



26th Sunday After Pentecost

November 21st, 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.

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

“We Gather Together”

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.

We Gather Together

Thanksgiving hymn

Netherlands Folk Song

D D A7(sus4) D Em7 A D

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; He
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, Or -
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant, And

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass staff in G major and 3/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line starting at measure 1 and the second and third lines starting at measure 2. The chords are indicated above the staff: D, D, A7(sus4), D, Em7, A, and D.

5 A Bm7 E7 A Bm7 E7 A

chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known. The
dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine. So
pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be. Let

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line starting at measure 5 and the second and third lines starting at measure 6. The chords are indicated above the staff: A, Bm7, E7, A, Bm7, E7, and A.

9 A7 D Em7 A7 D

wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing: Sing
from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning: Thou
Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion: Thy

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line starting at measure 9 and the second and third lines starting at measure 10. The chords are indicated above the staff: A7, D, Em7, A7, and D.

13 G A D Em7 A7 D

prais - es to His name He for - gets not His own.
Lord, wast at our side all glo - ry be Thine.
name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line starting at measure 13 and the second and third lines starting at measure 14. The chords are indicated above the staff: G, A, D, Em7, A7, and D.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,

thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

RESPONSE:

The Gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

Hymn #879 Vv. 1-5

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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.**

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

"Let All Things Now Living"

Hymn #881 Vv. 1-2

DISMISSAL

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

Get a 2nd dose of this service by watching local Channel 10 (CLTV) on Sundays. At 10 am you'll see last week's service and at 6 pm, you'll see this week's service.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Coffee Servers: Pam Carlson & Connor Bresnahan

Greeter:

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer

Reader: Lou Ann Mattson

Usher: Jerry Vitalis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The annual Chisago Lakes Community Thanksgiving Dinner is a **Take-Out Only** meal this year. Meals will be distributed curbside at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. If you would like to help support this event, pie (homemade or store bought) and monetary donations are welcome. Volunteer opportunities are still available, especially delivery drivers are needed. Please contact Chris Lundberg at 612-810-6770 if you can help.

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. 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 **4:30 pm** (please note time change). 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

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

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.

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.

Volunteers needed! Volunteers needed to help with clean up **after** the annual CLLC Bazaar & Bake Sale on Sat. Dec. 4th at 3:30 pm. Please call the church office to let Louise know or email office@chisagolakelutheran.org. Thank you.

Lefse Making for the Bazaar on Sunday, November 28th at 5:30 pm. Let Stacy know if you are coming 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!

Hanging of the Greens! Check out the Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 4th and then... come help be part of the crew decorating the Sanctuary at 1 pm. We will be hanging swags, wreaths, and putting up trees. Ladder climbing a plus but not necessary. Come join in the fun!

Scholarship Recipients 2021/2022

Each spring, CLLC awards scholarships to members of our congregation who are furthering their education. Congratulations to the 2021/2022 Scholarship Recipients:

Annika Dubbs, attending the University of North Dakota
Tommy Dubbs, attending Vermillion Community College
Lars Heinecke, attending Luther College
Kathrine Peterson, attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison
Audra Rambow, attending Rocky Mountain College
Cole Riemer, attending Concordia University, St. Paul
William Saueressig, attending Syracuse University
Haley Sogard, attending Century College
Caisa Strenke, attending University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse
Dalton Wood, attending the University of Wisconsin, Stout

Congratulations to the students and we wish them well in the next school year as they learn and grow and discern their future.

Renewal Team Invitation

Please plan to attend a very brief meeting **Sunday, Dec. 5th** immediately following worship to confirm the congregation's support of CLLC's New Core Values

- ***Engaging Worship** - Welcoming hospitality, Forming faith for all ages, Proclaiming Christ's gospel love.
- ***Creating Connections** - Following Jesus-loving one another, Building relationships, Serving our neighbor
- ***Growing a Legacy** - Giving thanks for our foundation, Joyful and generous giving, Envisioning a God inspired future

The core values were drafted from the survey and one-on-one conversations with the Renewal Team last winter. We need to know you support these values as they will be shared with prospective pastors during the call process.

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.

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.)

- Prayers of sympathy and comfort for Julie Riemer and family with the recent passing of Julie's mother.
- 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. 21st** Hayride for Senor High Youth at 4:30 PM at Abrahamson's Farm
- **Sunday, Nov. 21st** Sunday School today for 3 yrs to 5th grade at 10 AM
- **Sunday, Nov. 21st** Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, Nov. 22nd** Quilting Group from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Undercroft
- **Tuesday, Nov. 23rd** Gather Bible Study at 1:30 PM at CLLC
- **Thursday, Nov. 25th** Community Thanksgiving Dinner Take-Out Only - please see bulletin announcement for details.