



## 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5<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.

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Brayden Bresnahan

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**  
**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**  
**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**  
**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**  
**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**  
**Listen when we call out to you for help.**  
**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

#254 Vv. 1-2

## 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 give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; 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

Stacy Johnson & Linnea

**Reader One:** On the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Preparation.

**Reader Two:** 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.

**Reader One:** 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

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*

#240 V. 1-2

## READING

Malachi 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup>he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

### **RESPONSE:**

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S WORD

Stacy Johnson

## SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

#249 Vv. 1,4,5

## BAPTISM OF THEODORE JAMES MATTSON

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## BAPTISM SONG

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”*

#818 v.1,4

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC DURING OFFERING

*“Rise Up Shepherds”* Barb Sparish & Julie Riemer

## 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.**

#### 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.*

## 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

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

## SENDING SONG

*“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

#264 Vv. 1,3,4

## 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

Coffee Servers: Barb and Mark Wikelius

Greeter:

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer

Reader: Lou Ann Mattson

Soloists: Brayden Bresnahan & Barb Sparish

Usher: Jerry Vitalis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome Theodore James Mattson!** With joy, the CLLC congregation extends congratulations to the parents and welcome to the baptismal candidate today, Theodore James Mattson, son of Ben and Jerilyn Mattson. As we celebrate this important milestone in Theodore's life, we ask the congregation to keep Theodore and his family in your daily prayers as he begins his faith journey.

### **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, approximately 350 meals were prepared, packaged, and distributed. I would like to thank everyone who helped make this event possible. In addition, we are greatly appreciative of the pie and monetary donations. A special thank you to Louise and Bridget for being the contacts for our guests. This meal would not be possible without all of your support. Thank you!

### **Food Drive Follow-Up from Lauryn Lundberg**

The food drive on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> was a great success! Thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated food and money. We collected 404 pounds of food and received \$380 in monetary donations. The food shelf was very gracious towards our donations. It is very nice to see what a giving community we have!

**Volunteers Needed** We could use a couple of 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](mailto: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.

**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.

**Joyful Sounds Deux**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas CD, will be available 12/4/21 for donations (suggested \$10). Proceeds will go to The Refuge Network-Family Pathways. Please contact Julie Riemer or the church office to purchase a copy in CD or digital format.

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

**CLLC Youth Here on Wednesdays in December on 12/8 & 12/15 from 3 to 4:30 pm**  
6<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the Youth Room and 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the Green Room.

**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.

**Littlest Angel Shoppe** is back this year! Donations are needed! The Littlest Angel Shoppe is a store set up here at church 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! **Donations from the congregation of new or gently used gift items would be greatly appreciated! Any type of gift for infants through adults are needed. Please drop off your items in the church office by December 15<sup>th</sup>.** The children will be able to shop on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the large Sunday School room following the Christmas Program practice that morning. For questions, call Stacy at 651-257-6300 or email her at [youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org).

**Anonymous Santa** – As you are doing your Christmas shopping, please consider picking up an extra gift or two for those less fortunate this Christmas. The Anonymous Santa Program helps families who cannot afford to purchase gifts for their children. The program offers an opportunity for parents to select gifts in a Holiday Store at the Main Street Church in North Branch. Only new, non-violent toys and gifts are distributed along with mittens and hats, Christian books & videos, board games, sports balls, and stocking stuffers. Children from ages newborn to 18 are eligible. **Please drop off gifts in the designated Anonymous Santa box in the Narthex between Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

**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)

Stacy – [youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org)

Stephanie – [finance@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:finance@chisagolakelutheran.org)

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.)

- Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of longtime member Roger Lenz who passed away on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord comfort them in their grief and loss, and cover them with peace as only He can do. Roger's service is Thursday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Grandstrand Funeral Home at 11 AM. May he rest in eternal peace.
- Deepest sympathy and prayers for the family of longtime member Judy Lindahl who passed away Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> after a courageous battle with cancer. Her funeral was held here Saturday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. May God continue to hold Judy's family and friends in His care as they mourn their loss. Wishing them God's peace and comfort.
- Please lift up prayers for Joyce Nelson (sister-in-law of Midge Nelson) whose health is deteriorating and for Darryl Nelson (brother-in-law of Midge) who fell while hunting and is experiencing pain.
- Delores Allen, prayers for healing and recovery for an arm fracture after a fall.
- Pat Williams, prayers for restored health and recovery from pneumonia.
- 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:**

- **Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** Sunday School today for 3 yrs to 5<sup>th</sup> grade at 10 AM
- **Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** Narcotics Anonymous at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Monday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** MADD Meeting at 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in CLLC Youth Room at 3 PM
- **Wednesday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grades in CLLC Green Room for Confirmation at 3 PM
- **Thursday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill