



**Sunday, September 3, 2017**  
 Time after Pentecost  
 Worship at 9:30 AM

**Welcome to Worship at Vinje Lutheran Church!**

- **Welcome** to everyone, especially those worshipping with us for the very first time!
- **Pew Cards** are available for prayer requests, visitor information, or creative doodling during worship.
- **Hearing devices** are available at the sound booth. Ask an usher for assistance.
- **Children are welcome in worship!** Activity bags, children's books and children's bulletins can be found just outside the sanctuary at each entrance.
- **CREATIVE CORNER:** Does your child need a break from worship but you still want to hear what's going on? Then the "Creative Corner" just outside each entrance to the sanctuary is the place for you! Your child can keep active at the table and you can keep active with worship – everybody wins!

**GATHERING**

**Hymn Sing**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity,  
 the one who fashions us,  
 the one who heals us,  
 the one who reforms us again and again.  
 Amen.*

*Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

*Source of all life,  
 we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.  
 Amen.*

*God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✠ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.*

**Gathering Song**

For the Beauty of the Earth Hymnal #879

**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**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**WORD**

**First Reading** Jeremiah 15:15-21 Bible, pg. 561  
*Word of God, Word of Life* **Thanks be to God**

**Second Reading** Romans 12:9-21 Bible, pg. 922  
*Word of God, Word of Life* **Thanks be to God**

**Children's Message**

*Please stand, as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia Hymnal #170



**Holy Gospel** Matthew 16:21-28 Bible, pg. 798  
**Glory to you, O Lord** **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Message**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song*

**Hymn of the Day**

Will You Come and Follow Me Hymnal #798

**Apostles' Creed**

Hymnal pg. 105

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**

*At the conclusion of each petition, the assembly sings:*

Hymnal #752

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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**Peace**

**MEAL**

**Offering**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

**Anthem during the offering**

La Cinquntaine

Gabriel-Marie

**Offertory For Such a Time as This**

Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?  
 Could it be that we are called for such a time as this?

**Other verses:**

... that you are called  
 ... that I am called

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**Offering Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**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.**

*Invitation to Communion: At mealtimes around the world, strangers become friends, and friends become family. In Holy Communion, we are invited to the Table of the Lord. No conditions. No coercion. Just words of*

*welcome and promise: "This is my body, given for you." We are glad to have you worship with us! All guests are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper.*

*Ushers will direct you forward to receive communion. White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Please request from your server.*

*If medical or health concerns give you reason to avoid the wine or bread, please remember the teaching of the Christian Church that Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or wine.*

*Communion preparation is offered each year for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. Children who do not yet commune are invited for a blessing.*

- Remember that Jesus shared a meal with everybody!
- Jesus said: Remember that every time you share this bread and drink, I am with you!
- Remember that God loves you as you are for who you are!

**Music during Communion**

**Lamb of God**

Hymnal pg. 154

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn Let Us Break Bread Together Hymnal #471

Hymn Day By Day Hymnal #790

Hymn Blest Be the Tie that Binds Hymnal #656

**Table Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**Benediction**

**Sending Song**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Hymnal #547

**Dismissal**

*Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

**Servant Leaders Today**

**Altar Care**  
**Assisting Minister**  
**Communion Assistants**  
**Communion Servers**  
**Greeters**  
**Lector**  
**Musicians**

Patty Nefstead  
 Susan Anfinson  
 Lisa Weiss  
 Dianne Peterson  
 Mark & Julene Bredeson  
 Lisa Weiss  
 Meghan Weiss, Kris Gulbrandsen  
 Su Michelson, Pianist  
 Lisa Weiss  
 Lynn Peterson, Captain; Marlyn Bahl,  
 Ray & Nancy Groff  
 Paul & Sue Bredeson  
 Marie Ostby  
 Lorna Bahl

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**Ushers**

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