



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27th, 2022

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 an Usher for guidance use if needed.

PRELUDE

“Lenten Meditation”

R Thygerson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

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 have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ELW Hymn #807

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

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 5:9-12

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal

through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'

RESPONSE:

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CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"

ELW Hymn #608

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"

McConnell

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 God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“What wondrous Love is This”

ELW Hymn #666

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Torrans

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Substitute Organist: Julie Lauritzen

Reader: Mark Wikelius

Acolytes: Connor Bresnahan

Coffee Server: Pam Carlson and Jamie Carlson

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan and Ian Lexvold

Ushers: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Council is seeking nominations for the Call Committee. If you know of someone that would be interested, or you yourself would be interested in serving on this committee, please fill out the "Pastoral Call Committee Nomination Form" located in the church office or on the Sanctuary entry table. You can fill it out and place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Thank you.

Wednesday's in Lent

We will be offering a Lenten devotional each Wednesday during Lent. You can watch it on our website, YouTube channel and Facebook page any time after 5 PM.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 10th, at 9:00 am, Palm Sunday breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall. Served by the youth

Maundy Thursday, April 14th, at 6:30 pm. Celebrating first communicants.

Good Friday, April 15th, at 6:30 pm,

Easter Sunday, April 17th, at 9:00 am with rolls and coffee served by Christian Education.

SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER:

Watch your email for an order form, or call Stacy at 651-257-6300 to have one mailed to you.

- Pick up an order form in the church office or on the Fellowship hall tables
- **Orders are Due on April 3rd.**
- Flowers will be delivered to CLLC and ready for you to pick up on Thursday, May 5th from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Call Stacy if you need to pick up at a different time.

If you remember these flowers and baskets from last year – they were Huge and BEAUTIFUL! For questions, please contact Stacy at 651-257-6300 or email

youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org

Easter Flowers Available An Easter Garden is being planned for our sanctuary. Listed below are the plants that will be used.

Memorial envelopes are available in the church office or Sanctuary entry table on Sundays. Please mark the envelope clearly so we will know if you plan to pick up the flowers or leave them for distribution. You may contact the church office or Judy Nelson at 257-1788 if you have any questions. Plants may be taken on Tuesday, April 18th. The envelope can be left at the church office or put in the offering plate. Thank you.

Easter Lilies	\$12.00	Azaleas	\$20.00
Mums	\$14.00	Asiatic Lilies	\$14.00

SUPPORT UKRAINE. ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

If you would like to help support the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response for Ukraine **Make your checks payable to Chisago Lake Lutheran Church and put "Support Ukraine" in your memo line. Leave in the offering plate OR ail to Chisago Lake Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 175. Center City, MN 55012 OR**

1st Communion Classes We are excited to offer our **Welcome to the Table communion milestone** (aka 1st Communion) in person this year!!! While all ages are welcome to participate, our lessons are geared to 2nd – 5th grades.

We have two Sunday dates for our learning and activities: March 27th from 11 am-1:30 pm, and April 3rd at 11 am -12:30 pm. We will then celebrate and commune our participants on Thursday, April 14th at **6:30 pm during the Maundy Thursday Worship Service**
Please let Stacy know of you have a student(s) who would like to participate.
youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org.

JOIN US!! Help re-stock the food shelves by donating to Family Pathway's March FoodShare Food & Fund Drive This March, we join Family Pathways' food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota in acting to end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items for our local Family Pathways foodshelf and/or monetary donations throughout March. Your \$1 donation will give Family Pathways buying power of \$7 worth of groceries.

Items needed are: canned meats, hearty soups, peanut butter, personal hygiene and household cleaning products, canned fruit, canned vegetables, bags of potatoes, carrots or onions, whole grain pasta, rice, baking and cooking items, vegetable oil, flour, sugar, spices.
You can drop off your items in the narthex collection box. Thank you.

You can reach staff via phone (651-257-6300) or email to:

Pastor Steve – pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org

Louise – office@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stacy – youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stephanie – finance@chisagolakelutheran.org

Music – 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. 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
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THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, March 27th**, Sunday School for 3 yrs to 5th grade at 10 AM
 - **Monday, March 28th**, Quilting Group from 9 AM to 2 PM in the Undercroft
 - **Wednesday, March 30th**, 6th Graders at Trinity Lutheran Lindstrom at 3 PM
 - **Wednesday, March 30th**, 7th/8th Grade Conf. - Trinity Lutheran Lindstrom at 3 PM
 - **Wednesday, March 30th**, Tree of Life Kids Chorus at 5 PM in the Sanctuary
 - **Thursday, March 31st**, Men's Fellowship Group meets at 8 AM at Phil's Grill
 - **Sunday, April 3d**, Welcome to the Table- 1st Communion class, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
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PRAYER CONCERNS (please contact the church office with any concerns/updates.)

- Don Bungum, prayers for healing and recovery following hospitalization/illness.
 - Harriet Ryberg, prayers for healing and comfort after surgery.
 - Gretchen Hanson, prayers for healing and comfort following surgery.
 - 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 for recent surgeries.
 - Dennis Gustafson, for upcoming cataracts surgery.
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If there is someone who is ill, recovering from an illness or surgery and in need of prayers or would like a Pastoral call, please call the church office so we can add them to our prayer concern list or have the Pastor call them. Thank you.

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 and at 6 pm, you'll see this week's service.