



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019 | ADVENT 4 | 9:30 AM

#### **GATHERING**

Prelude Mary Did You Know

\* Call to Worship

Do you see what I see? A world of justice, a world of peace, a world of love.

We can't see it yet, but we keep looking.

Do you see what I see? A world where every valley is lifted up and every mountain made low.

We can't see it yet, but we keep looking.

Do you see what I see? A world where all people are loved and cared for.

We can't see it yet, but we keep looking.

Do you see the world that God sees? We wait in hope, we wait with anticipation, knowing that God is with us even now.

We trust in God's promise, knowing that our Savior is coming soon.

Gathering Hymn On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Hymnal #249

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** 

Sung Response Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, verse 4 Hymnal #240

\* 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.

Kyrie Hymnal pg. 98

Canticle of Praise This is the Feast Hymnal pg. 101

\* Prayer of the Day

God with us, sometimes we sometimes look at the world around us and we question whether your promises are true. Help us to see despite the troubles and the worries of this world that you have been with us, that you are with us, and that you are coming soon. In Jesus' name.

Amen. \*please stand

# **WE'RE GLAD** YOU'RE HERE.

Welcome to Worship at Vinje Lutheran Church! There are cards in the pews available for prayer requests, visitor information, or creative doodling during worship.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

A note to parents of young children: Relax! We are glad to have you and your children with us. Children are always welcome in worship! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in our worship. We realize there are times that children need a break, and you may need a distraction or two for your child. For that reason there are areas outside of each sanctuary entrance with books, activity bags, and play areas so that your kids can have something to engage them and you can still be engaged in worship. Again, know that we are grateful you and your children are here, just as you are!

# SERVANT LEADERS **TODAY**

**Altar Care** 

**Ginger Baune** 

**Assisting Minister** 

Tim Ostby

**Lector** Julene Bredeson

**Communion Servers** 

Brent and Sheri Pederson

**Communion Assistant** 

Andrea Etterman

**Cantor** Brad Schmidt

Musicians Adeline Engan,

Meghan Weiss, Cecilia Buzzeo

**Greeters** 

Wayne and Barb Stoneberg Ushers Randy and Deb Klein, Tom and Ginger Baune

Welcome Desk Lorna Bahl Video Paul Nordin,

Paul and Susan Bredeson

Slides Created by Marie Ostby





#### **WORD**

Scripture Reading Luke 2:25-32

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message and Noisy Offering

**Scripture Acclamation** Alleluia Hymnal pg. 102

Bible pg. 833



Repeat alleluia

Matthew 11:2-11

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

**Scripture Reading** 

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Message

\* Hymn of the Day

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

\* Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 105

Hymnal #246

Bible pg. 792

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
- \* Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

#### **MEAL**

Offering

**Offertory Anthem Recitative and Allegro** 

\* Offertory

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

Hymnal #184

\* Offering Prayer

Generous God, as people brought you sacrifices and offerings long ago, so now we lay our gifts at your table and offer you our very lives. Use us and all that we have gathered for the building up your loving kingdom on earth, that others may see your love in their lives every day.

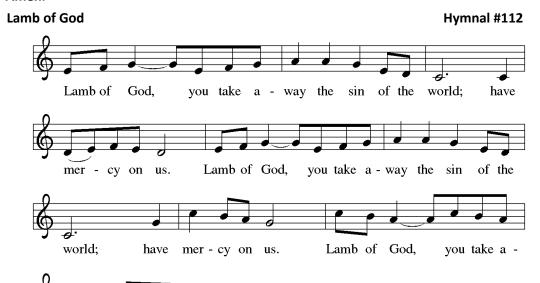
Amen.

\* Words of Institution

\* Lord's Prayer Hymnal pg. 134

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.



Anthem Baby, What You Goin' to Be

of the world;

HymnLove Has ComeHymnal #292HymnIn the Bleak MidwinterHymnal #294HymnCome, Thou Long Expected JesusHymnal #254

grant

us peace,

#### **Table Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

way the sin

God of all time, though we look to the future for your promises to be fulfilled, we know that you are already with us here. Just as you have shown up at this Table, filling us with your grace and mercy, open our eyes to see you out in the world every day, filling our lives with your love. All this we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

### **Announcements**

\* Benediction

Darkness still grows in our world

But the light shines in the darkness to open our eyes.

Go into Advent with hope and with eyes to see the God who is at work in the world. Go to see the God who is at work in your life. Go to see the God who meets you in your neighbor. And as you go, know that Christ goes with you, and Christ will be with you always.

Amen.

\* Sending Hymn

Joy to the World Hymnal #267

grant us

peace.

\* Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

#### COMMUNION

At Vinje, we believe all people are welcome at the Lord's Table regardless of any circumstance.

White grape juice and glutenfree wafers are available (please request from the server).

# **WORDS TO LIVE BY**

"Jesus reminds us that far from promising us a better future, he redeems us today, not only forgiving us for what we have done or not done, but setting us free to stand with those in need around us, advocating for their welfare, demanding their just treatment, and seeing in them the very presence of the God."

— David Lose

# **VINJE STAFF**

**Pastors** 

Justin Ask Dane Skilbred

Visitation Pastor Andres Albertsen

Office Manager Janet White

**Ministry Associate** Melissa Hansen

**Director of Music** Karen Wojahn

**Communications Director** Sara Bos

**Custodian** Ron Nordby

**Loving Arms Child Care Center** Chris Stark, Director

# SPONSORSHIP **OPPORTUNITIES**

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor the Bulletin (\$60) the Radio Broadcast (\$95) or the Sunday Bus (\$62). Or sponsor all three for \$200.

The following upcoming dates are available:

Bulletin: 1/5, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 Broadcast: 1/5, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2 Bus: 1/19, 1/26, 2/2

Dus. 1, 15, 1, 20, 2, 2

# THANK YOU

This week's bulletin, broadcast and bus are sponsored by Randy and Candia Miller. Merry Christmas!

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Audrey Thiele, Darrin Ogdahl, Deb Erickson, Lowell Melbye, Chad Olson

# BEREAVED

Family and friends of Marion Fladeboe following her death on November 27.

Family and friends of Linda Marthe following her death on December 14.

# **HOSPITAL VISITORS NEEDED FOR 2020**

It is a one week commitment either once or twice per year. We would LOVE for you to be a part of this important and rewarding ministry team! Please contact Melissa at melissah@vinjechurch.com with questions or to sign up to help. Thanks!



# **ADVENT NOISY OFFERINGS**

During Advent this year, our children will be gathering coins (cash and check are welcome as well) for a noisy offering to help with needs that God is addressing in our community and throughout the world. Here's where your change is

helping to make change:

Dec 18 & 22: United Community Action Partnership



#### VINJE TOWN HALL

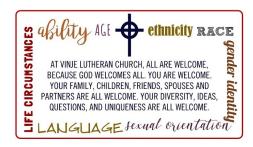
## SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 | 10:45 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We want to kick off the new year by checking in with you. How are things going for you at Vinje? What questions do you have? We want to hear from you so we are planning a "Vinje Town Hall" on January 12. We will gather in Fellowship Hall after worship – don't worry we will give you a chance to get a cup of coffee and a treat before we start. Congregation leaders will be there to answer your questions and hear from you. We know that you care deeply about Vinje and we value your ministry and thoughts.

# VINJE SING OUT "IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER"

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 | 2:30 PM | BETHESDA CHAPEL

Are you good at holding a hymnal? Come have fun singing hymns from the old red Hymnal at the Bethesda Chapel. Let's bring some joy and brighten the day for our friends there "In the Bleak Midwinter." This is for everyone, not just the choir members! Questions? Contact Karen.



# THIS WEEK AT VINJE

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

8:15 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL 8:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 AM **WORSHIP** 

# **MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

10:30 AM **DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS** 

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

CHURCH OFFICE AND LOVING ARMS CLOSED 3:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 10:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS! CHURCH OFFICE AND LOVING ARMS CLOSED

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AT 12:00 PM **DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS** 10:30 AM

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

**DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS** 10:30 AM

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29** 

9:30 AM **WORSHIP** 



