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Food Drive on Saturday, November 20th from Noon to 3 pm in the CLLC Lower Parking Lot - Help us give back to our community by giving thanks and donating to those in need. We will be accepting all nonperishable goods including, but not limited to: canned fruits & vegetables, pasta & rice, canned soups, stuffing & instant potatoes, canned meats, peanut butter and paper products. For additional information, email Lauryn Lundberg at lelundberg2003@gmail.com.

Chisago Lakes Area Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Thursday, Nov. 25

The annual Chisago Lakes Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be offered as a **Take-Out Only** meal. A traditional Thanksgiving Dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, stuffing, cranberries, fruit, and pie will be available **FREE** to anyone. Meals will be distributed curbside at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. Pickup times will be determined at the time of reservation. For planning purposes, reservations are requested by Friday, November 19th. To make a reservation, please call the church office at 651-257-6300. Leave a message if after hours. If you would like to help support this event, pie (homemade or store bought) and monetary donations are welcome. Volunteer opportunities are also available, please contact Chris Lundberg at 612-810-6770 if you are interested in volunteering.

The CLLC Tree of Life Children's' Choir Meets on Wednesdays! All children are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 5 to 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary. Barbara Yotter will be the Children's Choir Director. Email Julie Riemer at music@chisagolakelutheran.org for info.

Voice Lessons Offered for Adults Meet on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary with Barbara Yotter instructing. Great opportunity to enhance your vocal talent. The cost is \$10 per session. No tryouts! Email Julie Riemer at music@chisagolakelutheran.org for info.

HAYRIDE for Senior High Youth (9th-12th grades) will take place Sunday, November 21st at 6 pm. Meet at Abrahamson's farm. Supper and S'mores at the Bonfire! Contact Stacy if you need directions.

CLLC Youth Here on Wednesdays in December on 12/1, 12/8 & 12/15 from 3 to 4:30 pm
6th Graders meet in the Youth Room and 7th-9th Graders meet in the Green Room

Is One of Your Spiritual Gifts Making People Feel Welcome? Please sign up to be a Greeter at one of our upcoming services or contact the church office to volunteer.

BAKE, CRAFT & DONATE - The 20th Annual CLLC Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale is Saturday, December 4th from 9 am to 3 pm. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Lefse Making for the Bazaar on Sunday, November 28th at 5:30 pm. Please let Stacy know if you are coming to help and if you have any lefse making equipment, so she has enough equipment and dough prepared. We will be cooking, so please wear a mask. All are welcome to join!

Crafter Opportunities at the 20th Annual CLLC Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 4th – A few spaces remain open for any interested crafters. Please contact Kathy Olson at 651-248-0243 or Email to kaolson53@gmail.com for more information or to reserve your spot today.

Follow the Star to the CLLC Bethlehem Bakery* at the Annual Church Bazaar
Start planning what you would like to bake. **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 Bev Sandgren at 651-239-5773 w/any questions or call her if you would like to help pack goodies.

Volunteers needed! Looking for 6-8 volunteers on **Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 1:00 pm** to help with clearing the green room, fellowship hall, undercroft and bake sale areas for the annual CLLC Bazaar and Bake Sale on Sat. Dec. 4th. We will also be bringing necessary tables to each area for taping day, Thursday. If you have a couple hours beginning at 1:00 pm, please call the church office to let Louise know or email office@chisagolakelutheran.org. Thank you.

Littlest Angel Shoppe is back this year! Donations are needed! The Littlest Angel Shoppe is a store set up here at church filled with donated gift items to assist the Sunday school children with their holiday shopping. All items cost 25 cents each-no matter what the item is! **Donations from the congregation of new or gently used gift items would be greatly appreciated! Any type of gift for infants through adults are needed. Please drop off your items in the church office by December 15th.** The children will be able to shop on Saturday, December 18th at 10:30 AM in the large Sunday School room following the Christmas Program practice that morning. For questions, call Stacy at 651-257-6300 or email her at youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org.

Anonymous Santa – As you are doing your Christmas shopping, please consider picking up an extra gift or two for those less fortunate this Christmas. The Anonymous Santa Program helps families who cannot afford to purchase gifts for their children. The program offers an opportunity for parents to select gifts in a Holiday Store at the Main Street Church in North Branch. Only new, non-violent toys and gifts are distributed along with mittens and hats, Christian books & videos, board games, sports balls, and stocking stuffers. Children from ages newborn to 18 are eligible. Please drop off gifts in the designated Anonymous Santa box in the Narthex between Nov. 15th and December 13th.

Gather Bible Study – Fall 2021: The Gift of the Spirit Session 3 of 3

Tuesday, 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

CLLC Book Club

The CLLC Book Club will meet on Zoom on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 7 pm. We will be reading *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We will discuss parts one and two of the book. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Bonnie Anderson, brinkanderson@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

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. The fruit is grown in the US & immediately shipped from the farm. If you would like to order, please contact Ethan Johnson by email to ethanajohnson11@gmail.com, by phone/text to 651-328-3314, or place on your own using the order link. **The last day to place an order is November 15th.** Online order link:

<https://www.myfruitsale.com/portal/customer/setstudent?code=EVVMQC>

Veterans Coffee Talks – Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City – 2nd Tuesday of every month from 9-10 AM or *North Branch American Legion Post 85, 6439 Elm St, North Branch, MN – 3rd Tuesday of every Month 9-10 AM.* Meet other veterans, build friendships, listen to their experiences. Everyone is welcome.

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

- Delores Allen, prayers for healing and recovery for an arm fracture after a recent fall.
- Pat Williams, prayers for restored health and recovery from pneumonia.
- Harriet Ryberg, prayers for healing and comfort after her recent surgery.
- 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.
- 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, Nov. 14th** Sunday School today for 3 yrs. - 5th grade at 10 AM
- **Sunday, Nov. 14th** Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, Nov. 15th** Quilting Group from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Undercroft
- **Wednesday, Nov. 17th** Tree of Life Kids Choir 5 to 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Nov. 17th** Adult Vocal Lessons at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Nov. 17th** Faith Friends at Trinity Lutheran at 7:15 PM
- **Thursday, Nov. 18th** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill
- **Thursday, Nov. 18th** Church Council Meeting at 7 PM in the Green Room
- **Sunday, Nov. 21st** Hayride for Senior High Youth at 6 PM at Abrahamson's Farm