



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 ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

HYMN #275

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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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

HEBREWS 1:1-4

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

PASTOR SEYWARD ASK **MATTHEW 2:1-12**

HYMN **HYMN #279**

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYFRS

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING, O MAGI? DO YOU ADORE A LITTLE BABE, IN A WRETCHED HOVEL, WRAPPED IN MISERABLE RAGS? (AN THIS (HILD BE TRULY GOD? ... ARE YOU BECOME FOOLISH, O WISE MEN? ... YES, THESE WISE MEN HAVE BECOME FOOLS THAT THEY MAY RF WISF."

- SAINT BERNARD OF (LAIRVAUX

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

HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? HYMN #296

OFFFRING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

HYMNS

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR **HYMN #282** AWAY IN A MANGER

HYMN #277

BLESSING

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 today bless you now and forever.

Amen

HYMNS

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

HYMN #290

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 Rick and Carol Maursetter

LECTOR Susan Anfinson

MUSICIAN Tim Burns

SLIDES David Peterson

CAMERAS 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

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Trevor Hansen, Troy Pfilbsen, Dana Nelson, Sally Peterson

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

THANK YOU

This week's broadcast is sponsored by Sonja Westre in memory of her husband, Earl L. Westre.







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!

LAST CALL FOR MISSION TRIP SIGN-UP!

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!

REVELATION: HOPE BEYOND THE MYSTERY

Revelation is often misunderstood. with its verses frequently taken out of context to fuel speculation about the future. But what does this remarkable book really say? At its heart, Revelation offers a timeless message of hope and perseverance for Christians across the ages. Join us for this Sunday sermon series in which we'll delve into its vivid visions, which confront the powers of evil, inspire faith in God's ultimate victory, and call us to live with confident hope. Join us as we uncover how Revelation shapes our understanding of God, the world, and the promise of the new Jerusalem.

January 12
God Saves

January 19

God's Messengers are Rejected

January 26 Good vs Evil

February 2
Earthly Powers Fail

February 9A New Creation

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 9:30 AM WORSHIP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1
OFFICE CLOSED—HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

6:00 PM AIM-PEOPLE FIRST MTG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

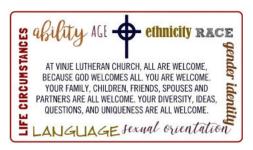
8:45 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:25 AM KIDS TIME! 9:30 AM WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:30 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:30 AM WORSHIP





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