



# CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

[www.chisagolakelutheran.org](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

## **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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PRELUDE: ADVENT /CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Maiken Halmrast

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"People, Look East"*

ELW #248

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

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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"*

Senior Choir

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4, Pew Bible OT p.915

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11, Pew Bible NT p.188

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Pastor Brian

SPECIAL MUSIC

Magnus Halmrast

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6, Pew Bible NT p.56

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.**

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SERMON                                    *“Be Prepared!”*                                    Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY                    *“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist Cries”*                                    ELW #249

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                                    *“Prepare a Royal Highway”*                                    Senior Choir

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

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.**

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN                    *“Hark, the Glad Sound!”*                                    ELW #239

POSTLUDE

**SERVICE OF COMFORT, HOPE, & HEALING** will be on **Tuesday, December 17 @ 6PM**. The Holiday season for many can be a lonely and difficult time. This service is a time to both recognize pain and grief and also a time to seek hope and healing in Christ.

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

**GIVING THANKS!** We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended, supported, or volunteered for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. Over 400 meals were served in-person or distributed as take-out.

A special thank you goes out to the following businesses, and organizations for their contributions that made this event possible: Deutschland Meats, Thrivent, Chisago Lakes Lions, Pleasant Valley Orchard, Chisago County Press, The Northern Lake Tavern and Grill, Brink's Market, Forest Lake Printing, and the city of Center City. We are deeply appreciative of their generosity and support.

We are also incredibly grateful to the 66 dedicated volunteers who gave a total of 198 hours over two days to help with set-up, clean-up, food prep, packaging, serving, and meal distribution. This event would not have been possible without your hard work and commitment.

Sincerely,

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner Planning Group

Jamie Carlson, Chris Knight, Chris Lundberg, Emmy Lundeen, and Julie Opdahl

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM- "Too Many Shepherds and Angels!"**

Join us Sunday, **December 15 during 9am worship** when the Sunday School children will share their version of the Christmas story!

**"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. 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. 12.

**LIVING NATIVITY** at First United Methodist Church, Lindstrom on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The enactment of the Birth of Jesus will be presented at 6:00, 6:30, and 7:00PM, with animals from Little Blue's Traveling Zoo. It will be held outdoors; bench seating is available. Everyone is welcome! You are encouraged to dress for the weather! The event is FREE and will last about 15 minutes. Cookies and cocoa will be served inside following each presentation.

## **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!

## **Unexpected Company Chorale Winter Concert - "Swedish Holiday"**

Join us for our Winter Concert 2024 for which we have selected music that ties to the Swedish heritage of our Lakes Area, this afternoon here at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church at 3pm. The concert will include selections of classics, carols, and traditional songs that have Swedish origins or ties to Swedish traditions. And, join us for a reception following the concert to mingle with the friends and members of the Unexpected Company Chorale. Tickets available at the door or online @ [ucchorale.org](http://ucchorale.org). All tickets \$15.

**NEW USHERING SCHEDULE.** I want to thank all who helped as ushers from July through to December. They always were sure their Sunday was covered. If they couldn't serve, they called me, Sue in the office, or they someone on their own. On a rare Sunday where we were short an usher there was always someone to help. Thanks again and I hope you are able to help again next July.

I am finishing up with the schedule for January through June 2025. I try to leave the snow birds off the schedule for the winter months. There still is a lot of travel for those on this schedule. There is visiting grandchildren, trips, fishing, etc., which is great because we have many to help out.

We always have a couple of new ushers, if you would like to join our group, please call me! Jerry Vitalis, 257-4496.

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**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 is secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. [www.chisagolakelutheran.org](http://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 8**

- 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 9**

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

### **Tuesday, December 10**

- 6:00 pm – Advent-Holden Evening Prayer with Communion
- 6:30 pm – All Committee Night
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

### **Wednesday, December 11**

- 6:00 pm - Confirmation

### **Thursday, December 12**

- 8:00 am - Men’s Breakfast, Swedish Inn

### **Friday, December 13**

### **Saturday, December 14**

- 8:30 am – Refreshments and seating for Sankta Lucia Pageant
- 9:00 am – Sankta Lucia Pageant
- 8:30 am – Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 9:30 am – Littlest Angel Shop

### **Sunday, December 15**

- 9:00 am – Worship Service with **Sunday School Christmas Program**
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Organist/Pianist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Owen Warner and Dalton Perry

Reader: Mark Burch

Ushers: Steve & Donna Grossman, Mark Wikelius, and Debbie Hall

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann and Pat Williams

Media Technician: Brayden Bresnahan

Offering Assistants: Steve Grossmann and Chris Knight

Coffee Servers: John and Judy Nelson

**Attendance: December 1 =407; Sanctuary –126, FB – 274, YouTube –77  
Tuesday, December 3 = 25**