



1st Sunday of Advent

November 28th, 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

“My Lord, What a Morning”

ELW #438 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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HISTORY OF ADVENT AND THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor Steve Cruys

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jason and Stacy Hall & Family

Reader One: Today on the first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Hope.

Reader Two: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned...

Reader One: For to us 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.

Reader Two: 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

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

ELW #240 V. 1

READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

RESPONSE:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

ELW #257 Vv. 1, 2, 8

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.

OFFERING – Meditation & Generosity

OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Coventry Carol”

Sheila Brom

*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

"The King Shall Come"

ELW #260 Vv. 1, 4, 5

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: Patty Mattson, Michelle & Kids

Greeter: Connor Bresnahan

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer

Reader: Marc Brottem

Soloist: Sheila Brom

Usher: Khloe Breshahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Email Julie Riemer at music@chisagolakelutheran.org for info.

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.

Lefse Making for the Bazaar will be 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!

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!

"Returning to You" Christmas Concerts presented by the Unexpected Company Chorale will be held on Friday, 12/3/21 at 7:30 PM at Trinity Lutheran in Lindstrom and Sunday, 12/5/21 at 3 PM at Forest Hills Church in Forest Lake. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.ucchorale.org. Masks required.

Christmas Needs? If there is a family you know of struggling this year for Christmas gifts or food needs, please contact Pastor Steve.

Quilting Group – Please note the Quilting Group is taking a break and will not meet again until Monday, January 10, 2022.

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 from now through December 13th.

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.)

- Deepest sympathy and prayers for the family of longtime member Judy Lindahl who passed away Nov. 20th after a courageous battle with cancer. Her funeral was held here Saturday, Nov. 27th. May God continue to hold Judy's family and friends in His care as they mourn their loss. Wishing them God's peace and comfort.
- Please lift up prayers for Joyce Nelson (sister-in-law of Midge Nelson) whose health is deteriorating and for Darryl Nelson (brother-in-law of Midge) who fell while hunting and is experiencing pain.
- 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 fall.
- Pat Williams, prayers for restored health and recovery from pneumonia.
- Harriet Ryberg, prayers for healing and comfort after following a surgery.
- 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.

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, Nov. 28th** NO Sunday School today
- **Sunday, Nov. 28th** Lefse Making at 5:30 PM in the CLLC Kitchen
- **Sunday, Nov. 28th** Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, Nov. 29th** CLLC Book Club meet on Zoom at 7 PM
- **Wednesday, Dec. 1st** 6th Grade meet in CLLC Youth Room at 3 PM
- **Wednesday, Dec. 1st** 7th-9th Grades in CLLC Green Room for Confirmation at 3 PM
- **Thursday, Dec. 2nd** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill
- **Friday, Dec. 3rd** Packaging goodies for the Bethlehem Bakery at 1 PM in the Kitchen
- **Saturday, Dec. 4th** CLLC 20th Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale from 9 AM to 3 PM
- **Saturday, Dec. 4th** Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary at 1 PM