



## 4th Sunday of Advent

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

### 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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

David & Pauline Hinsch & Family

**Reader One:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Reader Two:** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**Reader One:** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.

**Reader Two:** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. (John 3:16-19)

### HYMN

*“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”*

ELW #240 Vv. 1-4

### CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: **“12 GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS”**

**Gift 1: Evergreen Wreath – God Was and Is and Always Will Be God**

HYMN

*“O Come, All Ye Faithful”* (Congregation)

ELW #283 Vv. 1,3,4

Reading: **John 1:1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

**Gift 2: Candle – Gift of Light**

Reading: **Isaiah 9:2,6-7a**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

SONG

*“I Wanna Be Ready”*

Tree of Life Children’s Choir

**Gift 3: Dove – Gift of Peace and the Holy Spirit**

HYMN

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* (Congregation)

ELW #279 Vv. 1,4

**Gift 4: Christmas Tree – Points to Heaven, Reminds Us to Look to God**

**Gift 5: Bell – Help us Focus on God**

SONG

*“Christmas Bells”*

Preschool & Kindergarten Children

Reading: **Luke 2:1-7**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN

*“Away In A Manger”* (Preschool/Kindergarten V. 1 & Congregation Vv. 2-3)

ELW #277

## **Gift 6: Manger – Holds the Gift of God’s Love**

### **Reading: Luke 2:8-14**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

## **Gift 7: Angel – Gift of Good News**

HYMN

*“The First Noel”* (Congregation)

ELW #300 Vv. 1,2

### **Reading: Luke 2:15-20**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## **Gift 8: Candy Cane (shape of Shepherd’s crook) – Reminds us Jesus is the Good Shepherd**

SONG

*“Go Tell It On The Mountain”*

Elementary Children

## **Gift 9: Star – Gift That Leads Us to Jesus**

## **Gift 10: Present – Gifts Are A Way to Share Our Love With Those Around Us**

HYMN

*“Joy To The World”* (Elementary V. 1 & Congregation V. 2)

ELW #267

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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## Gift 11: Bows – Tie Us Together Into One Community of Faith

## 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*“Mary, Did You Know?”*

Holly Damm

## 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.**

## **Gift 12: Jesus – God Sent Us His Only Son To Show How Much He Loves Us**

### READING: **John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

### BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*“Silent Night, Holy Night”*

#281 Vv. 1-3

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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 and at 6 pm, you'll see this week's service.*

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Children's Choir Director: Barbara Yotter

Coffee Server: Brenda Fredlund

Greeter: Jamie Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer

Soloist: Holly Damm

Usher: Khloe Bresnahan

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2022 Offering Envelopes Have Been Placed in Your Mailboxes** Please pick them up after Worship services. If you know of someone who is worshipping online or unable to attend, please pick up their envelopes and deliver them for us. Thank you!

**Christmas Poinsettias Are Available for Purchase (\$15/each)** Memorial envelopes are available from the Ushers or on the entry table. Please fill out the envelope and return w/payment in the offering plate or deliver to the church office.

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Bazaar held Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> was a great success! THANK YOU** to the Planning Committee, the many, many volunteers who donated baked goods, donated items to sell, sold raffle tickets, helped with advertising, and donated their time to make it happen! Also, thank you to all those who purchased raffle tickets, had a crafter space, and attended the Bazaar. To be on the Planning Committee for next year, please contact the church office.

**Thank you from Dr. Ashley Karlsson:** Dear Gladys L. Johnson Scholarship Trust, In the spirit of gratitude, I wanted to reach out and thank you for your generosity and offer a brief update. Fifteen years ago, I wasn't sure how I would be able to afford a college education. I received a scholarship from the Gladys L. Johnson Trust, and that scholarship, along with others, allowed me to pursue my dream of becoming a teacher. I have since gone on to teach in five countries, earn a Master's in Education and a PhD in Education Policy and Leadership. I now work as an Education Systems Specialist providing school improvement support to dozens of schools across the State of Minnesota. I am profoundly grateful for your gift many years ago and I wanted to let you know the difference you made in my life and the lives of so many others. Thank you! Dr. Ashley Karlsson, Ogilvie High School Class of 2006

**Volunteers Needed** We could use some volunteers to take donations collected at CLLC to Family Pathways throughout the year. Please contact the church office at 651-257-6300 or email office@chisagolakelutheran.org if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

**The CLLC Book Club** will meet Monday, January 10, 2022 at 7 PM on Zoom. We will discuss parts 3 and 4 from the book *"Braiding Sweetgrass."* Please contact Bonnie Anderson at [brinkanderson@gmail.com](mailto:brinkanderson@gmail.com) for the Zoom link or with any questions.

**Gather Bible Study** will not meet in December. Women of the ELCA publishes *Gather* Magazine. Each issue contains Bible study or devotional lessons which correspond with the scriptural readings that are used during our Sunday worship services. There are also several articles relating to the theme of each month. For more information contact Barbara Wikelius at [bjwikelius@gmail.com](mailto:bjwikelius@gmail.com) or visit the website: [www.gathermagazine.org](http://www.gathermagazine.org)

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

**Joyful Sounds Deux**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas CD is available in the church office for a donation (suggested \$10). Proceeds will go to The Refuge Network-Family Pathways. Please contact Julie Riemer or the church office to purchase your copy today.

**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](mailto:music@chisagolakelutheran.org) for info.

**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](mailto:music@chisagolakelutheran.org) for info.

**Veterans Coffee Talks** – *Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City* – **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 9-10 AM** or *North Branch American Legion Post 85, 6439 Elm St, North Branch, MN* – **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every Month 9-10 AM**. Meet other veterans, build friendships, listen to their experiences. Everyone is welcome.

### **Wedding Coordinator Position at CLLC**

We are looking to add another special person who loves wedding ceremonies and would like to be trained as a Wedding Coordinator. We currently have only one person available in this position and are looking to add a second. This person represents Chisago Lake Lutheran and helps the wedding couple plan the details for the ceremony and reception (only if held at our church). You are not expected to assist with other details involved in the wedding planning (invitations, flowers, photographer, catering, cake, etc.). You would need to be available to coordinate and attend the rehearsal and wedding ceremony/reception (if held here). This position also involves meeting with the wedding couple, showing them the church, and going over wedding procedures at CLLC approximately 6 months prior to the wedding. A current wedding coordinator would be available to train you. This is a paid position. This is a great position for someone who is detailed oriented, has great people skills, and loves planning events. Please contact the church office at 651-257-6300 or [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

**You can reach staff via phone (651-257-6300) or email to:**

Pastor Steve – [pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org)

Bridget/Louise – [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org)

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Julie – [music@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto: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](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

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

- Deepest sympathy and prayers for the family of longtime member Owen Johnson who passed away Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. His service was held here on Thursday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. May God hold Owen's family and friends in His care as they mourn their loss. May he rest in eternal peace.
- Belva Fish, prayers for healing and recovery following emergency surgery.
- Delores Allen, prayers for healing and recovery for an arm fracture after a fall.
- Harriet Ryberg, prayers for healing and comfort after her recent surgery.
- Gretchen Hanson, prayers for healing and comfort following a recent 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.
- Shirley Gustafson, prayers for healing and recovery from recent surgeries.

### **THIS WEEK AT CLLC/HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:**

- **Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** Sunday School today for 3 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 10 AM
- **Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>** Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** Tree of Life Children's Choir at 5 PM in Sanctuary
- **Wednesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** Adult Voice Lessons at 5:45 PM in Sanctuary
- **Thursday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill
- **Thursday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>** Office open 9 AM to 1 PM
- **Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** Worship Services at 4 PM and 9 PM
- **Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** No Sunday School
- **Monday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> Office Closed**
- **Thursday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>** Office open 9 AM to 1 PM; **Closed Monday, Jan. 3, 2022**