



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

We will find the Babe in the wisdom of children, in the laughter of grandparents.

We gather asking, 'Where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

We gather wanting to know, 'Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

We will find our Hope where fear is overcome by grace, where hatred is overcome by love, where all people are overcome by joy.

HYMN O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL (VS 1-4) HYMNAL #257

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

welcome...we're glad you're here!

We are so glad that you are here and worshiping God with us today. We know that God loves and welcomes all people and so we do our best to do the same. Feel comfortable being who God created you to be in this space and listen for the ways that the Holy Spirit is calling you to faith and a deeper love for your neighbor. Thanks for joining this community of faith, service, and worship today. You are always welcome!

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 40:1-11

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

BEYOND THE MANGER:

GRANDMOTHERS

MATTHEW 1:1-16

HYMNAL #251 HYMN

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS YOUR **GREATNESS**

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

"I feel that in the heavens above, the angels whispering to one another can find among their burning terms of love, none so devotional as that of 'mother."

-Edgar Allan Poe

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

OFFERING ANTHEM COME, EMMANUEL

OFFERING RESPONSE LET THE VINEYARDS

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO LOST IN THE NIGHT

HYMN IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR (VS 1, 4) HYMNAL #282 HYMN HYMNAL #276

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

BENEDICTION

May the God you seek bring justice to all the earth and light to all the darkness. And may the joy of the coming Christ give you hope and set you free.

Amen.

SONG JOY TO THE WORLD HYMNAL #267

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PREACHING Pastor Dane Skilbred COMMUNION Lynn Peterson

PRESIDING Pastor Justin Ask Jeff Holtkamp

MUSICIANS Vinje Choir CAMERA Courtney Skilbred Esther Peterson SLIDES Suzanne Napgezek

LECTOR Julene Bredeson WELCOME DESK Rod & Deb Hanson

USHER Mark Bredeson

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Remember in Prayer

We would like to check in on you or your loved ones when ill or hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.

RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Joel Kavanagh, Kerry Selseth, Myrt Christenson, Dave & Sandy Stahl

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Sonja Westre, Lane Leedahl, Darleen Manthey, Louise Gislason, Mary Mielke

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider sponsoring the Bulletin (\$60), Radio Broadcast (\$95), Bus (\$62), or all for \$200.

Sponsors are needed for: 12/18, 12/24, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15

THANK YOU

This week's bulletin is sponsored by Roger & Char Kingstrom in thanksgiving for family and friends and Scott's 42 years of continued good health. This week's broadcast is sponsored by Bea Heitke in memory of her husband Bill who would have turned 100 today.



It takes a village to make things happen here at Vinje and we'd like to say thanks!

We are so grateful for the many members that always answer our calls for help! One of those individuals is Randy Schunk!
Randy is super handy and always willing to come in on a moment's notice to help us trouble shoot building issues.
He's helped us build things, make countless repairs and always does it all with a smile!
We are so grateful for all of the time and talent that Randy so generously gives to Vinje!

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 4 PM

Join with all the choirs, hand bell choir, Sunday School and Wednesday Live! students as we share the story of the first Christmas through favorite Christmas songs and scripture.



WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERMON SERIES: WHERE ARE YOU CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 21

Every year we find ourselves in a Christmas season filled with joyful memories, nostalgia, and hectic schedules. Will we ever live up to the standards of the past? Where do we find the real meaning of Christmas? How can we pause and appreciate Christmas for what it is meant to be? Join your Vinje family in preparing for Christmas at our special midweek Advent services in the weeks ahead.

November 30: Where do I find joy? December 7: Where do I find peace? December 14: Wednesday Live! & Loving Arms Christmas December 21: Where do I find hope?

PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you for the ways you support Vinje and its ministries. Your pledge cards are a helpful tool for us as we work on the 2023 budget, so we'll happily accept them at any point. If preferred, you're more than welcome to submit your pledge online. Extra pledge cards can be found on the welcome desk. Thanks!

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THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, NOVMEBER 28

6:00 PM JUBELLATION 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE! 5:00 PM SUPPER—PIZZA

5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM

6:00 PM WORSHIP

6:45 PM CONFIRMATION 6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 9:30 AM WORSHIP

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LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we want to share the joys of the season with others in the community. This year contributions to the Light of Christmas funds will once again be used to purchase gifts and necessities for our neighbors in need. We will also be collecting donations for our holiday décor (poinsettias, trees, wreaths, etc). Forms can be found on the welcome desk and contributions can placed in the offering plate or mailed or delivered to the church office by December 8th. Also, if you know of someone with specific needs in our community please contact Melissa Hansen at melissah@vinjechurch.com.

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NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available during all worship services in Loving Arm's Pre-K Room located in the east hallway.