



# CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

9:00 am

*GROUNDING IN THE GOSPEL, GUIDED  
BY THE SPIRIT, WE ARE A PEOPLE  
AND PLACE OF GRACE!*

**WELCOME!**

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church  
Center City, MN  
ELCA

[www.chisagolakelutheran.org](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

**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 you to write your name and contact information on the blue connect card in the pew in front of you and/or sign our guest book in the entry. 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, and all are forgiven through the love, grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMM                      *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*                      ELW Hymn #807

#### 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 the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

David & Pauline Hinsch and family

*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent we light the candle of joy.*

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:10-11)

HYMN                      *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*                      ELW Hymn #257, Vv. 1-3

#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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## THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-55

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be,

since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

### **RESPONSE:**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

TREE OF LIFE CHOIR	<i>"The Friendly Beasts"</i>	Barbara Yotter, Director
CHILDREN'S WORD		Stacy Johnson
SERMON	<i>"Let it Be to Me According to Your Word"</i>	Pastor Brian King
HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>"Here I Am, Lord"</i>	ELW Hymn #574
INSTALLATION OF PASTOR BRIAN		Rolf Lowenberg-Beboer

## 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

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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

*"Joy to the World"*

ELW Hymn #267

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!  
**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

Rolf Lowenberg-Deboer, Assist. to the Bishop, St. Paul Area Synod

Pianist/Organist: Kay Oien

Reader: Midge Nelson

Advent Candle lighters & readers: David & Pauline Hinsch

Acolytes: Cooper Kedrowski and Hayden Briggs

Altar Guild: Pat Williams and Judy Nelson

Coffee Servers: Call Committee

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Rod Amundson, Mark Wikelius, Steve & Donna Grossmann

Offering Assistants: Dave Johnson and Lori Sampson

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**“Dear CLLC,**

Thank you for your support during my time as your interim pastor. It was truly a privilege I will always cherish. I am confident that God has great plans in store for you as you continue to serve our community as His ambassadors. A special thank you to everyone who made my last Sunday with you such a memorable event

Blessings, Pastor Steve”

## **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](mailto:revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org) if interested.

## **ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

Annual reports for the 2023 Annual Meeting for the year 2022 are DUE to the church office by Friday, Dec. 16th.



**Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** Whether you are fully or partly retired, you may find that your lifestyle is fine as-is and that you don't need additional money from your IRA. However, even if you don't need (or want) the extra funds, at age 72 (it was age 70½ prior to January 1, 2020), the IRS requires you to take IRA withdrawals known as "Required Minimum Distributions" (RMDs). RMDs are subject to income taxes, and more taxable income may push you into a higher tax bracket.

Thankfully, for charitably-minded retirees with traditional IRAs, there is a tax-relief strategy available: the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). The QCD gifting option allows you, starting at age 70½, to instruct your IRA administrator to direct IRA distributions—up to \$100,000 per year – to a qualified 501(c)(3) charity. Because the IRA income goes directly to charity, you do not report the QCD as taxable income and do not owe any taxes on the QCD, which may be particularly beneficial to you if you are forced to take RMDs and don't need the extra money. In addition to avoiding taxable income, your IRA distribution can be put to good use in support of our many ministries here at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church.

**The recent bazaar at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church** raised over \$7,000 which, after expenses, goes into the General Fund. If you baked something for the Bazaar, if you helped prep the building for the event, taped spaces on the floor for the exhibitors, worked in the kitchen during the Bazaar, or helped to clean up the building afterward, then you helped to earn that \$7,000! The event depended on all the help of persons like you who jumped in gladly to make this annual event once again a success. To each of you goes our heartfelt thanks for again making this a helpful and joyful fundraiser.

### **Usher Schedule**

Unless you are an usher, you may be unaware how the teams are assigned. There are teams that are finishing their service, July through December. These ushers include those that go south during the winter and those who have children involved in sports activities.

The teams are assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month through the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. There is also a team for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. I want to thank those who are finishing their terms and extra thanks for their patience with me, checking with me if they could not be in church or find their own sub. I am now working on the schedule January through June 2023. I will be meeting with Pastor Brian and Louise as we evaluate some improvements that could be made. Thanks to everyone involved. Jerry Vitalis – 257-4496

### **“The Littlest Angel Shop” Donations 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](mailto:youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org)

### **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:**-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 will be part of worship on Dec. 18th. We will be practicing during the Sunday School time on Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner** Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at First United Methodist Church, 30828 Irene Ave., Lindstrom. Serving time is Noon until 1:15 pm. The meal is FREE but reservations are requested by Wednesday, December 14. Please call 257-4306 to reserve a seat.

**Swedish Cardamom Bread for you and your families:** If you missed getting the cardamom bread at the church bazaar last weekend, Sally Barott is taking orders for her yummy bread. It's a large braided loaf of bread with real Swedish Cardamom spice (imported from Sweden), and iced with almond flavored frosting and topped with sliced almonds. Each loaf is \$20.00 and serves 10-15 depending on how thick you make your slices! It's perfect for coffee time and sharing with Christmas parties. Call Sally at 651-257-4773 to order your loaf and to set the pick up date. *Tack sa mycket och God Jul.*

### **Anonymous Santa collection**

The Anonymous Santa program will continue collecting gifts for newborn through 18yrs. old. Thank you to all that have donated gifts.

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

- Lee Turner for healing and recovery after he fell from a ladder breaking his pelvis in 3 areas. He sends words of thanks for that have sent cards and reached out to him.
- Hannah Turner, wife of Matt Turner, daughter in law of Lee & Karen Turner, prayers for wellness and healing are requested.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments and a good outcome with her A-fib.
- Todd Rivard, prayers for recovery from a recent infection.

### **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](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

**12-4-22 Attendance = 215 - Sanctuary – 102 Facebook – 81 YouTube – 32**

### **THIS WEEK AT CLLC:**

- **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:00 am -Worship 9:00 am
  - 10:15am Sunday School
  - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**
  - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
  - 6:00 pm Worship & Music Committee
  - 7:00 pm Personnel Committee meeting
- **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - 6:00 pm Property Committee/3M Committee
  - 7:00 pm Youth Committee
  - 7:30 pm Finance Committee
  - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

- **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**
  - 8:30 am – Noon – Health & Human Services
  - 10:00 am Staff Meeting – Office
  - No Confirmation
  - 5:00 pm Tree of Life Choir or Confirmation
  
- **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - 8:00 am Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn
  - 7:00 pm Church Council
  
- **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**
  - Annual reports from Committees due to church office.
  
- **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:00 am - Worship 9:00 am with Fellowship coffee to follow in the FH
  - 9:00 am Children's Christmas Program during worship
  - NO Sunday School
  - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

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*Get a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of this service by watching local Channel 10 (CLTV) on Sundays. At 10 am you'll see last week's service.*

### **PASTOR'S PARKING LOT PRAYER**

All Chisago Lake members are invited to pray this prayer often: "Let Chisago Lake Lutheran Church be a place of welcome and hospitality; comfort and care; hope and joy for all who enter and exit our doors. Transform hearts, minds, and lives through the power of your Holy Spirit and through the message of your love and grace through Jesus Christ. Amen."