



# CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 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/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 or yellow 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 the Welcome desk in the entryway. Thank you!

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

*Cover: **Thank you** to all who participated in the outreach events this Summer!! From parades to Harmony in the Park to the Pig Roast! We even spotted some royalty!*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

*"All Are Welcome"*

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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

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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## FIRST READING

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:7-12, Pew Bible OT p.589

## SECOND READING

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

John 13: 34-35, Pew Bible NT p.102

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*"Jesus Loves Me"* in Japanese

Jackie and Patrick Bencke

## THE GOSPEL

The Gospel according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 28:16-20, Pew Bible NT p.32

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

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*"Mission Possible: Who Are Missionaries in the Body of Christ?"* Jackie Bencke

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

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## 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.**

OFFERING

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.**

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN      *“God Bless You” (in Japanese)*      Jackie and Patrick Bencke

POSTLUDE

**Attendance: August 4 = 435; Sanct – 114, Facebook – 246, YouTube – 67, Tue – 8**

**PRAYER CONCERNS-** *Please contact the office with any requests or updates.*

- Connie Vitalis who is recovering from an appendectomy.
- Please pray for Bonnie Anderson as she goes through treatment for breast cancer. Prayers for strength and healing.

**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

### MISSIONARIES FROM JAPAN – Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke



**Welcome to Jackie and Patrick- Thank you for sharing your stories today!**

Grab some refreshments after worship and join us in the Green Room! Patrick will be presenting a mix of photos and general information about life in Japan, Christianity in Japan, the Japan Lutheran Church's ministries, and their mission work in Kumamoto. There will be Q & A time!

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES!** Our Chisago Lake Lutheran Family has been rapidly growing over the past year. If you are interested in becoming a more active and integral part of our family in faith, we invite you to join us for our next round of New Member classes on **Sun., Aug. 18, 25, and September 1 from 10:15-11:15 am** in the Green Room. Contact the Church Office at [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org) or 651-257-6300. Pastor Brian leads each of these informal, fun, and engaging classes! 😊

### CLLC FAMILY FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP AT THE PARSONAGE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Join Pastor Brian at the Parsonage (14390 310th Street, Center City - Big white house by Hillside Cemetery) any time between 7– 9:30 p.m. for relaxed conversation, s'mores, games, and fun around the fire pit. Pastor Brian will have lemonade, s'mores, snacks, and some hot dogs to roast along with some games like corn hole, badminton and frisbee available. Bring any snacks/food you wish to share along with your own lawn chair. All are welcome!

## CHISAGO COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE. On Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>,



5:00 – 9:00pm, Chisago Lake Lutheran Church will host the

Chisago County Relay for Life. Attendees will be treated to music, food trucks, silent auction items, and a guest speaker. The Opening

Ceremony will begin at 6:00pm on the west lawn of the church. A

highlight of the evening is when hundreds of Luminarias are lit at dusk along the retaining walls of the church resulting in a beautiful and serene experience.

Luminaria bags are available for purchase. If you would like to support this event and dedicate a luminaria to a loved one lost, someone currently battling, or anyone who has overcome cancer, please stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday morning or call the church office. Luminaria bags are \$10. All proceeds go directly to the American Cancer Society. If you have any questions about the Relay for Life event, please contact the church office at 651-257-6300 or Jerry Vitalis at 651-257-4496.

Last Sunday during announcements Pastor Brian mentioned my role for the Relay for Life. If it were not for team members like Chris Lundberg, Lori Sampson, Debbie Allen, Lou Ann Mattson, Sue Abrahamson and members of our church and community who supported us for years, along with those who gave extra to honor and remember those who couldn't do so themselves, there wouldn't be much to clap about. Jerry Vitalis, Relay for Life

### **NEW NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY BAGS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE BEGINNING AUG. 19**

Do you have a neighbor, co-worker, or friend who is new to the area and want to welcome them with a special CLLC gift bag? A limited number of these are now available from the Church Office. Simply pick one up at the office, consider adding your own freshly baked cookies, brownies, etc. and share with a newcomer as a gift to welcome them to Chisago County. Each bag contains some basic welcome information from our Church as well as other items from the Chamber of Commerce and some local businesses. A great way to strike up a friendship and share the love of Jesus with others! 😊

**SCHOLARSHIPS** – There are two scholarships awarded through Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. Congratulations to the following exceptional recipients!!

**The Chisago Lake Lutheran Scholarship** (available CLLC members) was awarded to:

Inga Heinecke	Katherine Peterson	Katherine Saueressig
Lauryn Lundberg	Katelyn Schmidt	Sophia Wood
Jacob Peterson		

**The Gladys Johnson Scholarship** (available to the larger community beyond CLLC) was awarded to:

Inga Heinecke	Lauryn Lundberg	Katherine Peterson	Annica Stiles
Isla Heinecke	Jacob Peterson	Tobias Stiles	Sophia Wood

## THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

- **Sunday, August 11**
  - 9:00 am – Worship Service – Welcome Jackie and Patrick Bencke
  - 10:00 am – Fellowship
  - 10:15 am – Presentation on the Lutheran church in Japan by the Bencke's
  - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- **Monday, August 12**
  - Noon – Bible Study – Green Room
  - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
- **Tuesday, August 13**
  - 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship
  - 6:30 pm – All Committee Night
  - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft
- **Thursday, August 14**
  - 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn
  - 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
- **Friday, August 16**
  - 4:00 pm – Wedding rehearsal
- **Saturday, August 17**
  - 2:00 pm – Wedding- O'Neill/
- **Sunday, August 18**
  - 9:00 am – Worship Service
  - 10:00 am – Fellowship
  - 10:15 am – New Member Class
  - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Accompanist: Myrna Westen  
Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann and Midge Nelson  
Reader: Kelsey Peterson  
Coffee Servers: Friendship and Glory Circles  
Sound and Video Technician: Brayden Bresnahan  
Ushers: Mark Wikelius, Dennie and Debbie Allen  
Offering Assistants: Katie Schmidt and Erica Paffel