



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4th, 2022

9:00 AM

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church

Center City, MN

ELCA

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 practice open communion at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. We believe God’s love, mercy, and grace extends to all people offering new life and new beginnings. We join with the Psalmist in Psalm 34:8 inviting you to “Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who put their trust in him.”
- We invite you to write your name and contact information on the blue connect card in the pew in front of you. 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

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

GATHERING HYMN

“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist Cries”

ELW Hymn #249

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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

Lee & Jennifer Peterson and family

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent we light the candle of preparation

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." (Isaiah 40:3-5)

HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ELW Hymn #257, Vs. 1-2

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.' ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

RESPONSE

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

"D-Day +..."

Pastor Brian King

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW Hymn #712

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

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**

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

Communion Distribution – Come forward as instructed.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW Hymn #612

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**

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

“People, Look East”

ELW Hymn #248

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

Pianist/Organist: Kay Oien

Reader: Rich Whitman

Acolytes: Addy Griffin and Austin Warner

Altar Guild: Pat Williams and Judy Nelson

Coffee Servers: Jan Nesseth and Sandi Quinn

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Gustafson, Terry Sellman, Todd Rivard

Council Members/Offering: Chris Lundberg and Jamie Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Keep in your prayers this week, Ed & Amy Wakefield and their families in the passing of Amy's mom, Deanna Bulen. Deanna passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 29th. Her memorial service will be held at a later date. May the hope of Christ's resurrection be their peace and comfort in these difficult days.

Looking For Ways to Connect With Pastor Brian?

For emergencies, you can call or text him at 319-883-0178. Also, if you are looking for a way to learn more about Pastor Brian, Jen, and their family and/or want to read some of the online/social media devotions he writes, send a "Friend Request" to Pastor Brian on his Facebook account or email him directly at his new email address:

revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org If you forget the first few letters, they match his Orange Warburg College license plates! 😊

Commitment Sunday is TODAY, December 4th. You have already received your Financial Statements and Commitment cards in the mail. If you have not had a chance to mail them to the church office, you will have an opportunity to submit it today. For your convenience, there are additional pledge forms from the ushers.

Looking for Coffee Servers for Dec. 18th.

If you will be here on Sunday, Dec. 18th and would be willing to help with coffee serving please call the church office or Marlee Eret and we will pencil you in. Thank you!

Giving Thanks from Chris Lundberg

The Chisago Lakes Community Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, was a great success! With the help of many exceptional volunteers, over 300 meals were prepared, served, packaged, and distributed. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this event possible. In addition, we are greatly appreciative of the pie and monetary donations. This meal would not be possible without all of your support. Thank you!
Chris Lundberg, Chair

Fundraiser update for the upper entrance renovations:

MANY THANKS to those of you that have already given to the upper entrance renovations. **So far you have raised \$12,796.36! 20,000 is our goal.** Remember to designate on your donation to be used for the "Upper entrance renovations" Thank you!

Wanted - Sunday Morning Prayer Team!

Psalms 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 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.

The CLLC Book Group In December we are meeting December 27 to finish our discussion of Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. 7 pm on zoom. All are welcome to join us. Contact Bonnie Anderson for the zoom link. (brinkanderson@gmail.com)

Congratulations to our Youth! We are so proud of your accomplishments this Fall.

Annika Hall – 29th at State Cross Country

Hattie Opdahl – 4th at State Diving and section 4A Diver of the Year

Owen Rambow – High School Student of the Term

Jacob Peterson – High School Student of the Term

Brayden Bresnahan and Lana Glenna – Cinderella Fall Play

Adult Ed Wakefield – Assistant Coach of the Year - Diving

"With the pending retirement of our office coordinator, Louise, CLLC is now accepting applications. This is a full-time position, 32 hours per week (Monday-Thursday) with benefits. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more details please contact Pastor Brian at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org"

"The Littlest Angel Shop" Donations are needed!!

What is the "Littlest Angel Shop"? It is a store set up here at church which is filled with donated gift items to assist the Sunday school children with their holiday shopping. All items cost 25 cents each – no matter what the item is!

We are looking for donations of new or gently used gift items from you, the Congregation. Any type of gift item for babies through adults – boys and girls - men and women 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

Sankta Lucia returns! December 10th

Deep in December, when the light of the sun remains for such a short time, a young girl, still in her white nightgown, goes quietly to the kitchen to bake a special treat for her father and mother, who still sleep. The aroma of her baking fills the house with the scent of fresh bread and saffron.

Taking a tray, she arranges the lovely, golden buns and leaves the kitchen, lighting her way by the candles of a crown she has placed on her head. Quietly, her brothers and sisters join her on the way their parents' room, singing songs of hope and the promise of the light that will soon radiate over the earth. The Christmas season has returned. This is the Swedish celebration of Sankta Lucia, a tradition followed in Sweden and by Swedish families around the world. **Join us on Saturday morning, December 10th** as the Kichi Saga Swedish Club presents our version of this traditional festival in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and treats will be served **starting at 8:30 AM**. The program begins at 9:00. Come and enjoy a moment of beauty, peace, and goodwill in the midwinter darkness. VÄLKOMMEN!

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:

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| -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 this year, will be part of worship on Dec. 18th. We will be practicing during the Sunday School time on Sun. Dec. 4th, & Dec. 11th 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 19th**. 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.

32nd Annual Community Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 25th 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.

Anonymous Santa collection

The Anonymous Santa program is a nonprofit program for families who cannot afford to purchase gifts for their children for the holiday season.

Only new, non-violent toys and gifts are requested along with gloves/mittens, a hat, and stocking-stuffers. Children from ages newborn to 18 (and in high school) are eligible for this program. Help us gather gifts. They can be dropped off in the designated narthex collection box. Thank you!

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 hip in 3 areas.
- Hannah Turner, wife of Matt Turner, daughter in law of Lee & Karen Turner, prayers for wellness and healing are requested.
- Linda Lindgren thanks you for your prayers and **no** chemo or radiation will be needed. Praise God!
- Linda Lindgren's daughter, Colette Campbell. Has been moved to TCU in St. Paul. Prayers for easy transition.
- Linda Lindgren's granddaughter Aspen, is doing well after her diagnosis of Diabetes type 1. She is learning new methods of controlling that. Prayers for understanding.
- Midge Nelson's brother in law, Doug is at home now and still in need of prayers for healing and recovery.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments and a good outcome with her A-fib.

11-27-22 Attendance = 221 - Sanctuary – 97 Facebook – 83 YouTube – 41

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

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, December 4th**
 - 9:00 am -Worship 9:00 am
 - 10:15 am - Sunday School
 - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, December 5th**
 - 9:00 am - Quilting in the Undercroft
 - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
- **Tuesday, December 6th**
 - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft
- **Wednesday, December 7th**
 - 3:00 pm 6th and 7th gr. Confirmation
 - No 8th gr. Confirmation
 - 5:00 pm Tree of Life Choir
- **Thursday, December 8th**
 - Men's breakfast – Swedish Inn
 - 6:30 pm Historical Committee meeting
- **Friday, December 9th**
 - Set up for Sankta Lucia
- **Saturday, December 10th**
 - 8:30 am Treats are served before the Sankta Lucia program – Fellowship Hall

- **Sunday, December 11th**

- 9:00 am - Worship 9:00 am with Fellowship coffee to follow in the FH
- 10:15 am - Sunday School at 10:15 am
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

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Stacy – youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org

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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.