



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

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 and kits are available and a special children’s message is shared at each service.
- 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!

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



Attendance: March 15 = 416, Sanct. - 56, FB – 352, YouTube– NA, Tues – 8

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW #858

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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READING

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Pew Bible OT p.829

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Brian

BAPTISMS

*Jonathan James Sanders
Dutton Lee Wood*

ELW p.227-231

BAPTISMAL HYMN

"Borning Cry"

ELW #732

LENTEN VERSE

ELW p.142

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

READING

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

Romans 8:6-11, Pew Bible NT p.150

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"Can These Bones Live?"* Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"We Are Called!"* ELW #720

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always; **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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 *"Children of the Heavenly Father"* ELW #781

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

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- My father, Robert B. Porter (formerly of Center City) has asked for prayer. He went to the church for many years and has always felt that this is his home church, even though he currently resides in St Paul. Bob had a bad fall and has been in the hospital for the last four days. He fractured three vertebrae in his back, has had dangerously high potassium levels, and double pneumonia. It's been a rough couple of days for him. Your prayers and /or words of comfort would be so very appreciated. Thank you! Cathy Porter

With Joy the Chisago Lake Lutheran family extends congratulations to the parents and welcomes baptismal candidates, Jonathan Sanders, son to Amanda and Mike Sanders, and Dutton Wood, son to Courtney and Dylan Wood. As we celebrate this important milestone in Jonathan's and Dutton's lives, we ask the congregation to keep them and their families in your daily prayers as they begin their faith journeys. Congratulations!

WEDNESDAY'S DURING LENT:

Soup Suppers: 5:15pm Come for Soup Supper prior to the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Holden Evening Prayer: 6pm – Holden Worship; Sermon series B.L.E.S.S. - B "Begin with Prayer", L "Listen with Care", E "Eat Together", S "Serve with Love", S "Share Your Story". As we engage these practices daily, we partner with God's Spirit to bless those who do not know him. Together on Wednesdays we will learn how to reach more people with the good news about Jesus!



EVERYDAY REVOLUTIONARY: How to Transcend the Culture War and Transform the World

You are invited to join Pastor Brian Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the Green Room. Tired of being a pawn in the culture war? Feeling squeezed between political and theological extremes? How do we live faithfully when we don't feel at home in this increasingly secular culture? Pastor and Bible teacher J.D. Greear calls us to reimagine our Christian witness in today's world. In this practical and encouraging series, discover biblical insights for witnessing well in our polarized, post-Christian world.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE – First Communion for 2nd grade and older. If your child is ready for communion class, mark your calendar for Sundays, **March 22 & 29 at 11:15 am** for mandatory instruction classes (Meal included). Communion celebration will take place during **Maundy Thur. worship on April 2nd at 6 pm**. Please let Stacy know if you have a student(s) who would like to participate. youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org.

2026 SPRING PLANT SALE! Order forms are out for the Spring Plant Sale – Children, Youth and Family Fundraiser. Find the forms in the church Lobby, the office or on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Orders are **due by March 22** and arrive on May 7.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS! Flowers/plants used for the Easter Sunday Altar Garden are available for purchase. These are often in Memorial/Honor of loved ones. There are envelopes available in sanctuary or office. They can be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. Plants may be taken any time after Easter Service. *Thank you.*

Easter Lilies: \$12 | Azaleas: \$30 | Kalanchoes: \$18 | Mums \$14 | Begonias \$19



CPR/AED TRAINING! Chisago Lake Lutheran is offering you a chance to take a class in CPR/AED training. You may or may not be aware that we have AED (Automated External Defibrillator) units on Levels 2 and 3 should they be needed. *There is no cost for this training!* Those of you

who are ushers during worship service or greeters are highly encouraged to attend, but it is open to anybody! **Training will be Sunday, April 19 at 10:15am in the Green Room.** You can sign up on line at chisagolakelutheran.org or on a sheet in the Lobby. Hope to see you there, signup now!



FIRST AID TRAINING: Also, mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 3 at 11:30am.** There will be basic First Aid training offered, again free of charge, in the Green Room. *Look for signup sheets for this as well!*

Thank you:

Dear Quilters,

On behalf of the St Cloud VA patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of handmade quilts.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans.

Thank you for your continued support and advocacy.

Sincerely, Daniel Ball, Director,

Center for Development and Civic Engagement

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THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

Sunday, March 22

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School/ Adult Forum
- 11:15 am – First Communion Class
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, March 23

- 9am-2pm - Quilters
- Noon – Men's/Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran

Tuesday, March 24

- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship service
- 1:00 pm – Friendship Circle Meets at church
- 1:30 pm – Glory Circle Meets at church
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, March 25

- 5:15 pm – Soup Supper
- 6:00 pm – Lent Worship – Holden Evening Prayer
- 7:00 pm – Chime Choir practice

Thursday, March 26

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

Saturday, March 28

- 9:00 am – Set-up for Palm Sunday Breakfast
- 1:00 pm – Chisago Lakes Mutual Insurance Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 29

- 8:00 am – 11:00 am – Breakfast
- 8:30 am – Palm Processional through Center City
- 9:00 am – Palm Sunday Worship Service
- 10:15 am – Adult Forum – *Everyday Revolutionary*
- 11:15 am – First Communion Class
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Fredlund family

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Aubrey Griffin and Brielle Hollister

Reader: Debbie Hall

Ushers: Mark Wolcott, Scott Lundberg, Mark and Anna Burch

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Tech: Khloe Bresnahan

Communion/Offering Assistants: Erica Paffel and Lori Sampson

Coffee Servers: Pam and Mike Carlson