



CHISAGO LAKE

LUTHERAN CHURCH



17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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 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 at the Welcome table in the entryway. Thank you!

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

Cover: We had an excellent gathering for Rally Sunday last week!

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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “*All Creatures Worship God Most High!*” ELW #835

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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, 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.

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READING

James 3:1-12, Pew Bible NT p.220

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

ELW p.151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38, Pew Bible NT p.41

The Gospel according to St Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

BAPTISM

Timothy Howard Sargeant

ELW p.227-231

BAPTISM HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

“The Power of Words”

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

“All Creatures Worship God Most High!”

ELW #835

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

“Now We Join in Celebration”

ELW #462

“I Am the Bread of Life”

ELW #485

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

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. You can also find the service on Face Book and You Tube.

Attendance: September 8 = 470; Sanct – 151, Facebook – 247, You Tube – 58, Tue – 14

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

- You have prayed often, over the years, for Tim Hawkinson son of Ellen Hawkinson. He has moved from Madison, WI to Chisago City. He lives in his own apartment at Point Pleasant. He is doing very well; people have been so kind to him. Because of his stroke he still is unable to read, write & he's only able to say a few words. He is now able to tell time so he gets to lunch on time. He has gained weight, which is good, but he needs suspenders to hold-up his britches. ~Ellen Hawkinson
- Judy Nelson who had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday.
- Please keep the family and friends of Kirk Sampson in prayer as they grieve his passing.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Please make sure your vehicles are locked and valuables are out of sight when you park in either the upper or lower parking lot. There have been recent incidents in our area of people attempting to steal items from unoccupied and unlocked vehicles.

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, through the fall, you're invited to bring God's bountiful harvest to share with others. A table in the Narthex will be designated for your gifts. Any vegetables leftover 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."

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY BAGS AVAILABLE! Do you have a neighbor, co-worker, or friend who is new to the area and want to welcome them with a CLLC gift bag? These bags are now available. Pick one up at the office, consider adding your own freshly baked cookies, brownies, etc. and share as a gift of welcome to the area. Each bag contains welcome information from our Church as well as items from the Chamber and local businesses. Strike up a friendship and share the love of Jesus with others!

A Faith-Centered Vision: The Role of Christianity that Challenges Christian Nationalism

On October 1st, from 10am-12pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lindstrom, Rev. Dr. Hank French, a retired Lutheran pastor and professor, will lead a study on the topic of Christian Nationalism, an extreme movement trying to reshape American political, economic, and civic life by fusing them with a particular type of "Christian identity."

- We will explore the beliefs, goals, ideological commitments, and strategies of Christian Nationalism
 - We will consider many biblical texts that provide a faith-centered vision of the role of Christianity in the modern world that runs counter to Christian Nationalism.
- There will be a light lunch following the event and a free-will offering is encouraged.

You can register via the QR code, or by calling the Trinity at 651-257-5129. Please RSVP by September 25th.



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Dear Chisago Lake Lutheran Church,

Thank you for putting money toward my trip to the church camp. I am super glad I went, I had a blast. Thank you again for making it possible. Love, Ariel (Thompson)

Thank you for all your support toward Ariel's trip. It was a meaningful trip that allowed her to grow closer to the Lord. Thank you, Michelle

I am truly grateful to have received the Chisago Lake Lutheran Scholarship and would like to express my gratitude towards CLLC as you help me further my education at the University of Wisconsin River Falls. Thank you. ~ Katie Schmidt

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
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.



THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

Sunday, September 15

- 9:00 am – Worship with Communion
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Alpha Course – Green Room
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

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

Wednesday, September 18

- 10:00 am – Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm – Confirmation Class/ 6th Graders

Thursday, September 19

- 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn

Sunday, September 22

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Alpha Course
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Accompanist: Myrna Westen

Reader: Marc Brottem

Acolytes: Lily Zbylut and Linnea Johnson

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann and Jennifer Peterson

Coffee Servers: Annette, Mike and Anothony Weber

Sound and Video Technician: Brayden Bresnahan

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

Communion and Offering Assistants: Erica Paffel, Steve Grossmann, and Lee Peterson