



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 15th, 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

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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 15 =444; Sanctuary –229, FB – 163, YouTube –52
Tuesday, December 10 = 13**

PRELUDE: ADVENT /CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW #723

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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.

KYRIE

ELW p. 147-148

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Perry Family

On the 4th Sunday of Advent we light the candle of love.

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

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Hymn #257

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.

ANTHEM

"I'm So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

Adult Choir

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5a, Pew Bible OT p.890

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10, Pew Bible NT p.214

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

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TREE OF LIFE CHOIR

“Glory, Glory in the Highest”

“Sleep, Tiny King”

Barb Yotter

ALLELUIA

ELW p.151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-55, Pew Bible NT p.53

The Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel – the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“God’s Recipe For the Perfect Christmas”

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly”

See insert

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

“Bring A Torch , Jeanette, Isabella”

Tone Chime Choir

“A Quiet Christmas Eve (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)”

OFFERTORY HYMN *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”* ELW #186

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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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joy to the World”

Adult Choir

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

JOIN PASTOR BRIAN FOR A CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE PARSONAGE

It was the week before Christmas and all through the parish
the children were hyper, the grown-ups were bearish.
Pastor Brian facing Christmas, his third in Chisago
thought a Parsonage Open House would be good, don't you know?

Please join him for munching, and laughing and sharing,
he'd so love this chance to return all your caring.
December 22nd stop by and you'll see
plenty of food, fun, and drinks between 1:00 and 3:00.

From 1:00 until 3:00 all gladness and cheer
Christ's birthday is coming - the message is clear.
God's Gift in His Son is the reason we praise!
Forget all the stress of these last shopping days!

CHRISTMAS CARDS?? Don't throw away your Christmas Cards after the Christmas Season; donate them!! Our Sunday School program is accepting donations of your old Christmas card fronts for future projects! Drop them off in the bin in the Narthex or the office.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who contributed and helped at the Bazaar last Saturday! It was a top year for the Bake Sale, thank you to all who donated! We had so many people who gave of their time and it is so appreciated! THANK YOU!!

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 AT 7PM CLLC WELCOMES
WARTBURG COLLEGE,**

CASTLE SINGERS AND
KAMMERSTREICHER

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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, Feb. 8th at 7:00 pm* and again for special music for our *9:00 am worship service that Sunday, Feb. 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 house two or more students overnight that Saturday. 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! 😊

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!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES! Our Chisago Lake Lutheran Family has been rapidly growing over the past year. If you are interested in becoming a more active and integral part of our family in faith, we invite you to join us for our next round of New Member classes (Three total) on **Sunday, January 5th, 12th, and 19th** from 10:15-11:15 am in the Green Room

Contact the Church Office at 651-257-6300 or at office @chisagolakelutheran.org if interested. Pastor Brian leads each of these informal, fun, and engaging classes! 😊 We will officially welcome new members at service on *Sunday, January 26 at 9:00am*.

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

- Jerry Vitalis, recovering from eye surgery this past week.

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](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org). It is secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. 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 22

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 3:00 pm – Unexpected Company Concert
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, December 23

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

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

- Office Closed
- **3:00pm – Family Candlelight Service**
- **5:00 pm – Candlelight Service**
- **10:00 pm – Candlelight Service w/ Communion**

Wednesday, December 25

- Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

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

Sunday, December 29

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Organist/Pianist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Kara and Liam Hall

Reader: Anna Burch

Ushers: Jason and Stacey Hall Family and Mary Grimm

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann and Pat Williams

Media Technician: Brayden Bresnahan

Offering Assistants: Jamie Carlson and Katie Schmidt

Coffee Servers: Bev Sandgren and Jan & Mike Nesseth