



# CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

- Madeleine L'Engle

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

August 25, 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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[www.chisagolakelutheran.org](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

## **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!***

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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

*“Amazing Grace”*

ELW #779

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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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**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 God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Pew Bible OT p.218

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Psalm 34:15-22, Pew Bible OT p.514

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

THE GOSPEL

John 6:56-69, Pew Bible NT p.93

The Gospel according to St John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*"How Did We Get Here? Choices Were Made!"*

Lee Peterson

HYMN OF THE DAY

*"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

ELW #742

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.**

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*"This Is My Father's World"*

ELW #824

POSTLUDE

**Attendance: August 18 = 353; Sanct – 114, Facebook – 176, YouTube – 50, Tue – 13**

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

- Prayers for Ashley Paulson's dad who had back surgery on this week.
- Thank you everybody for the prayers for my grandson, Chase. He is doing wonderful! He even raced his quarter midget car on Sunday (8-18). He will definitely be ready for school. The power of prayers do work! Linda Lindgren
- Austin Warner - Firstly, I wanted to say thank you again for including Austin on the prayer list throughout his neck injury. We have felt every bit of the love, prayers and support from our Chisago Lake Lutheran family. He told us recently, "I didn't realize how loved I am," which for a young teenage boy, those are pretty powerful words. Austin had surgery on Friday, at Gillette Childrens' in St. Paul. Again, just wanted to continue to update those who have actively invested in his health and well-being. We are so grateful.  
Randy and Kristi
- Please pray for Bonnie Anderson as she goes through treatment for breast cancer. Prayers for strength and healing.
- Continued prayers for Dale Williams as he goes through Chemo treatments.

**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

### **NEW NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY BAGS AVAILABLE BY REQUEST FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

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! 😊

## BOUNTIFUL HARVEST? Did you have a big garden this year?

We've had so much rain, even the smallest of gardens have prospered.

If you have so much corn it's coming out of your ears, or since its *bean* such a great growing season, you might ask yourself "It *beets* me what to do with all these vegetables". *Lettuce* help you!

Each week, beginning Sunday August 25th, you're invited to bring God's bountiful harvest to share with others who might not garden. A table in the Fellowship Hall will be designated for your gifts. Any vegetables leftover by noon each Sunday will be taken to the local food shelf to share with others. You can almost hear the recipients of your generosity saying "I love you from my head tomatoes."

## THANK YOU

*I would like to thank the Gladys L. Hohnson Scholarship committee and the Chisago Lakes Scholarship committee for awarding me two generous funds. These scholarships help me greatly as I continue to pursue my degree in Kinesiology at Montana State University. Thank you for our support!*

*~Best, Lauryn Lundberg*

*Friends at CLLC,*

*I want to thank you and Pastor Brian for your prayers and concerns for Connie. She was in the hospital for 6 days with a ruptured appendix and complications. She is home now, still tired and sore but recovering.*

*~Thanks again, Jerry Vitalis*

*To the family of Gladys L. Johnson and CLLC Scholarship Committees, Thank you to the family of Gladys L. Johnson and to Chisago Lakes Lutheran Church for the generous scholarships! Receiving them is a blessing and honor because they represent the support of my church community and will help me pursue my academic goals. Thank you again,*

*~Katherine Peterson*

*Dear CLLC Scholarship Committee,*

*Thank you so much for the scholarship money! It will help me greatly to finish out my undergrad degree and be able to begin my career!*

*~Sophie Wood*

*Dear Gladys L. Johnson Scholarship Committee,*

*Thank you so much for the scholarship money! It will help me greatly to be able to finish out my Bachelor's degree and find where I will begin my sales Career!*

*~Sophie Wood*

**GATHER BIBLE STUDY:** The final Bible Study for the Summer 2024 series “*After Certainty: A Biblical Guide*” by the Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni will be: *After certainty: Compassion.*



When certainty becomes judgmentalism, it contributes to divisions between people and within communities. The teachings of Jesus and the pastoral writings of the apostle Paul sometimes urge people to choose compassion over correctness—a model that can offer Christians guidance in a polarized time.

This study is offered by the Women of the ELCA in their publication *Gather*. The Glory Circle is hosting this study and will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 27 at 1:30pm** here at church. *Anyone is welcome to join!* Contact person is Barb Wikelius at 257-5892.

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

- **Sunday, August 25**
  - 9:00 am – Worship Service
  - 10:00 am – Fellowship
  - 10:15 am – New Member Class
  - 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- **Monday, August 26**
  - Noon – Bible Study – Green Room
  - 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church
- **Tuesday, August 27**
  - 1:30 pm – Gather Women’s Bible Study
  - 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship
  - 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft
- **Thursday, August 29**
  - 8:00 am - Men’s Breakfast, Swedish Inn
- **Sunday, September 1**
  - 9:00 am – Worship Service with Communion
  - 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: Lisa Schmidt  
Coffee Servers: John and Judy Nelson  
Sound and Video Technician: Brayden Bresnahan  
Ushers: Jason and Stacey Hall family and Mary Grimm  
Offering Assistants: Jamie Carlson and Steve Grossmann