



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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! 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: August 2 = 352: Sanct - 131, On-line - 170, WOW - 36, Tues - 15

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

ELW #413
Accompanied by
Maiken Halmrast

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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 God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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FIRST READING

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

1 Kings 19:9-18, Pew Bible OT p.331

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Johnson

THE GOSPEL

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Matthew 14:22-33, Pew Bible NT p.15

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

"They Left Me All Alone, but God Didn't!"

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ELW #632

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.**

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SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

"Morning Has Broken"

Maiken Halmrast

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

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

ELW #767

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.*

CHISAGO LAKES AREA COMMUNITY MEAL

You can play a larger part of this vital community program by becoming a member of the board! *They are still in need of a representative from our congregation!*

"Worship On the Water" services at the Center City public docks, every Sunday at 10:30am: Memorial Day to Labor Day.

"AI & IDENTITY: CALLED. KNOWN. CREATED." A Special Adult Forum **SUNDAY NIGHTS in AUGUST from 6-7pm in the Green Room**

We live in a world where almost anything can be imitated. But you know what's missing? Breath. Artificial intelligence is generated but we are created by the very breath of God. Pastor Brian will facilitate this video-based series, hosted by the Rev. Dr. Justin Lester, as he walks us through what it means to be made in God's image, how to reclaim our *imago dei* mindset and set our identity in Christ despite the worldly culture of AI. Rev. Dr. Lester wraps up by showing us how we can use AI as a tool without letting it infiltrate our identity.

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MONDAY MOVIES WITH A MESSAGE FOR MONDAY, AUG. 10, 6– 8:30 PM



We will be watching the movie: ***The Greatest Showman*** in the Green Room. Starring Hugh Jackman, Zendaya, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, and Rebecca Ferguson, *The Greatest Showman* tells the story of P.T. Barnum, who rises from humble beginnings to create a dazzling show that celebrates people the world often overlooks. Along the way, Barnum learns that true success isn't found in applause or spectacle but in valuing the people entrusted to him. The film highlights themes of inclusion, compassion, and the beauty of embracing our God-given uniqueness. It reminds us that when we offer what we have—no matter how small—something extraordinary can grow from it. This Join us this Monday night and bring a friend or two! 🤝

CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN TAP TAGS ARE HERE! What are they? Convenient, easy-to-



use technology that allows one to use their smart phone (most all models have this capability) to simply hold the top edge of one's phone to the plastic coded disk on the pew and instantly access various online information about our Church and ministries. While we will continue to have printed hymnals, Bibles, and bulletins available for those who prefer, this technology, much like our screens, is especially helpful for visitors and guests as well as those who prefer to be paperless. This is just one more way for people to receive timely information and engage with our growing congregation! 😊

Relay for Life: Light Up the Night, Finish the Fight. Help us **Light up the Night** in honor and memory of those impacted by cancer—and all the loved ones we carry in our hearts. On **August 3, 10, and 17**, members of the **Chisago Lake Lutheran Church Relay for Life team** will be in the **Narthex before and after service** selling **luminaria for \$10 each**. (Also available to purchase in the church office.)

Purchase a luminaria to:

- 💜 Honor a cancer survivor
- 💔 Remember someone we've lost to cancer
- 💛 Celebrate the life of any loved one who holds a special place in your heart!

Each luminaria will glow at dusk, lining the retaining walls of the church—symbolizing **hope, love, and remembrance**. All proceeds benefit the **American Cancer Society**.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rite of Installation; Bishop Justin A. Grimm –
St. Paul Area Synod. *Sunday, September 13, 3:30pm* at
Shepherd of the Valley, Apple Valley
Registration not required but helpful as we plan the day.
<https://spas-elca.org/bishop-installation/>



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Rite of Installation; Bishop Taryn K. Montgomery –
Northeastern MN Synod. *Saturday, September 12, 2:00 pm* at
First Lutheran Church, Duluth. *Registration not required but helpful*
as we plan the day. <https://nemnsynod.org/>



COMMITTEE Spotlight – Personnel Committee

Sue Abrahamson, Office Coordinator. Sue has been worshipping at Chisago Lake Lutheran for the past 30+ years. She considers the people and community here at CLLC an extension of her family. Before joining the CLLC staff in December of 2022, Sue was at home full time, alongside her husband Al, running their family dairy farm. Being less involved in the day-to-day chores and operations at home, Sue is grateful to have a position here at CLLC!



Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant. A native of Almelund, MN, Stephanie has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from North Dakota State University. She has served as the accountant at Chisago Lake Lutheran for over five years. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys. Together, they love camping and boating. Stephanie is also a fantastic quilter and has an eye for detail!



MOMCO

Coming this fall! MomCo (formerly MOPS) We will meet the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of the month beginning in Sept., 6-8pm at Chisago Lake Lutheran. We gather and support moms. We believe in the simple but revolutionary idea that remarkable things happen when moms come together. If you are a mom with a child from birth through graduating high school, we have a place for you!

Chisago Lake Lutheran is seeking a Half-Time Director of Church Music.

Working with the Worship & Music Committee and church staff, this individual will serve as the primary keyboard accompanist for weekly worship services, weddings, and funerals; oversee and accompany our choirs; provide leadership for our music ministry; and help care for our organ, pianos, and other music resources. For a complete job description, please visit chisagolakelutheran.org/job-openings. Questions and resumes—including at least one letter of reference and an audio/video sample of current or past worship accompaniment—**may be sent to Pastor Brian King at revdup@chisagolakelutheran.org.**

THIS WEEK AT CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN:

Sunday, August 9

- 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, August 10

- Noon - Bible Study
- 4:00 pm - Community Meals at Zion Lutheran Church

Tuesday, August 11

- 2:00 pm – P. Brian at Point Pleasant
- 3:00pm – P. Brian at Lindstrom Sr. Living
- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship
- 6:30 pm – All Committee Night
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting in Undercroft

Thursday, August 13

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

Sunday, August 16

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Officiant: Rev. Brian King

Pianist/Organist: Myrna Westen

Reader: Katie Schmidt

Ushers: Paul Bettcher, Chris Knight, Rich Whitman, and Mark Wikelius

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann

Sound and Video Tech: Khloe Bresnahan

Offering Assistants: Dallas Genung and Erica Paffel

Fellowship Servers: Louise Angrimson, Steve & Lisa Sontag and Deb Hegerston

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.chisagolakelutheran.org). 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.

