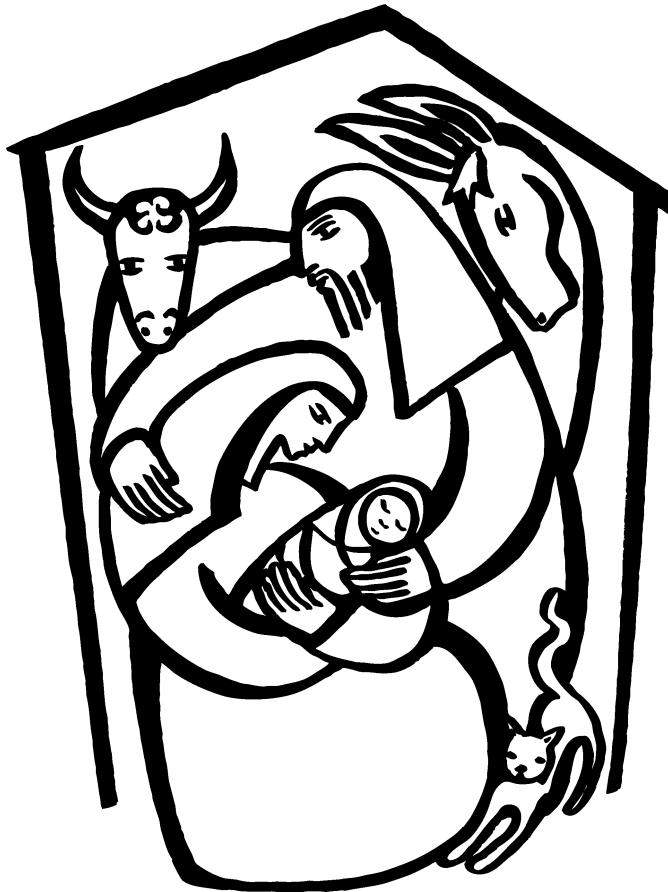


# Nativity of Our Lord

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church  
Center City, MN

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2021  
4:00 pm Family Service



## WELCOME TO CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Merry Christmas! We are so glad you have joined us for worship this night. Together, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Savior for whom we have been waiting in the season of Advent. May your Christmas season be filled with hope, peace, and the joy of God's son born in Bethlehem.

The order of worship is printed in the bulletin. Any page numbers that are listed can be found in the red ELW hymnal in the pew in front of you. All bold font is spoken by the congregation, the regular by the worship leader. We invite you to sign our guest book at the front entrance. There are restrooms located on each level of our building.

PRELUDE

***"The Call of Christmas"***

Rod Strenke

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

***"O Come, All Ye Faithful"***

**Hymn #283, Vv. 1,3,4**

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,

and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

SONG OF PRAISE

*"The First Noel"*

Hymn #300, Vv. 1,2,5

READING (Leader/**Congregation**)

Psalms 96:1-13

L: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**C: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

L: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**C: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

L: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**C: Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

L: Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

**C: Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."**

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**C: let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

L: before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA (sung)

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

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## RESPONSE:

The gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN

***"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"***

**Hymn #270, Vv. 1-3**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER INTERCESSORY

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*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*

SPECIAL MUSIC

***"Christmas Angels"***

Barb Sparish & Julie Riemer

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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“A Babe Is Born”**

Tree of Life Chorus

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**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES/SPECIAL MUSIC

**“O Holy Night”**

Cole Riemer

*Please be careful when lighting candles. Keep lit candles upright when passing the  
light to another. Hold the unlit candle over the lit candle. You may extinguish candles  
right after singing Silent Night.*

HYMN **“Silent Night, Holy Night!”** (V. 1 Tree of Life, Vv. 2-3 Congregation) **Hymn #281**

Vs.1 Silent Night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Vs.2 Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven a far, Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Vs.3 Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from your holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.  
**(Please extinguish candles now)**

HYMNS

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**V.1**

**“Away In A Manger”**

**V.1**

**“What Child Is This”**

**V.1**

**BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

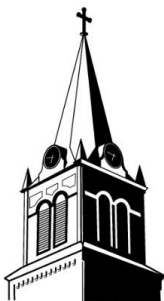
***“Joy to the World”***

**Hymn #267, Vv. 1,3,4**

Join us for a service of  
**Lessons & Carols**

Sunday, December 26  
9:00 AM

***Holiday Office Hours:***  
***December 27 – Closed***  
***December 30 from 9 am to 1 pm***  
***January 3 – Closed***



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