



**Sunday
December 31, 2017**

First Sunday after Christmas
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

Gathering Songs

Mighty to Save

We Fall Down

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 One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, † one God, now and forever.
Amen.*

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

*Gracious God,
in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we*

may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

*I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in † Jesus’ name.
Amen.*

Gathering Song

Welcome to Our World

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.

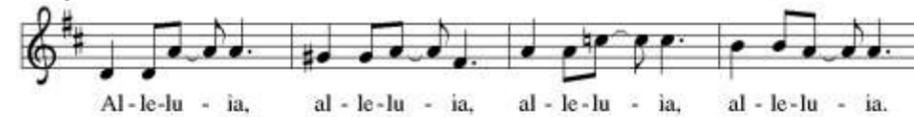
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-38 Bible pg. 892
Word of God, Word of Life **Thanks be to God**

Please stand, as you are able

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia Hymnal #170



Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12 Bible pg. 784
Glory to you, O Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated

Message

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song

Hymn of the Day

As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymnal #302

Nicene Creed

Hymnal pg. 104

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Each petition ends “*Lord, in your mercy.*”
The assembly responds “**Hear our prayer.**”

Peace

MEAL

Offering

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

Anthem during the offering

How Many Kings

Offertory

Emmanuel

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 5th 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

Annunciation and Magnificat from Holden Evening Prayer

We Three Kings of Orient Are

The First Noel

Hymnal #300

Every Season

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Sending Litany

Benediction

Sending Song

Today is the Day

Dismissal

*Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to God's people on earth!
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.*

Servant Leaders Today

Altar Care
Assisting Minister
Communion Assistants
Communion Servers

Greeters
Lector
Musicians
Offering Pickup
Ushers

Video Operator
Video Prepared by
Welcome Center

Jackie Cunningham
Cole Woltjer
Steve Mathison
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Tom & Ginger Baune & Leah
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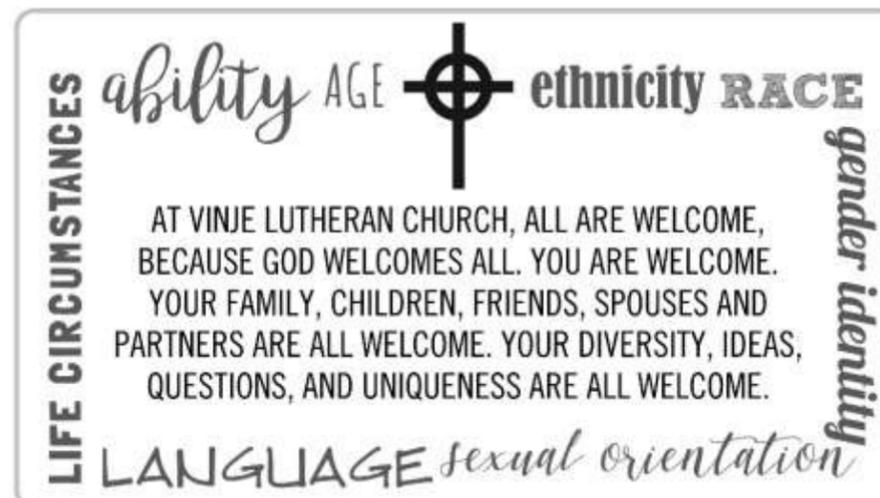
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This week's bus is sponsored in celebration of Pastor Mary's many years in ministry by the Vinje staff.



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