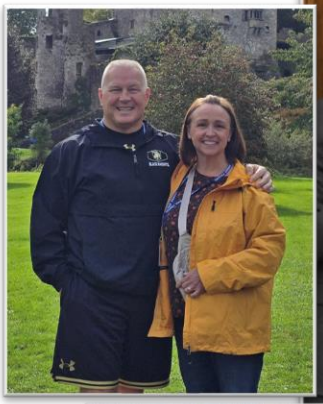
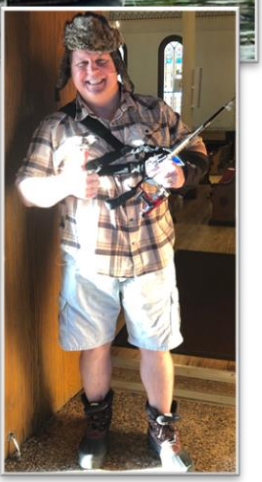
Chisago Lake Lutheran Church









25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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 practice open communion at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church. We believe God's love, mercy, and grace extends to all people offering new life and new beginnings. We join with the Psalmist in Psalm 34:8 inviting you to "Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who put their trust in him."
- *For your convenience, gluten-free wafers are available by request, and a non-alcoholic juice option is always available in the light-colored center cups for those who prefer.*
- 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 8 = 404; Sanct – 159, Online - 220, Tues – 25

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL 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 his 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. 149

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

READING

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Pew Bible NT p.196

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

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 second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

Matthew 25:14-30, 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 "Would've, Could've, Should've… But Did You?" Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Take My Life That I may Be"* ELW #885
Ingathering - You are invited to bring forward your commitment cards and Time & Talent sheets at this time.

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.**

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

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.

COMMUNION

Distribution – Please come forward as instructed by the ushers or alert the them if you would like the elements brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD ELW p. 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *"As the Grains of Wheat"* ELW #465
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW #484

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 AND BENEDICTION

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 continues to recover from complications after falling on her knee.
- Annette Weber as she battles an injury and infection negatively impacting her prosthetic leg and overall health.

😇 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!
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.
🦃 **We'll kick things off with a special Thanksgiving activity following worship on Sunday, November 22!** More fun activities are planned throughout the year!

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**.

THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

Sunday, November 15
- 9:00 am – Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Fellowship Celebrating Pastor Brian's Ministry
- 2:00 pm – Sankta Lucia practice
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, November 16
- 9am – 2pm – Quilters
- 10:00 am – Staff Meeting
- Noon – Men's/Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran

Tuesday, November 17
- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship
- 7:00 pm – Church Council meeting
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting in Undercroft

Wednesday, November 18
- 6:00 pm – Confirmation
- 6:15 pm – Tree of Life Choir practice
- 7:00 pm – Tone Chime practice
- 7:00 pm – High School Youth

Thursday, November 19
- 8:00 am – Men's Breakfast, Swedish Inn
- 6:00 pm – MomCo Group

Sunday, November 22
- 9:00 pm – Worship Service/Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 2:00 pm – Sankta Lucia practice
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Rev. Brian King
Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen
Altar Guild: Shelia Wiggins and Donna Grossmann
Cantor: Elizabeth Weiss
Acolytes: Amelia Enebak and Nora Dehn
Reader: Rich Whitman
Ushers: Dennis & Shirley Gustafson and Dennie & Debbie Allen
Sound and Video Tech: Khloe Bresnahan
Communion and Offering Assistants: Chris Lundberg, Chris Knight, and Lee Peterson

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.