



VINJE

DECEMBER 8, 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 O COME, O COME EMMANUEL HYMN #257

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!

word

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 6:19-24

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

PASTOR SEYWARD ASK

LUKE 6:27-36

HYMN

ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL HYMN #266

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS



"THE GREAT CHALLENGE LEFT TO US IS TO CUT THROUGH ALL THE GLITZ AND GLAM OF THE SEASON THAT HAS GROWN INCRESINGLY SECULAR AND (OMMER)CIAL, AND BE REMINDED OF THE OF THE ONE WHO IS (CHRIST)MAS."

- BILL (ROW)DER

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

meal

HYMN

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

HYMN #294

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

HYMNS

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

HYMN #295

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

HYMN #715

sending

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

JOY TO THE WORLD

HYMN #267

DISMISSAL

Vinje is a community where faith and everyday life come together.

Together, we belong, we grow, and we serve.

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTOR Seyward Ask
USHERS Mark Bredeson
Kirk Davis
COMMUNION Craig & Lori Schellberg

LECTOR Jim Vossen
ORGANIST Max Trochllil
SLIDES Suzanne Napgezek
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

Linda Saunders, Bob Glasean,
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 12/15, 12/29, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9

THANK YOU

This week's bulletin, broadcast, bus and coffee are sponsored in celebration of Joyce Stanfuss's birthday by her husband, Rolf.

VINJE OFFERING →

SCAN TO GIVE



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 December 16th. Contributions can also be made online (by the 16th...be sure to include "Light of Christmas" in the notes and submit a paper form notifying us of your online payment. You can also help out with this special project by taking a gift tag off of our "Giving Tree" in the entry way and purchasing the requested item. *Requests for assistance with gifts have been great this year, so your contributions are needed and very much appreciated.* Thank you!



LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES ability AGE ethnicity RACE gender identity LANGUAGE sexual orientation

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.



NOISY OFFERING

Next week, we'll be collecting a noisy offering to support Vinje's early childhood ministries at Loving

Arms and Discovery Hill. Bring your change, cash, checks—maybe even gold bars or real estate—and join us in making this fun, impactful offering a success!

MISSION TRIP FUN!

High Schoolers will be heading on an inspiring mission trip 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. **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.

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00 AM TOPS MEETING
10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM VINJE QUILTERS

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