



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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
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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! You can drop your card in the offering baskets or at the Welcome table in the entryway, where we have a special gift for first-time visitors. Thank you!

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

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! **362 Newborn kits** were assembled and delivered to *Global Health* last week. Global Health was thrilled to receive them and send them on their way! A BIG thank you to *all* who participated in way of donations, assembling, and delivering these kits. Remember, items are collected year-round; you can drop them off in the quilters room, the office or collection bin in the narthex anytime.

THE HERITAGE ROOM will be open TODAY after worship.
Come and see a special display of church directories dating back to 1970!

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL *"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty!"* ELW #858

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

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Ephesians 2:1-10, Pew Bible NT p.184

CHILDREN MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

ALLELUIA

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

ELW p.151

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 3:16-17, Pew Bible NT p.88

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Surprised By Grace"

Pastor Brian

BAPTISM

Evelyn Ardell Schmidt

ELW p. 227-231

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Borning Cry"

ELW #732

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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

“Amazing Grace”

ELW # 779

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.*

- Prayers for Dale Williams as he prepares for surgery on Wednesday and for healing and strength on outcomes of the surgery.
- Gisela, Chris Ruser’s mom who is recovering from knee surgery, prayers of gratefulness for the surgery and for recovery.
- Condolences to the family of Shawna Griffin on the recent passing of her uncle.

Attendance: April 7 = 334; Sanctuary –120, FB – 155, YouTube –51, Tues- 8

Get a 2nd dose of this service online on both Facebook and You Tube or by watching local Channel 10 (CLTV) on Sundays. At 10 am you’ll see last week’s service

With Joy the Chisago Lake Lutheran family extends

congratulations to the baptismal candidate today, *Evelyn Ardell Schmidt*, daughter to Chloe and Jamie Schmidt. As we celebrate this important milestone in Evelyn's life, we ask the congregation to keep her and her family in your daily prayers as she begins her faith journey. Welcome Evelyn!

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ACTS TO REVELATION—The World of The First Christians

New Adult Forum Series, *begins TODAY!* Following an immersive journey through the history, geography, and accounts of Jesus through the Gospels, we now explore what happened next and investigate the lives of the very first Christians. Beginning in Jerusalem and using the Book of Acts as our roadmap, we will travel the Mediterranean region to share the people, places and events that launched the Christian faith, including the missionary journeys of Paul and the apocalyptic visions and writings of John of Patmos found in the Book of Revelation. Join us in the Green Room most Sundays following worship this Spring and Summer!

“SCRIPTURE AND NATURE: TEACHERS OF FAITH” by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith.



Jesus regularly invokes nature in his teaching, drawing us into deeper relationship with the created world.

April's topic is Food: Daily bread for the health of the world.

Most of us hunt, harvest and forage in grocery store aisles. We've forgotten the ways our food first comes to us—from fields, flocks, forests and farms.

This is the current study from the Women of the ELCA's publication, *Gather*. There are two groups from our congregation that meet on a regular basis.

Groups are always open to anyone who wishes to join in some friendly time together studying the Bible!

- Friendship Circle meets **April 16 at 1:00 pm** in member's homes, contact Judy Nelson at 651-257-1788.
- Glory Circle meets **April 23 at 1:30 pm** here at church, contact Barb Wikelius at 651-257-5892.



CPR/AED TRAINING - There will be training here at Chisago Lake Lutheran on **Monday, April 29th from 6:30 to 8:00pm.** The training will be on the use of the AED's which were installed last year and on CPR. Everyone is invited to come; ushers and greeters are especially encouraged to attend.

RECYCLING DAY IS SET! Our Spring appliance and recycling will be **Saturday, May 4, 8am to 2pm.** It will take place in the lower parking lot. An item list with the costs is available in the office, on bulletin boards or through a link in the weekly e-newsletter and on the website. Thank you to Mark Nelson of AAA Recycling, this is an excellent fundraiser for our church!!



DON'T MISS OUT! SIGN UP TODAY! Photos for our church directory will be taken the week May 29 to June 1. Wednesday to Friday times will be from 2 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. You can sign up on line by following the

QR code or at www.ucdir.com. Use this ID (*mn449*) and PASSWORD (*photos*) to schedule. You may also sign up in the entrance at the Welcome table, stop in or call the office.

We are also signing up people to sit at a welcome table and greet people as they come in for their photos. We are looking to have a couple people for each shift.



SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

Chisago Lake Lutheran and Gladys L. Johnson Scholarships – Both scholarships are available to any student planning to attend a Christian college, seminary, public college, university, or vocational institute in the fall of 2024.

- The *Chisago Lake Lutheran Scholarship* is available to church members only.
- The *Gladys Johnson Scholarship* is available to anyone in MN or WI.

You can pick up applications at the church office or have them mailed/emailed to you by contacting the office; office@chisagolakelutheran.org or 651-257-6300.

Applications are due June 16 to the church office and will be awarded in July.

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.



OFFICE PHONE- 651-257-6300 / OFFICE HOURS – Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

Sunday, April 14

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am - Adult Forum, Acts to Revelation
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

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- 6:00 pm – 6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Confirmation/Youth Group
- 7:00 pm – Tone Chime Practice

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday, April 19

Saturday, April 20

Sunday, April 21

- 9:00 am – Communion Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am – Adult Forum, Acts to Revelations
- 11:00 am – Tree of Life Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Talan Koester-Radmann and Lincoln Perry

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

Reader: Kelsey Peterson

Altar Guild: Pat Ongstad and Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Technician: Brayden Bresnahan

Offering Assistants: Jamie Carlson and Katie Schmidt

Coffee Servers: Pat and Dale Williams are serving cake today in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Congratulations Dale and Pat!!