



# CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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/kits are available and a special children’s message is shared at each service.
- There are devices to assist those who are hearing impaired at the front entrance when you enter. Please see an usher for guidance as needed.
- 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! The reverse side of the card has space for prayer requests as well. You can drop your card in the offering baskets or the Welcome desk in the entryway. Thank you!

***Be Well! Be Loving! Be Courageous! Be the Church!***

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**Attendance: December 1 =461; Sanctuary –149, FB – 233, YouTube –79  
Tuesday, December 10 = 13**

PRELUDE: ADVENT /CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*

ELW #244

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of  
the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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 your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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

The Genung Family

On the 3rd 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”

Vv. 1-3

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## CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*“Too Many Shepherds and Angels!”*

### CONGREGATION SINGS

*O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL* Hymn # 283

[Verse 1]

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem  
O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

[Verse 3]

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

[Verse 4]

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord**

*SILENT NIGHT* Hymn # 281

[Verse 2]

**Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born  
Christ the Savior is born**

[Verse 3]

**Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth**

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*JOY TO THE WORLD* Hymn # 267

[Verse 2]

**Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns,  
Let all their Songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy. Repeat the sounding joy.  
Repeat the sounding joy.**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

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.**

OFFERING

*"Joy to the World"*

Lowell Mason. Arr. Melody Bober  
Linnea Johnson

OFFERTORY HYMN

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

#186

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions – all signs of your gracious love. Receive them back for the sake of Him who gave himself for us: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Come Though Long-Expected Jesus” ELW #254

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POSTLUDE

### SERVICE OF COMFORT, HOPE, & HEALING,

Although Christmas is often seen as a joyous and celebrative time, it is also a time when many experience the burdens of ill health, loneliness, family conflict, and other stresses in life. This Tuesday night's service is along the lines of what used to be known as a "Blue Christmas" service and it is intended to focus on the message of God's power to heal, to restore, to bring hope, and to give peace. If you, or someone you know needs an extra measure of God's love and grace during this season of Advent and Christmas, we invite you and them to join us for this special worship service.

**POINSETTIAS!** You may purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of loved ones for decorating the sanctuary. There are envelopes available in the entrance or you may give through the website under *GIVE* (please specify your donation to poinsettias). Envelopes may also be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office. The cost is \$12.00 for each. You may pick them up after Christmas services.

**MONDAY MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE DECEMBER 16 AT 6PM.** This month we will be watching the movie: “It’s a Wonderful Life” from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Green Room at CLLC using the new large screen TV and sound system in there. Starring screen icons Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed, and widely acclaimed as one of the best movies ever made, Stewart stars as George Bailey who when faced with mounting life obstacles, contemplates weather the people in his life would be better off if he wasn’t around. The film highlights the importance of being part of a community and the impact that a community's love and support can have on a person's life. Invite a friend or two to enjoy



this touching movie. All are welcome! 😊

**NEW USHERING SCHEDULE.** I want to thank all who helped as ushers from July through to December. They always were sure their Sunday was covered. If they couldn’t serve, they called me, Sue in the office, or they someone on their own. On a rare Sunday where we were short an usher there was always someone to help. Thanks again and I hope you are able to help again next July. I am finishing up with the schedule for January through June 2025. I try to leave the snow birds off the schedule for the winter months. There still is a lot of travel for those on this schedule. There is visiting grandchildren, trips, fishing, etc., which is great because we have many to help out. We always have a couple of new ushers, if you would like to join our group, please call me! Jerry Vitalis, 257-4496.

## **JOIN OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Our beautiful church building has sheltered generations of worshippers and has fostered a strong sense of community. As we celebrated our 170th Anniversary earlier this year, we acknowledged that our cherished church requires ongoing updates to preserve its beauty and functionality, both inside and out.

To ensure that our church continues to be a vibrant and welcoming space for future generations, we are launching a *Capital Campaign* to fund improvements.

We are looking for individuals to join the Capital Campaign Leadership Team. As a member of the leadership team, you will help with the planning, coordination, and execution of this campaign. If you are interested in learning more or would like to get involved, please contact Chris Lundberg or Pastor Brian. Thank you for considering this meaningful opportunity!

## **GIVING THANKS!**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, supported, or volunteered for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. Over 400 meals were served in-person or distributed as take-out.

A special thank you goes out to the following businesses, and organizations for their contributions that made this event possible: Deutschland Meats, Thrivent, Chisago Lakes Lions, Pleasant Valley Orchard, Chisago County Press, The Northern Lake Tavern and Grill, Brink's Market, Forest Lake Printing, and the city of Center City. We are deeply appreciative of their generosity and support.

We are also incredibly grateful to the 66 dedicated volunteers who gave a total of 198 hours over two days to help with set-up, clean-up, food prep, packaging, serving, and meal distribution. This event would not have been possible without your hard work and commitment.

Sincerely,

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner Planning Group

Jamie Carlson, Chris Knight, Chris Lundberg, Emmy Lundeen, and Julie Opdahl

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church is excited to welcome the highly acclaimed Wartburg College Castle singers and Kammerstreicher Chamber Orchestra for a free will concert on Saturday, February 8th at 7:00 p.m. and again for special music for our 9:00 a.m. worship service that Sunday, February 9, all coinciding with our "Grumpy Old Men" service as part of the annual Festival of the Lakes. Make plans now to join us for this amazing concert! We are in need of a number of families who would be willing *to help house two or more students overnight that Saturday* so they can join us in providing special music for our annual Grumpy Old Men service that Sunday morning. If you would be willing to help with this need, please sign up on the clipboard that will be available during worship or in the office. Thanks! 😊



**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 is secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. [www.chisagolakelutheran.org](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)
3. Or use your phone to scan the QR Code which takes you directly to our church website and use Vanco to give a one-time gift or recurring payments.



## **THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN**

### **Sunday, December 15**

- 9:00 am – Worship Service/**Children's Program**
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

### **Monday, December 16**

- Noon – Men's/Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church

### **Tuesday, December 17**

- 6:00 pm – Service of Comfort, Hope. And Healing
- 6:30 pm – All Committee Night
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

### **Thursday, December 19**

- 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn

### **Friday, December 20**

### **Saturday, December 21**

### **Sunday, December 22**

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Organist/Pianist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Cooper Peterson and Dalton Perry

Ushers: Steve & Donna Grossman, Mark Wikelius, and Debbie Hall

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann and Pat Williams

Media Technician: Brayden Bresnahan

Offering Assistants: Steve Grossmann and Katie Schmidt

Coffee Servers: Bev Sandgren