



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026
9:00 am

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

WELCOME!

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church Center City, MN ELCA

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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/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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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW #660

COUNCIL INSTALLATION

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

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING

Genesis 12:1-4a, Pew Bible OT p.10

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 121, Pew Bible OT p.582

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

LENTEN VERSE

ELW p. 151

**Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17, Pew Bible NT p.88

The Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON *"Should I Stay or Should I Go?"* Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Blessed Assurance"* ELW #638

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.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW 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.

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 or alert the ushers if you would like the elements brought to you. 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Now We Join in Celebration"

ELW #462

"I Am the Bread of Life"

ELW #485

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 AND BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

5:15 pm: Soup Supper

6:00 pm – Holden Evening Prayer Service

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JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR OUR LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES ON B.L.E.S.S. AT 6:00 P.M.

God's way of reaching and restoring the world has always been through blessing. These five missional practices make up the acronym BLESS and are a way to participate in the strategy God gave Abraham to reach the world. "And I will bless you...and you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2). As we engage these practices daily, we partner with God's Spirit to bless those who do not know him. Join us each Wednesday as together we learn how to reach more people with the good news about Jesus!

NEWBORN KIT NEEDS! Every year several hundred Newborn kits are assembled, packaged and sent off to areas of need. We are in the process now of collecting needed items for a mid-March assembly date. Donated items may be placed in the bin in the church lobby or office.

Any questions contact Pat Williams at 651-257-3147.

- Ivory bar soap, blue label
- 2.5-gallon Ziploc Bags, need lots
- Washcloths and Bath Towels (new or gently used)
- Onesies or baby t-shirts (new or gently used)
- Cash is always welcome, if you prefer.

Thank You to the Sargeant Family - The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Steve Sargeant on the one-year anniversary of his passing. Each flower represents a member of his family. Steve lovingly gave Stephanie flowers each year on their wedding anniversary, adding to the bouquet as their family grew — with the birth of each child, the addition of spouses, and the arrival of each grandchild.

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.



THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am – Adult Forum – *Everyday Revolutionary*
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, March 2

- 9am-2pm - Quilters
- Noon – Men's/Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meal at Zion Lutheran
- 6:00 pm - Monday Movie
- 7:00 pm – Excelsior 4-H Club Meeting

Tuesday, March 3

- 10:00 am – Visitation
- 11:00 – Funeral for Carol
- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship service
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, March 4

- 5:15 pm – Soup Supper
- 5:15 pm – Tree of Life Choir practice
- 6:00 pm – Lent Worship – Holden Evening Prayer
- 7:00 pm – Chime Choir practice

Thursday, March 5

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

Sunday, March 8

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School
- 10:15 am – Adult Forum – *Everyday Revolutionary*
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Cantor: Elizabeth Weiss

Greeters: The Perry Family

Acolytes: Adelia Otte and Dalton Perry

Reader: Katie Schmidt

Ushers: Scott & Jane Weiss and Brad & Lou Ann Mattson

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann and Chris Knight

Sound and Video Tech: Khloe Bresnahan

Communion/Offering Assistants: Erica Paffel, Chris Lundberg, and Michael Weiss

Coffee Servers: Linnea Frans, Jan and Mike Nesseth, and Nancy Schoon