



CHISAGO LAKE

LUTHERAN CHURCH



First Sunday of Lent

March 9, 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 and 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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Cover: Last Wednesday’s Soup Supper crew. Thanks for serving up a delicious supper!!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Eternal Father Strong to Save”

ELW #756

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p.148-149

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of the God and Father.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Pew Bible OT p.557

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE

ELW p. 151

**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.**

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THE GOSPEL

John 14:1-6, Pew Bible NT p.103

The Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel - the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

"Fear Not For I am With You!"

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Day By Day"

ELW #790

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.**

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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OFFERTORY

“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

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

ELW #767

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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.

Attendance: March 2 = 522, Sanct-158, FB – 255, YouTube– 93, Tues - 16

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.

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.
- Condolences to Bill, Lisa, Will, and Katie Schmidt on the death of Bill's mother, Betty Mae Carol Schmidt. Thoughts and prayers are with your entire family in this time of grief.
- Condolences to the family of Joan Grossman on the passing of her sister Joyce. Thoughts and prayer for all during this time.
- Prayers for Nova, Max and Mary Gustafson's granddaughter of Max and Mary Gustafson. Doctors continue to find a way to repair a congenital heart issue.
- Keeping in our prayers Mirza, Dale, and Vida

2025 EcoFaith Summit of the Upper Midwest: Earth's Cries, Earth's Call: Becoming Midwives of Hope for the Healing of Creation: Saturday, April 5, 9:30am -



5:00pm, First Lutheran Church in Duluth and Online.

St. Paul Area Synod's Care of Creation Work Group in collaboration with the EcoFaith Network invites you to participate. The day includes impactful speakers, action-oriented engagement sessions, vibrant worship, inspiring art, table exhibits, and networking time to equip disciples in congregations, camps, campuses and communities to respond to God's call in the cries of Creation. To register and for more information including a carpool discount,

free registration under age 30 and free childcare provided:

<https://www.ecofaithnetwork.org/ecofaith-summit-2025>

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.

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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 9

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am – Revelation’s Bible Study
- 3:00 pm – Wedding; Miranda Oliver and Charles Unruh
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, March 10

- 9am-2pm - Quilters
- Noon – Men’s/Women’s Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
- 7:00 pm – Excelsior 4H Club Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship service
- 6:30 pm – All Committee Night meetings
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, March 12

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

Thursday, March 13

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

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Linnea Johnson

Reader: Anna Burch

Ushers: Steve Sontag, Dale Bahn, Jim Peterson and Lee Peterson

Altar Guild: Chris Knight and Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Tech: Brayden Bresnahan

Communion/Offering Assistants: Katie Schmidt and Melissa Rambow

Coffee Servers: Judy and John Nelson