



First Sunday of Christmas

December 26th, 2021

9:00 AM

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church

Center City, MN

ELCA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* ELW Hymn #282, Vv. 1,4

DIALOGUE

Jesus, the bright Morning Star, shines light in the world.

By day and night he shines for all to see.

Jesus was born in the midst of injustice and poverty

That the world may see the justice and richness of God.

God so loved the world that God sent Jesus,

So that all who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus is the light of the world.

Jesus is the light of our lives.

Sing to God a new song!

A song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God of heaven and earth, you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness - a beam of light that shines through Jesus. Though born in a manger, he is the firstborn of all creation. Though crucified on a cross, he is the Lord of life. Fill us with the wonder and joy of his presence in the world and in our hearts. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1–5, 14–18

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

FIRST CAROL:

"Once in Royal David's City"

ELW Hymn #269, Vv. 1-2

SECOND READING:

Micah 5:2–5a

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

SECOND CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ELW Hymn #279, Vv. 1-2

THIRD READING

Luke 1:26–35, 38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,
²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's
name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with
you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this
might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with
God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him
Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,
and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I
am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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. ³⁸Then 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.

THIRD CAROL

“Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming”

ELW Hymn #272, Vv. 1-2

FOURTH READING

Matthew 1:18–25

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been
engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the
Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to
public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this,
an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be
afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She
will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."
²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph
awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,
²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

FOURTH CAROL

"Away In a Manger"

ELW Hymn #278

FIFTH READING

Luke 2:8–20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by
night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around
them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am
bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a
child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the
highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When 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."
¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.
¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all
who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these
words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising
God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

FIFTH CAROL

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

ELW Hymn #275, Vv. 1,4

SIXTH READING

Matthew 2:1–11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the
East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?
For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King
Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the
chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be
born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
⁶And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when
the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently
for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him
homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the

star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

SIXTH CAROL

“What Child Is This”

ELW Hymn #296, Vv. 1,3

SEVENTH READING

John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

SEVENTH CAROL

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

ELW Hymn #290

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger

To gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger

To kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger

To sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life

Cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

*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

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. **Amen.**

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise God, all creatures here below!

You are the shepherds telling the story.

We tell it in the streets and across the land.

You are the wise ones worshiping with thanksgiving.

We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

You are the angels announcing peace.

We live with joy and go now in peace.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

ELW Hymn #288

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, share Christ's love.

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 Server: Marlee Eret

Greeter: Sally Barott

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer

Readers: Connor Bresnahan, Jamie Carlson, Jason Hall, Butch Johnson

Ushers: The Hall Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Generosity Response - Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who has returned a statement of intent for 2022. Your continued commitment, support, and care for God's ministry through CLLC is a gift! You can still send your card to the church, email your response to office@chisagolakelutheran.org, or fill out the secure form on the website. We celebrate that:

- So far 52 people/families have returned their faithful intents for 2022
- 8 of these have increased their giving from what they gave in 2021
- 4 people/families have returned intent cards who have not done so in the past
- The commitments received to date total \$141,195.56

Pastoral Care Needs or Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one experience illness, undergo surgery, or are hospitalized, or if you have a pastoral need, PLEASE contact the church office, or Pastor Steve directly (910-890-8321). We want to care for you in your time of need, but cannot if we don't know about it. These are tough times, know that we are here to walk the road together.

Invitation for Year-End Giving

We are grateful for the ways you have continued to support the ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. If you are able, we invite you to give a year-end gift to our annual ministry fund (general fund). Thank you for your generosity!

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!

Sunday School on January 2nd will be Pajamas/Movie Day

Join us at 10 AM for a movie, popcorn and activities in the east end of the Fellowship Hall. Regular Sunday School resumes on January 9th with the opening in the Fellowship Hall.

Pray & Play on Monday, January 24th at CLLC All 4 year olds through Grade 5 are invited to sign up for an "Olympic Training" Pray & Play from 9 AM to 2 PM. There is no cost for this event thanks to a Thrivent Member helping us out. Bring your own lunch (snacks provided), items for the Food Shelf, a mask, and outdoor winter attire for sledding. For more information or to volunteer, please email Stacy at youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org.

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 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 or visit the website: www.gathermagazine.org

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. Lessons resume on Jan. 12th.

The CLLC Tree of Life Children's' Chorus 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 Chorus Director. Chorus resumes on Jan. 12th. Email Julie Riemer at music@chisagolakelutheran.org for info.

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.

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 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
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.)

- 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. 26th** No Sunday School today
- **Monday, Dec. 27th** Office closed
- **Wednesday, Dec. 29th** No Confirmation today
- **Wednesday, Dec. 29th** No Tree of Life Children's Choir this evening
- **Wednesday, Dec. 29th** No Adult Voice Lessons this evening
- **Thursday, Dec. 30th** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill
- **Thursday, Dec. 30th** Office open 9 AM to 1 PM
- **Sunday, Jan. 2nd** Sunday School will be Pajamas/Movie in Fellowship Hall at 10 AM
- **Monday, Jan. 3rd** Office closed