



CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025
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 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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Cover: Everyone had a great time partaking in the Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal!

Attendance: November 30 = 416; Sanct – 105, Facebook – 178, YouTube – 111, Tues – 22

PRELUDE: CHRISTMAS/ADVENT HYMN SING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPENING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist Cries”* ELW #249

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Halmrast Family

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of preparation.

A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” (Isaiah 40:3-5)

HYMN *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* Hymn #257, Vs. 1-2

HOLDEN PRAYER

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(PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT)

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Part 1 – Lectern side

Part 2 – Pulpit side

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READING Isaiah 40:1-11, Pew Bible OT p.682

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Stacy Johnson

BAPTISM *Levi Richard Hill* ELW p. 227-231

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12, Pew Bible NT p.2

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.

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SERMON

“Jesus Offers Some Advent Driver’s Ed”

Pastor Brian

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

*Silent Night w/ YuFan
Do You Hear What I Hear*

Maiken Halmrast

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Carol of the Bells*

Magnus 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“What Feast of Love”
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

ELW #487

ELW #254

HOLDEN PRAYER

LEADER The light shines in the darkness...

ALL ...and the darkness has not overcome it.

THE ANNUNCIATION

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

- Continued prayers for Marty Nyberg, Dylan Lindahl, and Dave & Julie Denn.

With Joy the Chisago Lake Lutheran family extends congratulations to the parents and welcomes baptismal candidate, Levi Richard Hill, son of Stephanie Walbridge and Justin Hill. As we celebrate this important milestone in Levi's life, we ask the congregation to keep him and his family in your daily prayers as he begins his faith journey. Congratulations!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATES

Capital Campaign Pledges to date: \$607,020.

Stewardship Pledges to date: \$242,844.

It's not too late to make a pledge—every commitment helps move our mission forward! Additional pledge cards are available at the usher's credenza or the church office.



What's Happening?

The new Main Entrance and "patio" doors have been ordered!!

It will take a few months before they will arrive but we look forward to replacing the rusted original doors with updated ones that have handicap opening buttons.



Scan the QR code with your phone camera. This will take you to the webpage, www.chisagolakelutheran.org/capital-campaign, where there is more information as well as an opportunity to give to the capital campaign.



Watch for our series of *This Old Church* video clips! They will be posted online as well as shown around church as they come out!

GIVING THANKS

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A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported and volunteered for the Annual Chisago Lakes Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Approximately 425 dine-in and take-out meals were served and distributed. A special thank-you goes to all the hard-working volunteers who helped with setup, food preparation, serving, meal distribution, and cleanup. We are also especially grateful for the generous financial contributions and the delicious pies that were donated—your support made this event truly special. This annual event would not have been possible without your help. We are deeply thankful to be part of such a generous and caring community.

-The Annual Chisago Lakes Community Thanksgiving Dinner Planning Committee

POINSETTIAS! You may purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of loved ones to decorate the sanctuary. There are envelopes available at the ushers 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.



GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE KITS: Christmas Dinner Collection

We are still collecting for *Christmas Meals* until Tuesday. The Kits include, 2 cans of Green Beans, 1 can Cr. of Mushroom Soup and 1 French Fried Onion Rings.

“The Littlest Angel Shop” Donations are needed!!

This is a store set up here at church which is filled with donated gift items to assist the Sunday school children with their holiday shopping. All items cost 25 cents each – no matter what the item is! We are looking for donations of new or gently used gift items from you, the Congregation. Any type of gift item for babies through adults – boys and girls - men and women are needed. Please drop these off in the designated narthex collection bin by Dec. 10.

USHERING:

It's time for a changing of the guard for the Usher schedule. *Thank you to those who were ushers from July to December*, some of you will be heading to warmer climates for the winter; please be safe and have a restful time! I really appreciate how you have kept Sue and I informed if you were planning on being gone for a Sunday. It's important that we know as early as possible so the bulletin can be updated with the correct names. Again, God Bless and a great time the next 6 months whatever you are doing. Jerry Vitalis

P.S. Don't be surprised if you are called on to fill in ☺, it happens a lot!

During December I will be contacting those who were ushers from Jan-June last year. I hope you are planning to continue ushering, though there are always changes. If you are a new member or have been here for many years and want to get involved in ushering, please contact me! Jerry Vitalis, 651-257-4496

ANONYMOUS SANTA COLLECTION!



We serve local families within Chisago County and the Forest Lake school district to allow them to give their children Christmas with dignity during life's challenging times. We provide a dignified, private shopping experience where local parents can shop for new, non-violent toys, games, books, clothing, and stocking stuffers for their children, from birth to 18 years old.

Each child also gets a hat and mittens/gloves. Items may be dropped off in the entryway of the church in the designated box.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If anyone would like to donate some time to help out the community, we are always in need of volunteers, especially the last Saturday of our program, **12/20 starting at 9am** until we are done for the day. It is a huge undertaking and any help is appreciated. The last couple of years we have not had very many volunteers for that day. You can contact our Charee at 651-238-6453 (call/text), or as always anyone can message our Facebook page "Anonymous Santa Chisago County MN." *Thank you!*

Children's Program

Sunday, December 14
during 9:00am Worship

Service of Comfort, Hope, and Healing

Sunday, December 21 at 3pm

Christmas Eve Services

3:00 pm - Family Candlelight Service

5:00 pm - Candlelight Service

10:00 pm - Candlelight Service
with Communion

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, December 7

- 9:00 am –Worship Service
- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School and Alpha Series (Green Room)
- 7:00 pm – St. Croix Orchestra w/ Unexpected Co. Concert
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 9

- 2:00 pm – Pr. Brian at Pt. Pleasant Service
- 3:00 pm – Pr. Brian at Lindstrom Sr Living Service
- 6:00 pm – Take 2 Worship with Communion
- 6:30 pm – All-Committee Potluck
- 7:00 pm - Al-Anon in the Undercroft

Wednesday, December 10

- 6:00 pm – Confirmation
- 6:15 pm – Tree of Life Choir practice
- 7:00 pm – Tone Chime practice

Thursday, December 11

- 8:00 am - Men’s Breakfast, Swedish Inn

Saturday, December 13

- 9:00 am – Sankta Lucia Pageant

Sunday, December 14

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- 10:00 am – Fellowship
- 10:15 am – Sunday School and Alpha Series (Green Room)
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Organist/Pianist: Myrna Westen

Acolytes: Madelin Johnson and Cora Hinsch

Greeters: The Genung family

Advent Candle: YuFan Ma, Nathan, Magnus, and Maiken Halmrast

Reader: Marc Brottem

Ushers: Tim Christensen, Dale Fredell, Todd & MaryAnn Rivard

Altar Guild: Donna Grossmann and Laura Loehlein

Media Technician: Khloe Bresnahan

Communion/Offering Assistants: Steve Grossmann, Michael Weiss and Chris Lundberg

Coffee Servers: Dale & Becky Fredell