Chisago Lake Lutheran Church



Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 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! 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!

Cover: *The Chisago Lake Lutheran Quilters are at it again. Displayed are the quilts being donated to an Indigenous school. These women meet every Monday from 9am to 2pm and sew these beautiful quilts! Any one is welcome to join! No sewing experience necessary.*

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

Attendance: November 15 = 424; Sanctuary – 172, Online - 148, Tues – 14

PRELUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC "*Pachelbel's Canon*" Chime Choir

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & OPENING PRAYER

QUILT BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* ELW #855

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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Pew Bible OT p.826

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TREE OF LIFE CHOIR *"A Thanksgiving Song"* Barbara Yotter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Stacy Johnson

SUNDAY SCHOOL SENDING
"*Go, My Children, with My Blessing"* ELW #543, V.1

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

THE GOSPEL
Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

Matthew 25:31-46, Pew Bible NT p.27

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 "It Depends Upon Where You Stand" Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Christ Be Our Light"* ELW #715

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 *"Simple Gifts"* Chime Choir

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN *"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"* ELW #826

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, Annette Weber, and Robert O'Neill

😇 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! *We are currently looking for about 12 volunteers!*
What's involved? A few get-togethers during the Sunday School year to build friendships with your assigned child and their family. See the signup sheet or contact the church office 651-257-6300 or talk to Stacy.

🎄 **We'll kick things off with a special Christmas activity following worship on Sunday, December 20!** More fun activities are planned throughout the year!

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church (CLLC) Worship & Music Survey; Fall 2026
The Worship & Music committee wants your feedback to better understand how closely the worship services and their various elements reflect the needs and passions of our congregation while welcoming others. Please find the survey at *the Welcome table,* it is printed on yellow paper. Kindly take a few minutes to complete the survey which will directly guide our planning as we seek to create new opportunities for meaningful connections.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP & PIE FEST. Join us for worship **Tuesday, November 24, 6pm.** Afterwards there will be pie served in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite to share! All leftovers will be donated to the Community Thanksgiving meal held here on Thanksgiving Day.

CHISAGO LAKES AREA COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER
Thursday, November 26, from 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to the annual Chisago Lakes Area Community Thanksgiving Dinner. A traditional turkey (and ham) dinner, including pie, will be available **FREE** to anyone. This event is hosted by Chisago Lake Lutheran Church with the support of area churches and businesses. For dine-in or take-out reservations, please call the church office at 651-257-6300. **Reservations are requested by Monday, November 23.** If you would like to support this event, pie (homemade or store bought) and monetary donations are welcome. Volunteer opportunities are also available, please contact Chris Lundberg at 612-810-6770 if you are interested in volunteering.

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 at 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, November 22
- 9:00 am – Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, November 23
- 9am – 2pm - Quilters
- Noon - Men's/Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran

Tuesday, November 24
- 1:30pm – Women's Gather Bible Study
- 6:00pm – Thanksgiving Worship/Pie Fest
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting in Undercroft

Thursday, November 26
- **Office Closed – *Happy Thanksgiving***

Sunday, November 29
- 9:00 pm – Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Rev. Brian King
Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen
Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann
Acolytes: Teya Koester-Radmann and Calvin Warner
Reader: Bev Sandgren
Ushers: Mary Grimm and Jason & Stacey Hall family
Sound and Video Tech: Khloe Bresnahan
Offering Assistants: Erica Paffel and Chris Lundgren

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR BRIAN

Dear CLLC Family,
I was ordained on June 16, 1996 and an incredible 30 years of ministry it has been! Kristi Warner's words on behalf of all of you were a blessed "walk down memory lane," and along with the kind and generous words, gestures, and gifts of so many others, I am humbled, awed, and deeply grateful for the call of God and the leading of the Spirit in every season of my life that led me here to all of you and this "strange" (the time away from my wife, Jen) but precious gift of a season at CLLC!

In moments like this, I have often returned to St. Paul's words in Philippians 1:3-7 where he writes: "I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace..."

Thank you for inviting me to share in your lives and become part of this special family of faith and larger community. You are all a blessing beyond words to me!
May God continue to guide us in living and sharing The Gospel of Jesus with everyone!

In Christ, Pastor Brian