



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5th, 2023
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 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 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 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! You can drop your card in the offering baskets. Thank you!

PRELUDE

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

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

ELW Hymn #669

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.

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ELW p. 147-148

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 his 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.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing
and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his
reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a, Pew Bible OT p.704

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Pew Bible NT p.158

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

ELW p.151

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20, Pew Bible NT p. 4

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

TREE OF LIFE CHIOR *"This Little Light of Mine"* Barb Yotter
Director

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Stacy Johnson

SERMON *"Why Hide It When People Are Seeking It?"* Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"* ELW Hymn #676

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**

OFFERTORY *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* ELW Hymn #186

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

Distribution

Communion Distribution – Please come forward as instructed or alert the ushers if you would like the elements brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “*Now We Join in Celebration*” ELW #462
“*Let Us Break Bread Together*” ELW #471

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 “*Shine, Jesus, Shine!*” ELW Hymn #671

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Be Well! Be Loving! Be Courageous! Be the Church!

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!

TAKE THE PASTOR'S CHALLENGE!



God gives us 168 hours each week to live our lives to the fullest with every second of every minute of every hour of every day as a precious gift. In response to the gift and blessing of this life, why not respond to God's grace by giving back in the form of **at least one hour each week in public worship** (so that you might encourage and connect with other believers and followers of Jesus); **at least one hour each week in**

Bible study (so that you might grow in your understanding of God's Word and God's will for your life); and **at least one hour each week in dedicated Christian service to others** (so that you might use your blessings to be a blessing to others). This is an invitation and challenge to be part of what God is doing through the mission and ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church and beyond!

Join **ALPHA** Sundays at 10:15am in our Green Room!



At one point or another, everyone struggles with life's biggest questions. Chisago Lake Lutheran Church is offering the Alpha Course. Each session will begin with refreshments, feature a large group video presentation, conclude with time for honest questions and small group conversations. Each talk looks at a different question around faith, is designed to create conversation, and lasts

about 60 minutes. This is an incredibly engaging and relevant series and an excellent resource and experience for anyone!

BIBLE STUDY

Join Our "Word Alive" Men's/Women's Bible Study! Want to go deeper (with God's Word, not snow)? Join Pastor Brian **Mondays at Noon in the Green Room**. Each week we will be taking a sneak peek at the readings for the following Sunday. This is an informal gathering to delve deeper into the upcoming readings for the next Sunday. Feel free to join us for your lunch break and bring your lunch if you desire!

CLLC Book Group will meet on February 28th at 7 pm on zoom to discuss the book, *The Cultural Toolbox* by Anton Treuer.

Contact Bonnie Anderson if you need the zoom link, brinkanderson@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF THE LAKES EVENTS

Grumpy Old Men Worship Service Are you ready to wear your flannel shirts to church? Ladies, put on a snow hat and you won't have to do your hair? Men, just think, you won't even have to shave! Well, here's your chance. A **Grumpy Old Men** themed worship service will be held during the Celebration of the Lakes weekend, **Sunday, February 12th, at 9:00am**. We encourage ice fishing gear attire (flannels, boots, tackle boxes, etc.). Make it fun. This is the 3rd time we've had the Grumpy Old Men Worship Service. The film's wedding scene from the first movie was filmed here in 1993; we will be celebrating 30 years this year. The stars, Walter Matthau, Jack Lemmon, Burgess Merideth, and Ann Margaret were in the wedding scene. Many members of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church were hired as movie wedding scene



extras. We'll have our Heritage Room open, with the special "Green Hornet" fishing rod used by Walter Matthau in the movie. The picture above shows the dedication of the rod from Todd Angel to Sally Barott for the church history collection. Other pictures/posters and more memories from that year will be on display to share with you.

Lasagna To-Go! Come grab a meal after a day of activities! The youth will again be offering a **Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser** on **Saturday, February 11th from 4-6:00pm**. It will be served To-Go style from the lower parking lot. Included is a full meal of lasagna, breadstick, fruit cup and dessert with a suggested price of \$7/ meal or \$25/family. Proceeds will go toward youth and summer camping experiences. Reservations are appreciated but not required. **Reserve** by signing up in the narthex, emailing or calling the office. If you would like us to **deliver** your meal, let us know!

Youth! can sign up to help in the narthex, with Stacy or through office

Valentine's Day Brunch at Country Bed and Breakfast in Shafer. **Tuesday, February 14th**, Sally Barott is offering a Swedish waffle bar complete with heart shaped waffles, an assortment of toppings, fresh fruit, juice, stuffed eggs, assorted Valentine's sweets and fresh coffee. Cost is \$20 with seatings at 10:30am and 1:00pm. Reservations are required, so reserve now for a day with someone you love!



Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, with a simple prayer from a single youth group: ***"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."***

Since then, more than \$174 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country. Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. A Noisy Offering will be collected on **Sunday, February 12th** and will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice: **Family Pathways Food Shelf**.



MINISTRY OPPURTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Prayer Team! Psalm 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 before worship. 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 30 minutes early and take about 5 minutes total. Email me at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org if interested, or contact the office.

Visitation: We are again starting up with our “**Caring Hands**” Lay visitation/home communion ministry team at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. If you would like more information on this essential ministry and are interested in joining, please contact Pastor Brian at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org or contact the office. This ministry starts up again in February.



Family Pathways is collecting food to provide an Easter meal for about 100-125 families that are supported here in the Chisago Lakes Area. Chisago Lake Lutheran is collaborating with other groups in the area to make this happen! We have committed to provide **75 boxes of scalloped or au gratin potatoes** and **donations of money** to go toward purchasing hams (please note “ham” in the memo line of checks). As always Family Pathways is so very appreciative of CLLC and our support in their work in the community.



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

- Gretchen Hanson, prayers for strength and healing with her upcoming surgery.
- Bev Luckow, sister of Midge Nelson, prayers to give the doctors wisdom in treating her continuing health issues.
- Collette Campbell, daughter of Linda Lindgren, as she moves to a group home in Pine City for care due to her Parkinson’s Disease
- Aspen, 6 year old granddaughter of Linda Lindgren, as they continue to gain control of her blood sugar levels and adjust to using an insulin pump in the near future.
- Hannah Turner, wife of Matt Turner, daughter in law of Lee & Karen Turner, prayers for wellness and healing are requested.

PASTORAL CARE- Just a reminder, please let us know if there is someone who is sick or hospitalized or for any other reason, would like a visit from Pastor Brian. You can contact the office or Pastor Brian directly.

revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org or 319-883-0178

UPDATE ON ENVELOPES- Unfortunately the boxes of envelopes for giving are delayed from the company who makes them, due to supply issues and trouble finding employees. In the meantime, feel free to use last year's envelopes you may have, an ordinary envelope, or one from the pew, labeling them clearly with name. As always, there is the option of on-line giving.

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

1-29-23 Attendance =476; Sanctuary –125, Facebook –315, YouTube –36

Like, Follow, and Share our posts on Facebook to help us reach even more people with the Gospel – the good news about Jesus!

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, February 5th**
 - 9:00 am -Worship
 - 10:15 am -Sunday School
 - 10:15 am –Alpha Course
 - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- **Monday, February 6th**
 - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
 - 12:00 pm – Men's and Women's Bible Study
- **Tuesday, February 7th**
 - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

- **Wednesday, February 8th**
 - 10:00 am Staff Meeting – Office
 - 3:00 pm -6th and 7th Grade Confirmation
 - 3:00 pm– 8th Grade Confirmation –Trinity
 - 5:00 pm-Tree of Life Choir

- **Thursday, February 9th**
 - 8:00 am Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn

- **Friday, February 10th**
 - 11:00 am Narcotics Anonymous
 - 6:30 pm 6th & 7th grade Confirmation Retreat – CLLC

- **Saturday, February 11th**
 - 4-6:00 pm Lasagna Dinner To-Go

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 - 10:15 am -Sunday School
 - 10:15 am –Alpha Course
 - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

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.

PASTOR'S PARKING LOT PRAYER

All Chisago Lake members are invited to pray this prayer often: "Let Chisago Lake Lutheran Church be a place of welcome and hospitality; comfort and care; hope and joy for all who enter and exit our doors. Transform hearts, minds, and lives through the power of your Holy Spirit and through the message of your love and grace through Jesus Christ. Amen."

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Kay Oien

Reader: Midge Nelson

Acolytes: Halden Briggs and Khloe Bresnahan

Altar Guild: Dale Bahn and Shirley Shogren

Coffee Servers: Mark and Anna Burch

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: John Nelson, Deb Hall and Nora and Brad and LouAnn Mattson

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