



1st Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 2022
9:00 am

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Center City, MN
ELCA

WELCOME TO CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are so glad you are here! At Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, we are “Grounded in the Gospel, Guided by the Spirit.” We are a people and a place of grace, where we welcome and invite all people to come as you are and be open to who God calls you to be.

- Children are wanted & welcome in worship! Activity bags are available and a special children’s message is shared at each service.
- There are devices to assist those of us who are hearing impaired at the front entrance when you enter. Please see an usher for guidance.
- We invite all our guests to write your name and contact information on the blue connect card in the pew in front of you. If you would like to be included on our email list, please add your email address. We would love to keep you informed of what’s happening around Chisago Lake Lutheran! You can drop your card in the offering baskets. Thank you.

PRELUDE – Christmas Hymn Requests

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

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

ELW Hymn #436

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Chad and Alyssa Hollister and family

On the 1st Sunday of Advent we light the candle of hope

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

(Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW #257, Vs. 1

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have

stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

RESPONSE:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Pastor Brian King

SERMON

“Jesus Offers A Little Advent Drivers’ Ed”

Pastor Brian King

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

ELW Hymn #264

APOSTLES’ 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.

OFFERING – Meditation & Generosity

OFFERTORY

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

ELW p. 220

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God for by your word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your word of life, O God,

We give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

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.**

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"Soon and Very Soon"

ELW Hymn #439

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

***God is doing some amazing work through
the ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church.
This is a great time to invite your
friends, neighbors, co-workers
and family members
to join us in worship!***

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Kay Oien

Reader: John Nelson

Advent Candle lighters & readers: Chad & Alyssa Hollister and family

Acolytes: Lincoln Perry

Altar Guild: Dale Bahn, Shirley Shogren, Judy Nelson

Coffee Servers: Tim & Tanja Dubbs and family

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Jason Hall and family, Debbie Hall

Offering Assistants: Chris Lundberg & Dave Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Looking For Ways to Connect With Pastor Brian?

For emergencies, you can call or text him at 319-883-0178. Also, if you are looking for a way to learn more about Pastor Brian, Jen, and their family and/or want to read some of the online/social media devotions he writes, send a "Friend Request" to Pastor Brian on his Facebook account or email him directly at his new email address:

revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org If you forget the first few letters, they match his Orange Warburg College license plates! 😊

Commitment Sunday will be December 4th. You have already received your Financial Statements and Commitment cards in the mail. If you have not had a chance to mail them to the church office, you will have an opportunity to bring it with you on Sunday, December 4th. We will have a special collection box for you during communion.

Fundraiser update for the upper entrance renovations:

MANY THANKS to those of you that have already given to the upper entrance renovations.

So far you have raised \$12,518.74!! \$20,000 is our goal. Remember to designate on your donation to be used for the "Upper entrance renovations" Thank you!

Wanted - Sunday Morning Prayer Team!

Psalm 100:4 says: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" In my previous call, I was blessed to have a Sunday morning prayer team of men and women who were willing to pray over the Church, our worship service, and our pastors each Sunday about 30 minutes prior to our first service. While weird at first (I had no previous experience of such a thing), I came to treasure the blessing this was to me and our congregation to know that each Sunday our church and leaders were covered in prayer. I would invite any CLLC members who are interested to contact me and become part of a rotation for this purpose each Sunday morning. It would mean coming to worship about 35 minutes early and take about 10 minutes total. Email me at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org if interested.

Women of the ELCA A Thankoffering will be received at the worship services on November 20, 22 and 27. These gifts support the ministries of the Churchwide Women's Organization. A separate collection basket will be provided for these gifts.

The CLLC Book Group will meet on Tuesday, November 29 on zoom. We will discuss the first 6 chapters of Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. All are welcome to join us. Contact Bonnie Anderson for the zoom link. (brinkanderson@gmail.com)

Congratulations to our Youth! We are so proud of your accomplishments this Fall.
Annika Hall – 29th at State Cross Country
Hattie Opdahl – 4th at State Diving and section 4A Diver of the Year
Owen Rambow – High School Student of the Term
Jacob Peterson – High School Student of the Term
Brayden Bresnahan and Lana Glenna – Cinderella Fall Play
Adult Ed Wakefield – Assistant Coach of the Year

“With the pending retirement of our office coordinator, Louise, CLLC is now accepting applications. This is a full-time position, 32 hours per week (Monday-Thursday) with benefits. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more details please contact Pastor Brian at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org"

Lefse Making: Sun. Nov 27th @ 5 pm.

All ages are welcome to join us, making Lefse to sell at the Bazaar!

Lefse Equipment is Needed!! Let Stacy know if you have some items we could borrow!!

“The Littlest Angel Shop” Donations are needed!!

What is the “Littlest Angel Shop”? It is a store set up here at church which is 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!

We are looking for donations of new or gently used gift items from you, the Congregation. Any type of gift item for babies through adults – boys and girls - men and women are needed. Please drop these off in the designated narthex collection bin by Dec 14th. For questions, call the Stacy at [651-257-6300](tel:651-257-6300) or email youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org

Sankta Lucia returns! December 10th

Deep in December, when the light of the sun remains for such a short time, a young girl, still in her white nightgown, goes quietly to the kitchen to bake a special treat for her father and mother, who still sleep. The aroma of her baking fills the house with the scent of fresh bread and saffron.

Taking a tray, she arranges the lovely, golden buns and leaves the kitchen, lighting her way by the candles of a crown she has placed on her head. Quietly, her brothers and sisters join her on the way their parents' room, singing songs of hope and the promise of the light that will soon radiate over the earth. The Christmas season has returned. This is the Swedish celebration of Sankta Lucia, a tradition followed in Sweden and by Swedish families around the world. **Join us on Saturday morning, December 10th** as the Kichi Saga Swedish Club presents our version of this traditional festival in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and treats will be served **starting at 8:30 AM.** The program begins at 9:00. Come and enjoy a moment of beauty, peace, and goodwill in the midwinter darkness. VÄLKOMMEN!

Joy Baskets

The confirmation youth are collecting donations for our homebound friends! Donations can be left in the **designated narthex collection bin through Dec. 16th.**

Items Needed:

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| -Small Gift bags | -Colorful tissue paper | -Granola bars |
| -Packets of hot chocolate | -Packets of apple cider | -Packets of oatmeal |
| -Sugar-free candy | -Candy canes | -Small bottles of lotion |
| -Hankies or small packages of Kleenex | | -Small gift items like ornaments |

Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program this year, will be part of worship on Dec. 18th. We will be practicing during the Sunday School time on Sun. Dec. 4th, & Dec. 11th and also on Sat. Dec 17th.

Please let Stacy know if your child will be participating, and if they would like a small or large speaking part

The Chisago Lakes Community Meal program will host a special **Christmas Dinner on December 19th**. There will be special music, great food, and a visit from Santa Claus! Serving will be from 4-6PM at Zion Lutheran Church at 28005 Old Towne Road in Chisago City. As always, the meal is Free for all in our community.

The Chisago Lakes Community Meal program is a ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and First Methodist Churches for over eleven years. 4146 meals have been served from June through October this year.

Anonymous Santa collection

The Anonymous Santa program is a nonprofit program for families who cannot afford to purchase gifts for their children for the holiday season.

Only new, non-violent toys and gifts are requested along with gloves/mittens, a hat, and stocking-stuffers. Children from ages newborn to 18 (and in high school) are eligible for this program. Help us gather gifts. They can be dropped off in the designated narthex collection box. Thank you!

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

- Hannah Turner, wife of Matt Turner, daughter in law of Lee & Karen Turner, prayers for wellness and healing are requested.
- Linda Lindgren thanks you for your prayers and **no** chemo or radiation will be needed. Praise God!
- Linda Lindgren's daughter, Colette Campbell. Has been moved to TCU in St. Paul. Prayers for easy transition.
- Linda Lindgren's granddaughter Aspen, is doing well after her diagnosis of Diabetes type 1. She is learning new methods of controlling that. Prayers for understanding.
- Midge Nelson's brother in law, Doug is at home now and still in need of prayers for healing and recovery.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments and a good outcome with her A-fib.

Attendance for 11-20-22 – 372

Sanctuary – 150, Facebook –171, YouTube –51

Current Ways to Give to the Church

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. Ways you can give include:

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

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, November 27th**
 - 9:00 am -Worship 9:00 am
 - NO Sunday School
 - 5:00 pm – Lefse making –CLLC Kitchen
 - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, November 28th**
 - 9:00 am - Quilting in the Undercroft
 - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
- **Tuesday, November 29th**
 - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft
 - 7:00 pm – CLLC Book Club, ZOOM – Contact brinkanderson@gmail.com
- **Wednesday, November 30th**
 - 10:00 am Staff Meeting – Office
 - 1:00 – 3:00 pm – Room preps for Bazaar
 - 3:00 pm – 6th – 7th Gr. Lefse making
 - 3:00 pm Youth Assembling Care Packages for college students
 - 5:00 pm Tree of Life Choir or Confirmation
- **Thursday, December 1st**
 - 8:00 am – Men’s Breakfast, Swedish Inn
 - 1:00 pm Taping of rooms begin for Vendor spots for the Bazaar
- **Friday, December 2nd**
 - 8:00 am – 4:00 pm - Vendors coming to set up
- **Saturday, December 3rd**
 - 9:00 – 3:00 pm 21st Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale
- **Sunday, December 4th**
 - 9:00 am - Worship 9:00 am with Fellowship coffee to follow in the FH
 - 10:15 am - Sunday School at 10:15 am
 - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

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