



17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19th, 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

“All Are Welcome”

Hymn #641, 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

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 3:13-18, 4:1-3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want

something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

RESPONSE:

The gospel of our Lord
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Loving Spirit”

Hymn #397, Vv.1,2,3,5

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

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Hymn #781 Vv.1,3,4

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Coffee Servers: Steve & Donna Grossmann
Greeter: Linnae Frans
Reader: Connor Bresnahan
Ushers: Mike & Pam Carlson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our new Interim Pastor Steve Cruys who started on Monday, September 13th. Please take time to welcome him and introduce yourself when you have the opportunity! We are happy to have him here.

Happy 90th Birthday to Joan Grossmann

Join us after worship services today in the Fellowship Hall in honor of **Joan Grossmann's 90th Birthday which was September 17th**. Cake and coffee will be served, all are welcome! The flowers in front of the lectern are in honor of Joan's Birthday with love from her family.

Dear fellow members of CLLC:

Upon the death of our sweet daughter Sara, I'm sure it was hard for many of you to find the words to convey your condolences to us. We find it hard to know what to say as well, it's so overwhelming. One thing we can say, is a Huge thank you to all of you that contributed to Sara's funeral service, for all the love filled condolences and especially the prayers. To Louise, who is always close by and knows exactly what needs to be done and goes above and beyond to make it easier. To Pastor Craig for stepping in to help us send Sara to her forever home. To all those who were part of the service, Julie L., Diane H., and Johanna O. To all the folks who organized and served the luncheon following the service, many, many thanks for a delicious meal. Most of all, dear members, thank you for the love, the hugs and the memorials in Sara's name.

With heartfelt thanks,

Steve & Lisa Sontag, Mark Sontag, Jill and Josh Bednar/Oliver and Royal, and Michael Schmitt

Prayers for John Nelson & family with the loss of his sister Lorraine on April 2020. Her burial was held here on Friday, September 17th. May she rest in peace.

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.

Midwife Kit Needs! While you are out shopping, please pick up 2 to 2½ gallon Ziploc bags, boxes of Ziploc sandwich bags, and bars of basic Ivory soap w/blue on the packaging. There is a bin in the Narthex for your donations.

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 TODAY, 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).

Rally Sunday – Join us next Sunday, September 26th

Worship at 10 am (please note the time change) followed by outdoor BBQ in the parking lot and then games on the West lawn. Food, fellowship and fun!!! Donations appreciated. (This event will be moved to Oct. 3rd in case of rain.)

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.

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.

Bi-Annual Recycling will be October 2nd in the lower parking lot from 8 am – 2 pm. 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. This is open to all residents in Chisago County. Price sheets available in church office or call 651-257-6300 with questions.

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!

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.

Quilting has begun meeting, join us!

Mondays beginning at 9 AM. 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. Carrie has begun acute physical rehabilitation at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. Continued prayers are needed for her recovery. 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. Thank you for your prayers.

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

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.

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.

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.
Stacy – youth.family@chisagolakelutheran.org
Stephanie – finance@chisagolakelutheran.org
Julie – music@chisagolakelutheran.org
Ian – media@chisagolakelutheran.org
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

- John & Judy Nelson and family after the burial service here on Friday, September 17th for John's sister, Lorraine Russ, who passed on April 8, 2020 at the age of 90.
- Judy Lindahl, prayers for cancer treatments.
- Tim Hawkinson, son of Ellen Hawkinson, recovering from a recent stroke.
- Sally Barott, cancer treatments.
- Carrie Benson, continued healing and recovery from Covid.
- Jodi Medin, daughter-in-law of Delores Medin.
- Shirley Gustafson, prayers for healing and recovery from recent surgeries.