



# CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 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  
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 practice open communion at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. We believe God’s love, mercy, and grace extends to all people offering new life and new beginnings. We join with the Psalmist in Psalm 34:8 inviting you to “Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who put their trust in him.”  
*For your convenience, gluten-free wafers are available by request, and a non-alcoholic juice option is always available in the light-colored center cups for those who prefer.*
- 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. Thank you!

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

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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN           *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Pew Bible OT p.744

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22, Pew Bible NT p. 184

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Matthew 22:34-40, Pew Bible NT p.22

**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

*“Do You Ever Wonder: Why Am I Here?”*

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

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.**

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## 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

*Communion Distribution – Please come forward as instructed or alert the ushers if you would like the elements brought to you.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“Taste and See”  
“One Bread, One Body”*

ELW #493

ELW #496

## 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 AND BENEDICTION

## 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.*

- Please pray for Bonnie Anderson as she goes through treatment for breast cancer. Prayers for strength and healing.
- Spence Angel, who is hospitalized, prayers for strength and healing in the days ahead.

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**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](http://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.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HARMONY IN THE PARK** – CLLC will have a booth set up with games and prizes. We are looking for people for set up and take down as well as man the booth. These can be split up into different shifts for the evening. The dates we will be there are:
  - **Wednesday, July 24** – Non-Profit Night featuring *Transit Authority*, a *Chicago* tribute band.
- **CENTER CITY DAYS** - We love celebrating together with our Center City community every July! There are a number of events we look forward to hosting and being a part of! If you can help with any of these activities, sign up at the ushers' desk or let us know in the office:
  - **RUMMAGE SALE** – Thurs. and Fri., July 25-26, 8am-3pm daily. Set up is on *Wed*  
**Donations are now being accepted!** Drop off in the small classroom in the undercroft (underneath the sanctuary) - first classroom down the hall to the right. (Follow the signs!) **Donations will be accepted through Wednesday at noon on July 24th.** We cannot accept: Soiled or broken items, electronics, mattresses/box springs or large furniture (anything that takes more than one person to carry). Proceeds go to support Youth Programming. Help is always welcome! Sign-up sheets are in the church.

- **ANNUAL COMMUNITY PIG ROAST** - Sat., July 27, 4 to 6 pm. Join us outdoors on the west lawn of the church for a fun evening! This is a **free** community event served by our congregation. The meal includes BBQ, coleslaw, chips, watermelon, dessert and beverages. There will be **live music** by *Rod Strenke*, children's activities and lawn games. Bring a lawn chair and stay for a front row seat to the parade, or a pair of walking shoes and join in the parade!
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- **CHURCH TOURS** -There will be self-guided church tours on Saturday evening during the Pig Roast. The tours provide a wealth of information and history about our congregation as well as the building itself.
  - **GRAND PARADE** – Saturday at 6 pm. We plan to have a walking unit for this parade! It is a nice walk from the government center through downtown Center City. Consider joining in the parade, it is perfect with its short walk for families! Bring your bikes, wagons, etc., we will provide candy to throw.
  - **COMMUNITY SUNDAY WORSHIP** – Sunday, July 28, at 9:00 am we will hold our worship service outside on the west lawn. Join us for outdoor worship service on the west lawn. There will be a tent and some chairs set up but you may also bring a lawn chair and blankets. All are Welcome!

**RELAY FOR LIFE:** Our Relay for Life Team is already working towards a successful event on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. An example was last Sunday when some of you met with some team members and put together luminary bags.

I expect by today that 45 or more will have purchased some 380 luminaries, mostly from CLLC and I am starting to make calls to others in the community. I also appreciate those who gave a donation or extra money to go with their luminaries. These are important, because last year over 200 of the 700 plus luminaries were paid for, for people who otherwise would not be honored or remember.

I really would like to hear from new members, those who are visiting, or people from the area. I am not *selling* luminaries but am giving more people a chance to honor and remember others. Again, I have extra funds so get in touch with me if I can help.

I want to thank our members for all you have done and am contacting about 40 Community people from last year. Thanks again, Jerry Vitalis, 651-257-4496

**LUMINARIES:** The CLLC Relay for Life team will have Luminarias available to purchase beginning Sunday, July 28th in the Narthex. The cost of each Luminaria bag is \$10 and can be dedicated in honor of those who are or have battled cancer or in memory of loved ones.

**THANK YOU** to all who worked on the float, participated in the parades and donated candy! It all make for a successful and fun summer activity. We have one more to go! Join us Saturday for the Grand Parade in Center City! It's a perfect family activity!



## **THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:**

### **Sunday, July 21**

- 9:00 am – Worship with Communion
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Adult Forum; Acts to Revelations
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

### **Monday, July 22**

- 12:00 Noon - Men's/ Women's Word Alive Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran

### **Tuesday, July 23**

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

### **Wednesday, July 24**

- 1:30 – Rummage Sale set-up
- 6:30 pm – Harmony in the Park

### **Thursday, July 25**

- 8am-3pm – Rummage Sale – Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn

### **Friday, July 26**

- 8am-3pm – Rummage Sale – Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, July 27**

- 4pm-6pm – Pig Roast
- 6:00 pm – Center City Days Parade

### **Sunday, July 28**

- 9:00 am – Outdoor Worship Service
- 10:00 am - Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Adult Forum
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

**Attendance: July 14 = 453; Sanct – 110, Facebook – 277, YouTube – 60, Tue – 6**

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

Accompanist: Myrna Westen

Reader: Lou Ann Mattson

Cantors: Taylor and Olivia King

Altar Guild: Sue Johnson and Donna Grossmann

Coffee Servers: Dave and Ginny Johnson

Sound and Video Technician: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Mike Nesseth, Anothony Weber, and Dennis & Shirley Gustafson

Communion and Offering Assistants: Katie Schmidt, Lee Peterson, and Chris Lundberg