



VINJE

DECEMBER 29, 2024

9:30 AM

gathering

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

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

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****PRAYERS**

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

- SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

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

HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? HYMN #296

OFFERING 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



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!**

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.

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OFFERING →

SCAN TO GIVE



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 9

A New Creation



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God's work. Our hands.



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THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:30 AM WORSHIP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES 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

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*



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