



16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12th, 2021

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* Hymn #834, Vv.1,2,4

CANTICLE #14 *“Listen! You Nations”* See end of service, Congregation sings on Refrain

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
awakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to

become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

RESPONSE:

The gospel of our Lord

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Brad Barr

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* Hymn #798, Vv.1,2,4,5

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*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

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

You are invited to share the bread and the wine using the individually wrapped wafers and grape juice. Please discard the cups as you leave the sanctuary.

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 blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Hymn #733 Vv.1-3

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Listen! You Nations

Refrain



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock. *Refrain*



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Pastor Taryn

Dear Chisago Lake Lutheran,

Last night I had the chance to sit down and read through your cards and many thoughtful notes. I was overwhelmed with gratitude. While our time together was short, I am deeply grateful for your presence in my life and ministry. Thank you for the wonderful sending worship and reception, the many gifts, and especially for your love and care as our family embarks on this next adventure. You are a gift, may the Holy Spirit guide your path and your ways.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Taryn & family

The flowers in front of the lectern are in memory of Jan Froberg who passed away September 2nd. Continued prayers for Jim and family.

Join us September 19th after worship services in the Fellowship Hall in honor of **Joan Grossmann's 90th Birthday**. Cake and coffee will be served, all are welcome!

CHURCH OFFICE is now open Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. If you would like to stop by to pick something up or drop off to the church office, upper and lower doors will be open.

Interim Pastor Search

Working with Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, Assistant to the Bishop for Lay Leadership and Equity Initiatives, Council has identified a promising candidate to become Interim Pastor. We hope to conclude the search process in a week or so, with a new pastor in place yet this month. Thank you for your continuing interest in the search and your prayers for a successful outcome to our efforts. – Jenni Runte, Council President

Council President's Message: The Labor Day Edition

There goes summer, here comes fall. The State Fair ends, and school starts. We're in a transitional time, so work begun in the summer continues apace.

This is a short but busy week for our staff, those who labor in service to our mission.

Bridget Spiess has begun her new position as our Office Coordinator. A hearty welcome, Bridget! **Louise Angrimson** is on board part-time for orientation. She will continue her role as Font of Wisdom and Knowledge as needed.

Stacy Johnson, Director of Youth & Christian Education, prepares for a Teddy Bear Picnic and Rally Day, both coming up later this month. Fall Faith Formation plans are complete.

Bev Sandgren, Financial Secretary, is counting, recording, and depositing your gracious donations.

Stephanie Wendel, Accountant, is paying our bills and working on month-end financial reports.

Julie Riemer, Director of Music Ministry, is practicing music and prepping logistics for indoor, outdoor, and online worship services.

Coordinating with Julie and Bridget is **Ian Lexvold**, our Media Director. He's driving our online presence, where you see his work on the website, Facebook and YouTube.

Bob O'Neil, Facilities Manager, continues the unending and often invisible tasks necessary to keep our church home clean, healthy, and welcoming to all.

The **Cemetery Crew** keeps the Hillside, Lower, and Glader memorial grounds looking mighty nice.

Please take a moment or two to thank our laborers for their services.

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Bev: office@chisagolakelutheran.org

Stephanie: finance@chisagolakelutheran.org

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Attention Church Committees

The Church Council requests that all committees begin to meet and give a report to their council representatives by the September council meeting (Thursday, September 16th). We would like to resume all church activities for this fall.

Thank you, Church Council.

Teddy Bear Picnic – All 3 & 4 yr. olds & their families are invited to attend a welcome to Sunday School at CLLC. This will take place Sunday, September 19th at 9:45 am (following 9 am worship). Meet on the west lawn for treats & activities! Bring your Teddy or other stuffed friend, a picnic blanket & your family. Treats will be provided (please advise any food allergies). RSVP to Stacy at youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org or 218/330-9125.

Rally Day at CLLC – Join us on Sunday, September 26th at 10 AM (**NOTE TIME CHANGE ONLY FOR THIS SUNDAY**) to kick-off a new program year! Food, Fellowship & Fun for all! Worship at 10 am with Back to School Blessing, BBQ in the parking lot at 11 am and Games & activities for all ages at Noon.

Duke Millington Retirement

The Cemetery Committee would like to extend a big thank you to Duke Millington for his work in keeping the cemeteries & the church proper looking great. He recently retired after 21 years of service to the church. He will be hard to replace. Thank you Duke!

Thank you from Cole Riemer

To my church family, Thank you so much for the wonderful gift of this scholarship. I am elated to say that this gift will go towards an education for a career in assisting and informing others, and in doing so, making their life better. Hopefully, I can do even half as well as this church in that regard. Thank you so much again.

APPLIANCE and RECYCLING DAY AT CLLC

Oct. 2nd from 8 am to 2 pm in the lower parking lot.

Bring your old computers, monitors, refrigerators, tires, stereos, DVD's, scanners and printers to the **church lower parking lot**. For a fee, AAA Recycling will take your items for you. This is open to all residents in Chisago County. Price sheets are available in the church office and you can call the church office with any questions at 257-6300.

Tree Donation

Two trees were recently donated to the church by Adam Hawkinson of 2GD Lawn and Landscape and planted in the upper cemetery. One tree is planted in memory of the Gustafson Farm children - Muriel, Gordon, Richard, and Margaret. The second tree is planted in memory of their spouses and loved ones - Cole Gustafson, Wes Burnett, Muriel Gustafson, and Robert Hawkinson. A special thank you to Lee Turner for his help in planting and watering.

Calendar events and happenings – If you would like to place events on the church calendar or added to the weekly news and events please contact Ian Lexvold at media@chisagolakelutheran.org. Ian will be advertising and scheduling events for the church office. Thank you.

Quilting is Beginning!!! Join us!

Starting **Monday, September 13th, from 9-TBD**. All are welcome to join in on the fun. It is requested that you bring your own lunch. Meet in the undercroft. If you can tie your shoe, you can tie a quilt knot 😊 It's easy. See you there!

Caring Bridge for Carrie Benson

Carrie is doing better with her ongoing battle with Covid. You can read updates at: www.caringbridge.org/visit/carriebenson. The Meal Train and GoFundMe pages are set up to support the family during this difficult time. Those pages are linked from the Caring Bridge site. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement from afar. Carrie is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Property Concerns

Given Carrie's absence, if you have a property concern please email office@chisagolakelutheran.org or call the church office. The property email address will be checked periodically at this time.

CLLC Book Club

What is the CLLC Book Club?

We are a group of CLLC Christians who believe that all people are part of God's creation and that all people deserve justice. We seek to develop a deeper understanding about the injustices and experiences of our Black, Brown and Native brothers and sisters in Christ through reading books, watching videos, and having conversation with each other.

The CLLC Book Club has chosen [The Seed Keeper](#) by Diane Wilson as our September read. Please join us to discuss the book on September 20th at 7 p.m. We will meet on zoom. Contact Bonnie Anderson for the link. brinkanderson@gmail.com

Veterans Coffee Talk (note location/date change) – North Branch American Legion Post 85 at 6439 Elm St, North Branch, MN **3rd Tuesday of every Month 9-10 am**. September 21st will be the next Coffee Talk. Meet other veterans, build friendships, listen to their experiences. Everyone is welcome.

Gather Bible Study - Fall 2021: The Gift of the Spirit

Tuesdays: September 28, October 26, November 23 – 1:30-3:00 pm at CLLC

Celtic Christians likened the Holy Spirit not to a dove, but to a goose. In these three sessions, the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith, associate pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa, will lead us on our own divine Wild Goose chase. We'll track the Holy Spirit's actions throughout the Bible and throughout our lives. We'll explore how the Spirit moves God's people into adventures we would never dare risk on our own.

Session 1: Spirit of God: Revealer and Resource

The Holy Spirit might be the most mysterious member of the Trinity, but the Spirit of scripture is not shy. We'll discuss how the gift of the Holy Spirit is a resource for God's people, giving us the power we need to do God's work.

Session 2: Breath of God: Reviver and Reformer

The Holy Spirit is the breath of God. We will see the ways that the Spirit gives life—not just to us as individuals, but to our communities.

Session 3: Wind of God: Refiner and Re-router

The Holy Spirit is the wind of God, moving us into deeper faithfulness and more authentic love. We'll see the ways in which God's Spirit moves us to bear good fruit in the world and refines us into our truest selves.

This study is open to women of all ages. Scholarships for first-time subscribers to *Gather Magazine* are available through our local Women of the ELCA Unit. If you have questions, contact Barbara Wikelius at bjwikelius@gmail.com or 651-257-5892.

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Updates from the Office:

- If you need to talk to the church office or need office/building access - leave a message at 651-257-6300 or email - office@chisagolakelutheran.org
- You can always reach other staff via email.
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Bev – call the church office if you need to reach her

Current Ways to Give

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.

There are various ways you can continue to give to CLLC:

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Jim Froberg & family as they mourn the loss of his wife Janet Froberg who passed on September 2nd.
- Judy Lindahl, prayers for cancer treatments.
- Tim Hawkinson, son of Ellen Hawkinson, healing and speech therapy for recent stroke.
- Gene Glenna, Mike Glenna's dad, cancer treatments.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments.
- Carrie Benson, recovery and healing due to recent hospitalization in Rochester due to Covid. Now in rehabilitation at the Regency Hospital in Golden Valley.
- Jodi Medin, daughter-in-law of Delores Medin.
- Shirley Gustafson, prayers for healing and recovery from recent surgeries.