



15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18th, 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 work when it made us confront ourselves.

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for he thing 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 Chris,
And inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

ELW Hymn #533

Vv. 1, 3-5

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

God among us, we gather in the name of your son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest

wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

RESPONSE

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Laurel Bernard

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”* ELW Hymn #719

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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 HYMNS *“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”* ELW Hymn #461

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 *“The Church of Christ in Every Age”* ELW Hymn #729
Vv. 1, 3, 5

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Guest Pastor: Pastor Laurel Bernard

Organist: Joanne Endres

Reader: Katie Schmidt

Acolytes: Cooper Peterson and Khloe Bresnahan

Altar Guild: Jennifer Peterson and Judy Nelson

Coffee Servers:

Greeters: Jamie Carlson and Mike Carlson

Online Video Operator: Brayden Bresnahan

Ushers: Mike Nesseth, Chris Knight, Rich Whitman and Dave Harms

Council Members/Offering: Jamie Carlson and Lori Sampson

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Call Committee is excited to present a pastoral candidate to the congregation! As stated before there is a congregational meeting on **September 18th**, the congregational vote will take place then.

Keep in your prayers this week, the family of Todd and MaryAnn Rivard as they grieve the loss of her mom, Geraldine Swenson, who passed away on Sunday, Sept. 11th. May the hope of Christ's resurrection be their, and our, peace and comfort in these difficult days.

Rally Day

Sunday, Sept 25th – 9 am worship, followed by kickball, games, popcorn, and cotton candy at the ballfield. Team up with friends or parents for some crazy fun!! All ages are welcome to participate or cheer on the games!!!

Tree of Life kid's choir begins September 21st in the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm for kindergarteners and above. Barbara Yotter is the director. If you have any questions, call the church office. 257-6300.

Gather Bible Study – “Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith” Tuesday, September 27th at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Written by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith, this session offers participants new perspectives on the character of God and ways to deepen our stewardship of God's creation. If you have any questions, please call Barb Wikelius at 257-5892.

The CLLC Book Group is reading *Seven Aunts* by Staci Lola Drouillard. We will meet on September 29, 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. 651-257-2467

FUNDRAISER UPDATE FOR THE UPPER ENTRANCE RENOVATIONS

MANY THANKS to those of you that have already given to the upper entrance renovations.

So far you have raised \$8,538.00!! \$20,000 is our goal. 3M has voted to cover the other two-thirds. We continue to ask for \$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!

Chisago Lakes Community Meal Update : The Chisago Lakes Community Meal began in September, 2011 and will be celebrating on **September 19** with a **Spaghetti Anniversary Meal** from 4-6 at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City. Come and join us and help celebrate. Originally we were going to have an outdoor picnic but we had to change our plans and date so mark this date on the calendar. Our congregation was there at the beginning supporting the community meal. Volunteers and dessert bakers are always needed. Talk to Bonnie Anderson, brinkanderson@gmail.com or 651-257-2467.

FREE T-Shirts for you and your family! Over the years we've acquired Thrivent T-Shirts in our inventory. Please come down to the Fellowship Hall for coffee this Sunday and take as many as you would like. On the large table by the windows.

The Quilters of Chisago Lake Lutheran MONDAY's 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.

Men's gathering each Thursday is happening at the **Swedish Inn at 8:00 am., not Phil's Grill.** They are closed during the week.

FAMILY PATHWAYS – "Commit to Kids" school supply drive. Chisago Lake Lutheran will be participating in the school supply drive for our local students. Please pick up some of these items as you are shopping and bring them to the church collection container marked in the narthex.

ITEMS NEEDED ARE – Washable markers, crayons (24 pack), colored pencils, #2 pencils, pens, highlighters, erasers, scissors (rounded), Glue sticks Pocket folders, one subject spiral notebooks, pencil pouches, pencil sharpeners (small, plastic)

tissues, dry erase markers, *headphones, *calculator, *sticky notes, *weekly planners, *USB flash drives, *3-ring binder, *college ruled, loose leaf 3 hole paper, *tabbed dividers. *for Middle School students. Or a \$30 donation buys one filled backpack!

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

- Linda Lindgren, prayers for less pain and fast healing and comfort from recent surgery.
- Todd & MaryAnn Rivard, prayers for peace and comfort in the recent passing of MaryAnn's mom, Geraldine Swenson
- Gretchen Hanson, prayers for healing and comfort.
- Linda Lindgren's daughter, Colette Campbell. Pray for healing and comfort from the pain with her recent fall.
- Midge Nelson's brother in law, Doug is still in need of prayers for healing and recovery.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments. New Medication being determined.

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. 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

THIS WEEK AT CLLC:

- **Sunday, September 18th**, 9:00 am – Worship, 7:00 pm – NA
- **Sunday, September 18th**, **Congregational meeting after worship.**
- **Sunday, September 18th** Teddy Bear picnic following worship
- **Sunday, September 18th**, **Family Night at Zion Lutheran church at 4:3- -6:30 pm.**
- **Monday, September 19th** 9-3pm, Quilting – Undercroft
- **Tuesday, September 20th** 7:00 pm Al-Anon – Undercroft
- **Tuesday, September 20th** 7:00 pm Youth Committee meeting – Church office
- **Wednesday, September 21st** 3:00 – 4:45 pm 7th & 8th Gr. Confirmation – CLLC
- **Wednesday, September 21st** 3:00 pm, 8th Gr. Confirmation at Trinity
- **Wednesday, September 21st** 5:00 pm – Tree of Life Choir, Sanctuary
- **Thursday, September 22nd** 8:00 am - Men's breakfast at **Swedish Inn**
- **Sunday, September 25th** 9:00 am – Worship, 10:15 am RALLY DAY, 7:00 pm – NA – Fellowship Hall

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