Chisago Lake Lutheran Church



First Sunday of Advent

Youth Sunday

November 29, 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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Attendance: November 22 = 495; Sanctuary – 183, Online - 312
Thanksgiving Eve = 115; Sanctuary – 67, Facebook - 48

PRELUDE: Advent and Christmas Hymn Requests

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Come, Jesus, Come"* Stephen McWhirter

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Cooper Peterson & family

On the 1st Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. … For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Hymn #257, Vs. 1

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

Isaiah 6:1-8, Pew Bible OT p.649

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE — Stacy Johnson

ALLELUIA — ELW p.151

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

THE GOSPEL

Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.

Mark 13:24-37, Pew Bible NT p.47

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

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

SERMON *"Sleep Interrupted! Keep Awake!"* Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"* ELW #436

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.

THE 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 *"Wait on You"* Elevation Worship

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 *"Soon and Very Soon"* ELW #439

POSTLUDE

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

- Continued prayers of healing for Judy, Annette and Robert

😇 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 6 more 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.



POINSETTIAS! You may purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of loved ones to decorate the sanctuary. There are envelopes available at the usher's credenza or you may give through the website under *GIVE* (please specify your donation to poinsettias). Envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the office. The cost is $12.00 for each.

BAZAAR NEWS AND NEEDS

Chisago Lake Lutheran's 25th Annual Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale: Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Shop from 40+ vendors, pick up homemade baked items and holiday treats. Come for Sweet Rolls in the morning and Sloppy Joe Lunch in the afternoon. *Coffee is on all day!* **Enter the raffle drawings** for fantastic prizes including Minnesota Wild tickets, a quilt, gift cards, Kid's mystery box, and Squishy toy baskets!

SIGNUP TO HELP WITH THE BAZAAR! *Signup sheets* in the church entry and office, call the office, sign up *online* on the website and through the weekly email! Thank you!!

***RAFFLE TICKET SALES:** We are looking for people to sell raffle tickets on Sundays as well as folks during the Bazaar.

***KITCHEN HELP:** Volunteers are needed for 3 different shifts; 7:30am – 10am (2), 10am-1pm (4), and 1pm-4pm (2-4).

***SET-UP: Thursday, December 3**

- **9am** - 4 to 6 volunteers for a couple hours to help set up.
- **Noon – 1pm -** 4 volunteers to help tape off vendor spaces and set up tables.

***TAKE -DOWN: Saturday, December 5 at 3:30pm** we will need at least 8 volunteers to clean up and put the rooms back in order.

CALLING ALL BAKERS! The CLLC Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale Is Almost Here!



It's time to dust off those favorite recipes and fire up the ovens!
Our annual Bake Sale is always a huge success, and **we couldn't do it without our wonderful bakers!** Whether it's banana bread, gingersnaps, Fantasy Fudge, cookies, or another family favorite, we'd love your delicious contributions!

Gluten-free goodies are especially welcome!

- Please label your baked goods with the name of the item and if they contain **nuts**.
- Bring your goodies in a pan or baggie to the **church kitchen on Friday, December 4, by 1:00 PM**, when we'll begin assembling the plates.
- **Helping hands are welcome!** We'd love extra volunteers to help package all those delicious treats.

ANTIQUES!! Looking for donations for the antique area of the Bazaar. Drop donations off in the office any time before Friday, December 5th.

THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN

Sunday, November 29
- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 5:00 pm – Lefse Making
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, November 30
- 9:00 am – 2:00 pm – Quilting
- Noon – Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday, December 1
- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, December 2
- 6:00 pm – Confirmation
- 6:15 pm – Tree of Life Choir
- 7:00 pm – Chime Choir
- 7:00 pm – High School youth

Thursday, December 3
- 9:00 am – 1:00 pm - Bazaar Set-Up
- 7:00 pm – Unexpected Company Dress rehearsal

Friday, December 4
- 1:00 pm – Packaging baked goods for the Bazaar

Saturday, December 5
- 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Annual Bazaar
- 1:00 pm – Sanctuary Decorating
- 7:00 pm – St. Croix Valley Orchestra Concert

Sunday, December 6
- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 3:00 pm – Unexpected Company Concert
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Organist/Pianist: Myrna Westen
Acolytes: Brielle Hollister and Aubrey Griffin
Greeters: High School Youth
Readers: Maddie Johnson
Ushers: Louise Angrimson, Tim Christensen, Laura Loehlein, and Lee Turner
Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann
Media Technician: Khloe Bresnahan
Offering Assistants: Caitlin Browning

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.