



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Nativity of Our Lord

December 24th, 2022

4:00 pm

*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!

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.

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 are available and a special children's message is shared at each service.
- 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 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. Thank you!

WORDS OF WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymn #283

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation. **Amen**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,
**you promise good news of great joy for all people,
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**
**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,
our resources, and our security.**
We nurture conflict and build barriers.
**We neglect the needs of our neighbors
and ignore the groaning of creation.**
Have mercy on us.
Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.
Where we are reluctant, give us courage.
Where we are cynical, restore our trust.
**Renew us with your grace
and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**
Amen.

Hear the good news:
We are children of God and heirs of God's promises
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
In ✠ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.
Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth
shall know the salvation of God.
Amen.

HYMN

“Away in the Manger”

Hymn #277

READING (Leader/**Congregation**)

Psalm 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 before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

L: He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his truth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Little Drummer Boy"

Barbara Yotter
Rod Strenke
Nick Barr

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Brian King

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20, Pew Bible NT p. 54

HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn #270

SERMON

"Coming Home with Jesus"

Pastor Brian King

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

Barbara Yotter
 Rod Strenke
 Nick Barr

OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us in celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

Hymn #281

Please be careful when lighting candles. Keep lit candles upright when passing the light to another. Hold the unlit candle over the lit candle.

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.

FAMILIAR CAROLS SUNG ACCAPELLE FROM MEMORY

As a congregation we sing the first verse of several familiar Christmas carols: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, O Holy Night, Go, Tell it on the Mountain*. You are invited to join in singing or reflect in silence.

SENDING BLESSING

May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

Amen.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength.

Amen.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world.

Amen.

And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

Hymn #267

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

***God is doing some amazing work through
the ministry of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church.
This is a great time to invite your
friends, neighbors, co-workers
and family members
to join us in worship!***

Make Alpha a New Year's Resolution And Invite Your Friends!

At one point or another, everyone struggles with life's biggest questions. Questions about faith, purpose, hope, and meaning. If you're wrestling with some of those questions right now, you don't have to go it alone. Alpha is a series of sessions that typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. Chisago Lake Lutheran Church will offer its first Alpha Course beginning Sunday, January 8th at 10:15am in our Green Room. Each session will begin with refreshments, feature a large group video presentation, conclude with time for honest questions and small group conversations. Each session lasts about 60 minutes. Contact Pastor Brian (revdup@chisagolakeluthern.org) with questions or if you would like to be involved as a possible small group facilitator. This is an incredibly engaging and relevant series and an excellent resource and experience for anyone - especially people who are new to the Christian faith or seeking to deepen their faith.



Join Our New “Word Alive” Men’s/Women’s Bible Study!



Want to go deeper (with God's Word, not snow)? Join Pastor Brian each Monday at Noon beginning Monday, January 9. We will meet in the Green Room. Each week we will be taking a sneak peek at the readings for the following Sunday. This Bible study is open to both men and women of all ages – those still working and those who are re-purposed (the Bible doesn't actually mention retirement 😊). Just bring your own Bible or use the Bible app on your phone – no experience or preparation necessary. Just show up, read the texts with those who are present, and enjoy the collective questions, insights, stories, and experiences of the group. We encourage those who work locally and can get away for an hour to join us. Bring your own lunch (or not). This is very informal, but we will start on time and end on time for those who are taking a working lunch. Whether you haven't even picked up a copy of “The Bible for Dummies” or you are a seminary educated Bible scholar, you'll find this is a great way to go deeper in God's Word, grow your engagement in the Bible, and gain a deeper appreciation and understanding for what is proclaimed on Sunday mornings. Mark your calendars now, invite your neighbors, friends and co-workers!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Rev. Brian King

Pianist/Organist: Kay Oien

Acolytes: Annika Hall, Kara Hall, Linnea Johnson,
and Connor Bresnahan

Altar Guild: Pat Williams and Judy Nelson

Greeters: Jamie and Mike Carlson

Musicians: Barbara Yotter, Rod Strenke, Nick Barr

Ushers: Scott Weiss, John Nelson, Dave Harms

Reader: Stacy Johnson

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Join us for a service of

Lessons & Carols on Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM

Holiday Office Hours:

December 26 – Closed

January 2- Closed

PASTOR'S PARKING LOT PRAYER

All Chisago Lake members are invited to pray this prayer often: "Let Chisago Lake Lutheran Church be a place of welcome and hospitality; comfort and care; hope and joy for all who enter and exit our doors. Transform hearts, minds, and lives through the power of your Holy Spirit and through the message of your love and grace through Jesus Christ. Amen."

