



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025

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/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 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.”
For your convenience, gluten-free wafers are available by request, and a non-alcoholic juice option is always available in the light-colored center cups for those who prefer.
- 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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PHONE- 651-257-6300 / OFFICE HOURS – Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lift High The Cross"

ELW #660

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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 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Pew Bible OT p.12

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4-21, Pew Bible NT p.189

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

"Talking Trash or Talking Truth?"

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW #715

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

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

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.**

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward as instructed or alert the ushers if you would like the elements brought to you. For your convenience, gluten-free wafers are available by request, and a non-alcoholic juice option is always available in the light-colored center cups for those who prefer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”
“Beautiful Savior”*

ELW #471
ELW #838

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

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Attendance: March 9 = 326, Sanct-104, FB – 125, YouTube– 97; Wednesday - 64

PRAYER CONCERNS – *Please contact the office with any requests or updates.*

- Condolences to the family and friends of Steve Sargeant on his passing. Thoughts and prayers to all during this time of grief.
- Prayers for Nova, granddaughter of Max & Mary Gustafson as she continues to heal.
- Keeping in our prayers Gordy, Vida, and Belva.

FIFTH SUNDAY COTTAGE MEETING!

Please join us for the next Chisago Lake Lutheran Church Cottage meeting on **March 30 at 9:45 a.m.** regarding potential Capital Campaign Projects.

2025 SPRING PLANT SALE! Order forms are out for the Spring Plant Sale – Children, Youth and Family Fundraiser. Find the forms in the church entry, the office or on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. They are **due by March 23rd** and arrive on *May 8th*.



EASTER FLOWERS AVAILABLE: An Easter Garden is being planned for our sanctuary. If you would like to purchase a flower in memory for loved ones, envelopes are available in the office or at the Ushers desk. *Please mark the envelope as to whether you plan to pick up the flowers.* Plants may be picked up after Easter service or later in the week. The envelope can be left at the church office or put in the offering plate. Listed below are the plants that will be used. Thank you.



Easter Lilies	\$12.00	Azaleas	\$27.50	Cyclamen	\$18.00
Mums	\$14.00	Begonia	\$19.00		

NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

We can't THANK YOU enough for all the support we have received here at the church! What a welcoming new family we are entering into! Pastor Brian was a blessing we needed in a very difficult time. The amazing kitchen committee provided a relaxing food filled place for all to gather and share after the service. You all gave us support and comfort on a very sad day. Thanks a bunch!

~The family of Steve Sargeant, Stephanie Sargeant

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
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, March 16

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am – Revelation’s Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, March 17

- 9am-2pm – Newborn Kit Assembly
- Noon – Men’s/Women’s Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday, March 18

- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship service
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, March 19

- 4:45 pm – Tree of Life Choir practice
- 5:15 pm – Soup Supper
- 6:00 pm – Lenten Worship
- 6:45 pm – “Why Does Jesus Matter” small groups
- 7:00 pm – Adult Choir practice

Thursday, March 20

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

Friday, March 21

- 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm – 9th Grade Retreat

Saturday, March 22

- 9:00am – 3:00 pm – FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 23

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am – Revelation’s Bible Study
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Owen Warner and Haldon Briggs

Reader: Marc Brottem

Ushers: John Nelson, Dalton Perry, Daniel Perry, and Anthony Weber

Altar Guild: Chris Knight and Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Tech: Brayden Bresnahan

Communion/Offering Assistants: Katie Schmidt, Steve Grossmann, and Lori Sampson

Coffee Servers: Linnae Johnson and Shirley Carlson