



## 18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26th, 2021

10:00 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**

*“How Small Our Span of Life”*

Hymn #636, Vv.1-3

## **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

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?' <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never

quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

*RESPONSE:*

The gospel of our Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

BACKPACK BLESSING/CHILDREN'S WORD

Stacy Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Steve Cruys

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service*” Hymn #712, Vv.1,3,4

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 *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"* See Insert Vv. 1-4

### DISMISSAL

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

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Coffee/Food Servers: Rally Sunday Parents  
Greeters: Gordy & Nancy Carlson  
Musician Assistant: Stacy Johnson  
Pianist/Organist: Julie Riemer  
Readers: Brayden & Connor Bresnahan  
Ushers: Connor Bresnahan & Pam Carlson

# They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by  
Peter Scholtes

♩ = 56

## VERSE

Am G/A Am G/A Am G/A Am G/A



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by  
 4. All \_\_\_ praise to the Fa - ther, from \_\_\_ whom all things

4 Am Dm G<sup>7</sup>/D Am G/A Am



Lord; We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we  
 hand; We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -  
 side; We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll  
 come; And all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly \_\_\_ Son. And all

9 Dm G<sup>7</sup>/D Am G/A Am



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll  
 - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save \_\_\_ each one's pride.  
 praise to the Spir - it, who \_\_\_ makes \_ us \_\_\_ one.

## CHORUS

13 F Am Dm



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17 Am Dm G<sup>7</sup>/D Am



know \_\_\_ we are Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

CCLI Song # 26997

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Rally Sunday – Join us today!**

**Worship at 10 am** 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> in case of rain.)

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

**Thank you to Ian Lexvold.** Ian resigned from his position as our Director of Media & Communications effective September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are sorry to lose him but understand his need to cut back on working multiple jobs for more time to spend with his family. We sincerely wish him and his family all the best!

**Tech Volunteers Needed.** If you are interested in helping out with online worship services on Sunday mornings, Email: [music@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:music@chisagolakelutheran.org).

### **Job Brief**

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church is looking for a Director of Media & Communications. This is a part-time position approximately 15-20 hours/week and is responsible to design and implement videos, promotional material, and work as part of the team to promote our ministry. This person will need to be in attendance for all Sunday and mid-week services to ensure online live presentation and recorded for later viewing. This position will be responsible for creating original text and video content, as well as managing social media presence and accounts. Technical skills with the hardware & software for both stationary and mobile videography is a must. Excellent communication skills needed, as well as a desire to express the passion and ministries of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church creatively. Any interested parties should contact Pastor Steve Cruys at 651-257-6300 or send a resume to [pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org).

### **Council President's Message - Our Constitutions**

Only a few days ago, our nation observed the Constitution Day holiday. It's like any other day: no parades, no fireworks, just a calendar notation with maybe some speeches or school lessons to recognize the seminal document that defines and governs our actions and our relationships. The U.S. Constitution isn't perfect, but it's widely imitated. We depend on it and its amendments to keep us free and guide us as we go about the business of governing ourselves.

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church has a constitution, too. Like the U.S. Constitution, it defines us, our relationships, and our ways of doing business. It, too, derives from precedents like

our National constitution, the British parliamentary system, the Iroquois Confederacy, the classical Roman and Greek frameworks, *and* the ELCA Model Constitution. Here's the link to the ELCA Model Constitution: <https://www.elca.org/constitution>

Our constitution could use some updating, so it's quite convenient that we have the ELCA model to help us revise as needed. We can compare what we have now to the model, as well as contrast it to our own experiences and preferences for structures and practices. You can find the CLLC constitution on the home page of our web site.

Now is a good time to look at what we have, talk about what works, what needs tweaking, and what we could, maybe, live without. Maybe add something that we think we'd like better. This is a project to be done together, from gathering folks who will look at the constitution and recommend editing and revision, to engaging each other in conversation about possibilities, to all of us gathered at our annual meeting. Some may have experience with this periodic process, and some may think it sounds like an interesting, engaging effort they'd like to try.

All are welcome to join in this project. Please contact any Council member with questions or the church office by email to [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org) or phone to 651-257-6300 to sign up. We'll convene (in person or via Zoom) a group of the willing in October.

Jenni Runte  
612-709-0198

**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

**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.**

**Bi-Annual Recycling** will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

### **Community Meals Update**

The Community Meals Committee decided the Monday evening meals at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City will be off until Spring due to increased COVID concerns.

**Calendar events and happenings** – If you would like to place events on the church calendar or add to the weekly news and events, please call the church at 651-257-6300 or email to [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:office@chisagolakelutheran.org).

### **Quilting has begun meeting, join us!**

**Mondays from 9 AM to 2 PM.** All are welcome to join in on the fun. Please bring your own lunch. Meet in the undercroft. If you can tie your shoe, you can tie a quilt knot 😊 It's easy.

### **Carrie Is Home!**

Carrie Benson is now home! She will be doing extensive therapy the next several weeks. The Meal Train will continue for Carrie through October. Continue to follow Carrie's progress at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/carriebenson](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/carriebenson) & keep her in your prayers.

### **Property Concerns**

If you have a property concern please email [office@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto: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 will meet on Zoom on Monday, October 18th at 7 pm. We will be reading Stay with Me by Ayobami Adebayo. If you'd like to attend, please contact Bonnie Anderson, [brinkanderson@gmail.com](mailto:brinkanderson@gmail.com).

**A HUGE thanks to Greg and Karen Swanson** for the donation of a foosball table for our Youth Room! Our old one was in rough shape, with several of the players missing legs. There will be some fun (and now fair) games of foosball to come.

**Save the date! The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual CLLC Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale** will take place on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Veterans Coffee Talk** (note location/date change) – North Branch American Legion Post 85 at 6439 Elm St, North Branch, MN **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every Month 9-10 am.** October 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**  
**Session 2: Breath of God: Reviver and Reformer**  
**Session 3: Wind of God: Refiner and Re-router**

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](mailto:bjwikelius@gmail.com) or 651-257-5892.

**Travel with Chisago Lakes Community Education and EF Go Ahead Tours to Sweden!**  
This Community Tour is set to depart 06/23/2023 - 07/02/2023. Travel through the heart of Sweden and see many highlights of this beautiful country. Visit Lindström's own sister city, Tingsryd, Sweden. Take a look at the itinerary and sign up today! An informational meeting is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Wildcat Community Center attached to the high school in Lindstrom. Please register at [isd2144.ce.eleyo.com](https://www.isd2144.ce.eleyo.com) for the meeting. Trip registration is at: <https://www.grouptoursite.com/tours/highlights-of-sweden-ancestry-tour> to book your spot. There are only 24 spots left! Contact the Group Coordinator, Ian Lexvold for more information at [ilexvold@isd2144.org](mailto:ilexvold@isd2144.org).

## **You can reach staff via phone (651-257-6300) or email to:**

Pastor Steve – [pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@chisagolakelutheran.org)

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Stephanie – [finance@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:finance@chisagolakelutheran.org)

Julie – [music@chisagolakelutheran.org](mailto:music@chisagolakelutheran.org)

Bev or Bob – call the church office if you need to reach either of them

## **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](http://www.chisagolakelutheran.org)

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

- Sue & Butch Johnson and family on the recent passing of her mother whose funeral was September 21, 2021.
- John & Judy Nelson and family after the burial service here on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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, peace and comfort through her ongoing melanoma treatments.
- Shirley Gustafson, prayers for healing and recovery from recent surgeries.