Chisago Lake Lutheran Church







24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

9:00 am

GROUNDED IN THE GOSPEL, GUIDED BY THE SPIRIT, WE ARE A PEOPLE AND PLACE OF GRACE!

WELCOME!

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Center City, MN
ELCA

www.chisagolakelutheran.org

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! We believe the sound of children in worship is not a distraction. It is evidence of life, growth, and the future of the church. If your child makes noise, you are not bothering us. You are blessing us. Activity bags and kits are available and a special children's message is shared at each service.
- We invite you to write your name and contact information on the blue 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! The reverse side of the card has space for prayer requests as well. You can drop your card in the offering baskets or the Welcome desk in the entryway. Thank you!

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

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PHONE- 651-257-6300 I OFFICE HOURS – Mon - Thurs, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Attendance: November 1 = 403: Sanct - 200, On-line – 190, Tues - 13

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN *"Praise and Thanksgiving"* ELW #689

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.**

KYRIE ELW p. 147-148

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW p.148-149

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of the God and Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Amos 5:18-24, Pew Bible OT p.878

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Stacy Johnson

SUNDAY SCHOOL SENDING
"*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*" ELW #543, V.1
(Congregants stand, sing and greet the kids as they are dismissed.)

ALLELUIA ELW p.151
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL
Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

Matthew 25:1-13, Pew Bible NT p.26

The Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel - the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Don't Be Surprised!" Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"We Are Called!"* ELW #720

APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always; **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Create in Me a Clean Heart"* Hymn #186

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions – all signs of your gracious love. Receive them back for the sake of Him who gave himself for us: Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* ELW #551

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

- Judy Nelson who has been battling an infection in her knee after a fall. Prayers for her and John, the medical team, antibiotic treatments and recovery from surgery.
- Condolences to Mona Engel and family on the passing of her mother.
- Condolences to the family and friends of Joan Grossmann on her passing. Joan's funeral service will be Friday, November 13, here at CLLC.

😇 Is God Calling YOU to Be a Guardian Angel?

Make a difference in a child's faith journey!
Chisago Lake Lutheran is looking for adults **age 25 and older** to become *Guardian Angels* for our youngest Sunday School students (Kindergarten–2nd Grade)! As a Guardian Angel, you'll be a spiritual mentor, cheerleader, and friendly face, helping a child feel loved, supported, and connected to their church family.
What's involved? A few get-togethers during the Sunday School year to build friendships with your assigned child and their family. **Interested in spreading your wings?** Sign up during worship or contact the church office at **651-257-6300**.
🦃 **We'll kick things off with a special Thanksgiving activity following worship on Sunday, November 22!** More fun activities are planned throughout the year!
"Let the little children come to me…" — Matthew 19:14
A little of your time can make a heavenly difference in a child's life!



Our annual **Stewardship Drive is officially underway!** And there's a special delivery waiting just for YOU! Stop by the **Narthex to pick up your Stewardship Packet** and current financial statement. Discover how your gifts of time, talent, and treasure help keep our church family growing in faith and service. **No postage required—just your faithful heart!** Thank you for being part of all the wonderful things happening at Chisago Lake Lutheran!

TREE OF LIFE KID'S CHOIR practices *at 6:15 pm on Wednesdays in the Sanctuary*. Students K-6th Grade are invited to join!

TONE CHIME practices at 7pm on Wed in the Sanctuary. Anyone can join!

MEALS ON WHEELS. CLLC members cover one local route for Meals on Wheels! There is a dedicated group of volunteers that take **one day a month** to deliver meals to neighbors who benefit from them. Contact Jan Nesseth if interested! 612-719-1335.

SANKTA LUCIA REHEARSALS. Chisago Lake Lutheran has a long tradition of hosting a traditional Scandinavian Sankta Lucia pageant. Consider being a part of this community event! **Practices are Sundays at 2:00 pm,** in the Fellowship Hall here at CLLC. Call Chris Ruser if you would like to help or participate at 651-755-9251. The pageant will take place on Saturday, **December 12 at 9:00am**.

PAPER CRAFTERS will be meeting *in the classrooms on the lower level one* on ***Thurs, November 12 at 1:30pm.*** Join us for a casual time to work on projects, swap ideas, learn something new, and enjoy each other's company. *Card makers, scrapbookers, Cricut fans, beginners and curious crafters are all welcome!* Contact Myrna at 715-222-1994 with questions.

THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

Sunday, November 8
- 9:00 am – Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 2:00 pm – Sankta Lucia Practice, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, November 9
- 9am – 2pm - Quilting
- Noon - Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion
- 7:00 pm – Excelsior 4H Club meeting

Tuesday, November 10
- 2:00 pm – Pr. Brian at Pt. Pleasant
- 3:00 pm – Pr. Brian at Lind. Sr. Living
- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship
- 6:30 pm – All Committee Night
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, November 11
- 6:00 pm – Confirmation
- 6:15 pm – Tree of Life Choir practice
- 7:00 pm – Tone Chime practice

Thursday, November 12
- 8:00 am – Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn

Friday, November 13
- 9:30 am – Visitation for Joan Grossmann
- 11:00 am – Funeral for Joan Grossmann

Sunday, November 15
- 9:00 pm – Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Officiant: Rev. Brian King
Pianist/Organist: Julie Lauritzen
Acolytes: Nora Dehn and Faith Schneider
Reader: Midge Nelson
Ushers: Paul Bettcher, Chris Knight, Rich Whitman, and Mark Wikelius
Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann
Sound and Video Tech: Khloe Bresnahan
Offering Assistants: Dallas Genung and Lori Sampson

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.