



9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 7th, 2022

9:00 AM

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church

Center City, MN

ELCA

WELCOME TO CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

IF YOU ARE A FIRST-TIME VISITOR, WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE. AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE ARE "GROUNDED IN THE GOSPEL, GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT." WE ARE A CONGREGATION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA) AND STRIVE TO BE GOD'S HANDS ACTIVE IN THE WORLD. WHILE WE ARE A CHURCH WITH A RICH HISTORY, WE ARE ALSO A CHURCH FOR TODAY.

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 USE IF NEEDED.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

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 have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Come Thou Almighty King”

ELW Hymn #408

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

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive

as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

RESPONSE:

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERING – Meditation & Generosity

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

OFFERTORY

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

Communion Distribution – Come forward as instructed.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“What Feast of Love”

ELW Hymn #487

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.**

BLESSING

The God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ELW Hymn #632

VV. 1-4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Steve Cruys

Organist: Joanne Endres

Reader: Erica Paffel

Altar Guild: Judy Nelson and Midge Nelson

Coffee Server: Judy Shoberg and Jan Schneider

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Gustafson, Todd Rivard and Terry Sellman

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FUNDRAISER FOR THE UPPER ENTRANCE RENOVATIONS

The 3M committee (Mission, Ministry, and Memorials) has graciously voted to fund two thirds of the amount needed, with the remaining balance to come from a congregational fundraising appeal. We are asking for donations of \$168 to commemorate the 168 years of the congregation to help fund this. Feel free to give more or less based on your ability and situation, but we'd love to see gifts of \$168 towards this project come in! Youth can even pledge \$1.68 if they would like too. Remember to designate on your donation to be used for the "Upper entrance renovations" Thank you!

Keep in your prayers this week, the family of Carolyn Marier. Carolyn's mom, Ruth Larson, passed away on Saturday, July 30th. May the hope of Christ's resurrection be their peace and comfort in these difficult days.

Former Interim Pastor Bill Strom from 2001-02 at CLLC, passed away on July 19th due to falls and Alzheimer's in Hastings, MN. A memorial service was held for him on July 31st at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Hastings. Please keep his wife, Sara, and their families in your daily prayers as they go through their mourning of Pastor Bill.

Free Summer Bible Study materials from *Gather Magazine* - 1:30-3:00 pm –August 23

This is a perfect opportunity for any women who might want to meet for a Bible study at a different time of day to join together. For help getting started, or other information about Women of the ELCA, contact Barbara Wikelius at 651-257-5892.

The CLLC Book Group is reading Seven Aunts by Staci Lola Drouillard. We will meet on September 12, 2022 at 7 pm to discuss the book. Our meetings are on zoom so contact Bonnie Anderson if you would like to join the discussion.

Chisago Lakes Community Meals: The next meal will be Monday, August 8th from 4-6 pm at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, on Old Towne Road, Chisago City. There is no charge for the meal and reservations are not required. Contact Bonnie Anderson if you can help. brinkanderson@gmail.com or 651-257-2467 or Pastor Steve in the church office.

The Quilters of Chisago Lake Lutheran will start quilting Mondays beginning **September 12th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. in the undercroft**. Anyone is welcome to join. If you can tie a knot, you can help the quilters. Bring a sack lunch for noon break. Hope to see you there.

RELAY FOR LIFE:

I want to thank our members and the community for their over whelming support for our Relay for Life coming up on Wednesday, August 10th from 5-9 pm. Jill Benke, our Relay Coordinator said we could have between 900 and 1000 luminaries to put out, so starting at 4:30 pm we could use some help.

There will be a program at 6:30 pm and water, bars and cookies will be available.

Some will come later in the evening and help with the cleanup. This year we are encouraging people to take their luminaries home, after they take the candles and blocks from the bags.

The only door that will be open to the church is the entrance for the upstairs bathroom. Last year I tried to patrol the area and when I left, the area neighborhood children found their way downstairs. I will need some help to monitor that area. Please let me know if you can help.

I am well aware that our area needs rain, but in case of being rained out, the makeup day will be the following Wednesday, August 17th, same time, same place.

Thanks, Jerry 651-257-4496.

PRAYER CONCERNS (please contact the church office with any concerns/updates.)

- 4 year old, Ava Hollister, is in need of prayers for healing, peace and comfort. She was in a golf cart accident earlier this week at her grandparents in North Dakota
 - Midge Nelson's brother in law, Doug fell from a ladder and broke both of his ankles and crushed his right heel. He is at home now and still in need of prayers for healing and recovery. It will be close to a year that he would be able to walk again.
 - Sally Barott, cancer treatments.
 - Jodi Medin, daughter-in-law of Delores Medin, giving thanks to all those that prayed for Jodi during her melanoma treatments. There is no sign of cancer at the moment but will always be testing. Praise the Lord!
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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's secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. www.chisagolakelutheran.org

Get a 2nd dose of this service by watching local Channel 10 (CLTV) on Sundays. At 10 am you'll see last week's service and at 6 pm, you'll see this week's service.