



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*



**\* 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.

**Lamb of God**

Hymnal #112

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.

**Anthem**

**Baby, What You Goin' to Be**

**Hymn**

**Love Has Come**

**Hymnal #292**

**Hymn**

**In the Bleak Midwinter**

**Hymnal #294**

**Hymn**

**Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

**Hymnal #254**

**Table Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

*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**

**\* 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 gluten-free 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**

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**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

**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@vinjchurch.com](mailto:melissah@vinjchurch.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.

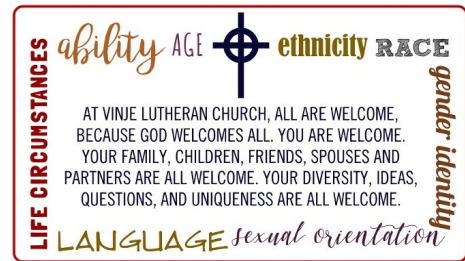


# Christmas AT VINJE

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**TUESDAY, DEC 24 | 3, 5, AND 10:30 PM**

The 3:00 service will feature special music by Grace Notes & Sunday School Children. The 5:00 and 10:30 services will conclude with candle lighting. Each service will include Holy Communion.



AT VINJE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALL ARE WELCOME, BECAUSE GOD WELCOMES ALL. YOU ARE WELCOME. YOUR FAMILY, CHILDREN, FRIENDS, SPOUSES AND PARTNERS ARE ALL WELCOME. YOUR DIVERSITY, IDEAS, QUESTIONS, AND UNIQUENESS ARE ALL WELCOME.

## 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  
10:30 AM DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

10:30 AM DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:30 AM WORSHIP

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