



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024 | CHRISTMAS EVE | 5:00 PM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

*Now is the time when we hear the old story
Of God's love born into this world.*

*Now is the time when we sing the old songs
Joy to the World, the Lord has come!*

*Now we join with shepherds and angels, the poor and the humble
To see our Lord, born in a lowly manger.*

*Come, let us worship; come, let us adore him:
Christ the Lord!*

HYMN

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

HYMNAL #283

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

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!

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PREACHING

Pastor Dane Skilbred

PRESIDING

Pastor Ingrid Skilbred

MUSICIANS

Tim Burns, Organist
Vinje Choir
Hannah Olson

COMMUNION

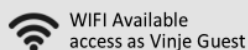
Carter Newberg
Amanda Newberg
Kris and Jerry Swanson
Roger and Char Kingstrom
Brian, Heidi, Aidan and Cora Paulson

CAMERA

Anthony Buzzeo

SLIDES

David Peterson



HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

HYMNAL #267

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-20

About that time Emperor Augustus gave orders for the names of all the people to be listed in record books. These first records were made when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Everyone had to go to their own hometown to be listed. So Joseph had to leave Nazareth in Galilee and go to Bethlehem in Judea. Long ago Bethlehem had been King David's hometown, and Joseph went there because he was from David's family.

Mary was engaged to Joseph and traveled with him to Bethlehem. She was soon going to have a baby, and while they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son. She dressed him in baby clothes and laid him on a bed of hay, because there was no room for them in the inn.

That night in the fields near Bethlehem some shepherds were guarding their sheep. All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. You will know who he is, because you will find him dressed in baby clothes and lying on a bed of hay."

Suddenly many other angels came down from heaven and joined in praising God. They said:

"Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God."

After the angels had left and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see what the Lord has told us about." They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay.

When the shepherds saw Jesus, they told his parents what the angel had said about him. Everyone listened and was surprised. But Mary kept thinking about all this and wondering what it meant.

As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about him. Everything they had seen and heard was just as the angel had said.

MESSAGE

HYMN

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

HYMNAL #289

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

MEAL

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT?

OFFERING RESPONSE

WHAT CHILD IS THIS (VS 3)

HYMNAL #296

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.

COMMUNION

FRENCH HORN SOLO

O HOLY NIGHT

HYMN

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

HYMNAL #270

HYMN

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

HYMNAL # 290

TABLE BLESSING

*As candles are lit, please keep the **LIT** candle in an **UPRIGHT** position and tip **UNLIT** candles. Please do not walk with a lit candle.*

LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

HYMN

SILENT NIGHT

HYMNAL #281

SENDING

BENEDICTION

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the light and life of the Christ child. And may the almighty God who is with us tonight bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Please extinguish your candles. As you depart, return candles in bins.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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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).

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU THIS CHRISTMAS AND ALWAYS

We know that Christmas is a very special time of year and can provide some of the most treasured memories of our lives. We gather together so we can share in the good news of Emmanuel, the God who is with us. We also acknowledge that this holy season has the potential to be overwhelming or lonely. Please know, that wherever you find yourself today, God is indeed with you and that this is a community of faith where you are always welcome. We are blessed by your presence and grateful for all you do in the world to share God's love. We know that many live with a deep need for hope in their lives and we all have the opportunity to make the Christmas promise a reality for others. Thank you for sharing God's love with others as you go about your day today and every day. It is through your lives that God continues to be Emmanuel and Jesus continues to be born into our world each day.

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Remember in Prayer

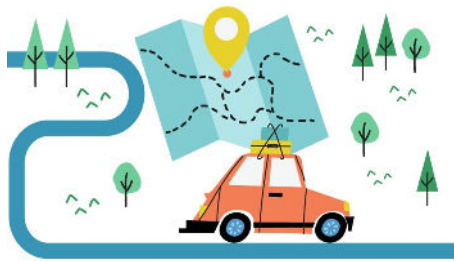
We would like to check in on you or your loved ones when ill or hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.

RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Bob Glaesman, Bea Heike

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Trevor Hansen, Troy Pfilbsen, Dana Nelson, Virginia Larson, Sally Peterson



MISSION TRIP FUN!

High Schoolers will be heading to San Diego, CA from June 22 to June 27! This exciting opportunity will allow you to make a positive impact while experiencing personal growth and community bonding. 6th-8th graders are invited to join us on a fun Duluth adventure July 20-25! We'll engage in a variety of service projects area and will also, of course, make time to explore and enjoy all that the beautiful North Shore has to offer. More info and the registration link is available on our website. **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY JANUARY 1!**



SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Vinje has reserved space for campers at Shores of St Andrew the week of June 15-19 so that our students can explore and live out "Faith that Overflows" with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries this summer. Registration is now open and due by January 16 (to guarantee the June 15-19 week). Also, you'll want to register early to take advantage of the early bird discount. Please find all the details and registration link on our website.

SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE!



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED—MERRY CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:30 AM WORSHIP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

OFFICE CLOSED—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsors are needed for bulletin, broadcast, bus and coffee for 2025! Please call or email the church office to reserve your dates.

Thanks!

THANK YOU

Tonight's bulletin, broadcast and bus are sponsored by Pastor Mary Hovland and family in loving memory of Leon Hovland, Magel and Jim Boyd, Les and Gunhild Hovland, Lee Boyd and Anne Bartz.




LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

THANK YOU!

We will share more detailed information about the impact your gifts have made in coming weeks, but we wanted to say thank you, right now, to the generous members that purchased 70 gifts from our Light of Christmas tree! We are amazed by your generosity!



LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES ability AGE  ethnicity RACE **gender identity**

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.

LANGUAGE sexual orientation