



**VINJE**

DECEMBER 22, 2024

9:30 AM

gathering

**PIANO PRELUDE** JOY TO THE WORLD

**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.**

**HYMN** O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL **HYMN #283**

**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**

1 JOHN 4:16-21

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

PASTOR ANDRÉS ALBERTSEN

LUKE 1:46-55

**HYMN**

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? HYMN #296

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

**"THE ONLY THING  
BETTER THAN  
SINGING IS MORE  
SINGING."  
-ELLA FITZGERALD**

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

**ANTHEM****OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****HYMNS**

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH HYMN #289  
THE FIRST NOEL HYMN #300

**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****HYMN**

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING HYMN #270

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

HE IS BORN

## SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

<b>PASTORS</b>	Andrés Albertsen Dane Skilbred
<b>USHERS</b>	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis
<b>COMMUNION LECTOR</b>	Craig and Lori Schellberg Kris Swanson

<b>MUSICIANS</b>	Su Michelson Carol Parker Ceci Buzzeo
<b>SLIDES</b>	David Peterson
<b>CAMERAS</b>	Anthony Buzzeo

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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,  
Laura Negen

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Trevor Hansen, Troy Pflilsen,  
Dana Nelson, Sally Peterson

### BEREAVED

Dane, Ingrid, Courtney and Isaac Skilbred following the death of Dane's mother, DeAnna on December 13.

John and Nancy Hafner and Jenna and Ethan Hafner following the death of Nancy's mother, Dorothy Gunderson on December 17.



## 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!

## 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 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23**

## THANK YOU

This week's bulletin, broadcast, bus and coffee are sponsored by Brenda Woltjer in thanksgiving for many blessings.

VINJE OFFERING →

SCAN TO GIVE



**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

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 22

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

### 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

# ANNUAL MEETING

## FEBRUARY 2 & 5 | AFTER WORSHIP

Join us for our annual meeting! All information will be presented on both dates. We will hear reviews of 2024 from leadership vote on new council members and a budget proposal for 2025. All confirmed members of the congregation will have voice and vote. Hope to see you all at one of these two meeting times!

## 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!

## 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. **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY JANUARY 1!**



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