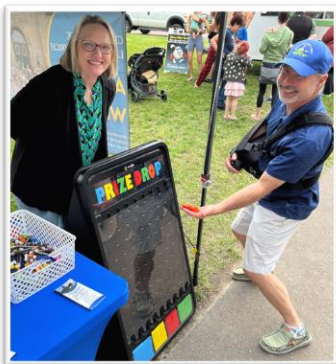




# CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 13, 2025

*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



[www.chisagolakelutheran.org](http://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.
- There are devices to assist those who are hearing impaired at the front entrance when you enter. Please see an usher for guidance as needed.
- 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: July 6 = 374; Sanct – 133, Facebook – 165, YouTube – 60, Tues - 11**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

### OPENING HYMN

*"For The Beauty of the Earth"*

ELW #879

### 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

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Pew Bible OT p.190  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Psalm 1, Pew Bible OT p. 493  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *"Choices, Choices, Choices..."* Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* ELW #773

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.**

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 *"Lead On, O King Eternal"* ELW #805

## 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.*

- Condolences and deepest sympathies to family and friends of Char Gabrielson on her passing this past week.
- Condolences and deepest sympathies to Karen Campbell and family on the passing of her brother David Olson.
- Congratulations to Ashley and Neil Paulson on the birth of their daughter Annika, prayers as she was admitted to the NICU with some complications.

**THE HERITAGE ROOM** will be open after the Service on Sunday, July 13th. Stop by



to see some of the newly donated items. Including a Commemorative of Confirmations booklet (written in Swedish) for the years 1897 to 1913. It was donated by Jacki (Nerhaugen) Barton. The booklet was found in her mother, Elaine (Porter) Nerhaugen's belongings after she passed away.

Elaine's father, Benjamin Porter, grew up on a family with 12 children. Eleven of his siblings are listed in the booklet. Stop by to learn more about how this original 'Jaensson' family became the 'Porter' family and the location of the family farm.

## **SUMMER ACTIVITIES:**

Join us for summer fun in the community this summer!

Harmony in the Park: **July 16** – A booth with games and giveaways!

Parades: Come be a part of the float and walking brigade!

**Wannigan Days: July 19:** meet at church at 3:15pm to carpool.

**Center City Days: July 26:** Meet at the Government Center at 5:30pm

Pig Roast: **July 26** – Be a part of this annual community meal we serve from the church lawn during Center City Days! Help is needed in all areas, from prep work to set-up, serving, and take-down and cleaning up!

**SIGNUPS** are on the usher's credenza or online! Call the office if you have any questions and would like to volunteer!!

**DONATIONS** of parade candy are being accepted in the church office or bin in the narthex. Thank You for your help!



**YOUTH RUMMAGE SALE!** Donations are now being accepted! Drop off in the undercroft - follow the signs! Donations accepted through noon on Wed. July 23. We cannot accept soiled or broken items, electronics, mattresses/box springs or large furniture.

### **Give to Lutheran Disaster Response:**

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to “**pray, pray, pray** for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property.” Merciful God, hear our prayer. [As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood.](#) May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work.



**Ways to Give:** Follow the QR code to the website, by phone call **800-638-3522** (operators are ready to assist you Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time) or by check or money order mailed directly or give through church (designate Lutheran Disaster Response).



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
**P.O. Box 1809**  
**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

**MISSION TRIP:** We are excited to announce that a group from CLLC will be embarking on a mission trip to Milwaukee on August 2nd. During this trip, we will be serving with local organizations in the greater Milwaukee area. We would love to have some support from our CLLC family, so we are seeking donations to support our meals while we are there. Every contribution—big or small—helps us bring hope, love, and practical assistance to those in need. Please bring to the office, or drop off in the wood donation box labeled Mission Trip.

How to Donate:

- Drop off a gift card to Aldi or Walmart in a marked envelope labeled “Mission Trip”
- Donate items: Granola Bars, Quart Ziplock Baggies, Cookies (Homemade or Store bought), Peanut Butter, Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Breads

Thank you for your generosity and support! Please keep our team in your prayers as we prepare to serve. For more information, contact Stacy.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES!** Our Chisago Lake Lutheran Family has been rapidly growing over the past year. If you are interested in becoming a more active and integral part of our family in faith, we invite you to join us for our next round of New Member classes (Three total) on **Sunday, August 3, 17, and 24 from 10:15-11:15 am** in the Green Room. Pastor Brian leads each of these informal, fun, and engaging classes! We will officially welcome new members at our 9am service on *Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>*.



**MEALS ON WHEELS!** Did you know that CLLC delivers Meals on Wheels locally?! We have a dedicated group of volunteers that takes one day a month and we could use a few more. The time commitment is only 90 minutes to 2hrs. Please contact Jan Neseth, 612-719-1335, if this is something you would like to be a part of or have any questions. Thank You!



## **RELAY FOR LIFE 2025 – AUGUST 22, 5:00pm-9:00pm.**

*In the following, Jerry Vitalis shares some background and history on the on the Chisago County Relay for Life event!*



### **Some History on Relay for Life**

I became a cancer survivor in 2001 and was invited to the Relay for Life event held at Chisago Lakes High School. The north end of Chisago County held their event at North Branch High School. CLLC was one of 8 teams in South Chisago County who fundraised for the American Cancer Society. Our church team was always the top

fundraiser. I remember walking the track, it was important that some one walked all night long in memory of those who lost their battle.

A few years later the two Relays in Chisago County combined and we moved our Relay first to the Tanger Mall, then to the Almelund Threshing Show grounds. This must have been the time we started selling and displaying the luminaries. Note the picture of the luminaries on both sides of the track at the threshing grounds. We had regular sized candles that would stay lit all night while some walked the track in memory of those lost to cancer. Families would come with their tents and camp all night long.



We were at Almelund for many years but it did come to an end. The grounds posed issues having to park and walk on uneven, hilly terrain making it difficult for some.

We then returned to the Tanger Outlet Mall parking lot for two years but that was not ideal either without shade or building use available, but we had no other place to go at that time.

Then I received a memo saying that due to Covid there would be no Relay until further notice. I met with our new pastor, Taryn Montgomery and noting that I sell most of the luminaries, told her I was going to have my own Relay. Pastor Taryn suggested that since we can't have anything inside let's have it outside along the retaining wall of the church. The rest is history!

You will hear much more about the Relay through the bulletin over next weeks. We have a great team led by Chris Lundberg. As my dad would say about Chris, "If you want something done, ask those who are too busy because they are the only ones who have time."

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** Chisago Lake Lutheran will be serving the Community Meal on **Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>!** This requires 16 volunteers and 12-15 desserts. Signup now! 😊



**"Worship On the Water"** services at the Center City public docks on the following **Sundays at 10:30am: July 13 & 27; August 10 & 24.** Pull up in your boat or pontoon, or bring your own lawn chair & some friends! Afterwards grab brunch at one of our local restaurants!

## **THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:**

### **Sunday, July 13**

- 9:00 am – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:30 am – **Worship On the Water** – Center City Docks
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

### **Monday, July 14**

- Noon – Men's/Women's Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church

### **Tuesday, July 15**

- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting in Undercroft

### **Wednesday, July 16**

- 6:30 pm – Harmony in the Park

### **Thursday, July 17**

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

### **Saturday, July 19**

- 6:00 pm – Wannigan Days Parade, meet at church at 3:15pm to carpool.

### **Sunday, July 20**

- 9:00 pm – Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Reader: Mark Wikelius

Ushers: Mark Wikelius, Deb Hall, Chris Knight and Rich Whitman

Altar Guild: Jamie Carlson and Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Tech: Brayden Bresnahan

Offering Assistants: Lori Sampson and Steve Grossmann

Fellowship Hosts: Jessica Genung, Judy Nelson, Anita Hoffman, and Pat Ongstad

**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](http://www.chisagolakechurch.org). It is secure, convenient, and assures your ability to give consistently to God's mission. [www.chisagolakechurch.org](http://www.chisagolakechurch.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.

