



VINJE

DECEMBER 15, 2024

9:30 AM

gathering

PRELUDE WHERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT?

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God knows everything about us—our hearts, our hopes, and even our hidden thoughts. In this season that is filled with distractions of many kinds, let us confess the ways that we have fallen short of God's desires for our lives.

God, sometimes we take the easy road and miss the opportunities we have to worship you, to give to others, to love as you love. Forgive us for the trivial ways we celebrate your birth, for the ways we reduce your presence with us to careless spending and diversions. May we be different this year and hold nothing back from what you desire from us.

God, who is always with us, has shown us the greatest gift of love through Jesus Christ. In his love, you are forgiven—completely, unconditionally, and forever surrounded by God's presence. Rejoice and live in the freedom of his grace and the hope of his coming into the world.

Thanks be to God.

SONG GLORY (LET THERE BE PEACE)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS (VS 1) HYMN #254

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 9:2-7

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****MESSAGE**

PASTOR JUSTIN ASK

LUKE 3:7-16

SONG

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

"MAYBE (CHRISTMAS, HE
THOUGHT, DOESN'T
COME FROM A STORE.
MAYBE (CHRISTMAS
...PERHAPS...MEANS A
LITTLE BIT MORE!"
-THE GRINCH

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

SONG

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

OFFERING PRAYER**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****SONGS**

GOD WITH US
SHINE ON US
WE BOW DOWN

BLESSING*May starlight lead you toward this place of wonder.**May you hear the angels' songs as you make your way to the manger.**May hope fill these days as we wait for the birth of Christ.**And may your faith remind you that Emmanuel—God with us—is coming soon.***Amen****SONG**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

DISMISSAL*Vinje is a community where faith and everyday life come together.***Together, we belong, we grow, and we serve.**

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTOR Justin Ask

USHERS Mark Bredeson
Kirk Davis

COMMUNION Dan & Deb Kleven

LECTOR Carol Parker

MUSICIANS JuBELLation
Worth Saving

SLIDES Paul & Sue Bredeson

CAMERAS Paul Nordin

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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, Sally Peterson

BEREAVED

Jon Saunders, Ben and Kendra
Saunders, Alec & Emily Saunders and
families following the death of Linda
Saunders on December 6.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor the bulletin (\$75), broadcast (\$95), bus (\$60), or coffee (\$40) or all 4 for \$250.

**Sponsors are needed for 12/29,
1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9**

THANK YOU

This week's bulletin, broadcast, bus and coffee are sponsored by Chris and Sue Olson in memory of Matt Olson who's birthday was December 11.



LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

Please consider making a Light of Christmas donation (using the form in your bulletin). Contributions can be placed in the offering plate or mailed or delivered to the church office by tomorrow. Contributions can also be made online (by tomorrow as well...be sure to include "Light of Christmas" in the notes and submit a paper form notifying us of your online payment). Thank you!



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!

MISSION TRIP FUN!

High Schoolers will be heading on an inspiring mission trip to San Diego, CA from June 22 to June 27! 6th-8th graders are invited to join us on a fun Duluth adventure July 20-25! More info and the registration link is available on our website. **Youth and parents are encouraged to attend a brief meeting immediately following worship on December 18. REGISTRATION IS DUE BY JANUARY 1!**

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 | 4 PM

Join us for this special service in which we walk through the story of Jesus' birth with the help of all of our wonderful Vinje musicians.



JOIN US FOR 

Christmas at Vinje

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

3 PM
MODERN WORSHIP LED BY WORTH
SAVING WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY
WEDNESDAY LIVE! KIDS.

5 PM
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH
ORGAN AND SPECIAL MUSIC BY
VINJE CHOIR.



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:45 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:25 AM KIDS TIME!
9:30 AM WORSHIP
4:00 PM LESSONS & CAROLS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

5:00 PM EXECUTIVE COMM MTG
6:15 PM JUBELLATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM TOPS MEETING
10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
5:00 PM LOVING ARMS BOARD MTG
7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MTG

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
4:45 PM PRE-K WEDNESDAY LIVE!
5:00 PM SUPPER
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM CHOIR
6:00 PM WORSHIP
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION
6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:00 PM AIM-PEOPLE FIRST MTG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22





8:45 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:25 AM KIDS TIME!
9:30 AM WORSHIP

SHARE A CHRISTMAS GREETING WITH YOUR VINJE FAMILY!



Back by popular demand is the Christmas Card bulletin board! We'd love to include your family's Christmas card on the bulletin board in the entry way! If you'd like, please bring one with you and put it on the bulletin board to share. Thanks!



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