



**VINJE**

DECEMBER 18, 2024

6:00 PM

gathering

**HYMN**

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

HYMN #283

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*God, we gather tonight, and we pause to join with the shepherds in hearing the good news that brings great joy to all people.*

**We celebrate the gift of your love that changes our hearts!**

*Help us understand the miracle of you coming to us as a baby.*

**We celebrate the gift of your peace that changes our hearts!**

*Inspire in us a holy hope and a renewed sense of your goodness.*

**We celebrate the gift of your hope that changes our hearts!**

*Together we celebrate your greatest gift:*

**Jesus Christ, who changes our hearts.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING**

**SONG**

CREATE IN ME

SCAN HERE  
TO GIVE  
ONLINE! →



*welcome...we're glad you're here!*

We are so glad that you are here and worshipping 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!

**WEDNESDAY LIVE! SONGS**  
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR JESUS  
 BORN TO BRING US JOY

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**  
 MATTHEW 1:18-23  
 CHRISTMAS EXPECTATIONS  
 PASTOR JUSTN ASK

**SONG**  
 FOREVER



"IF WE COULD CONDENSE  
 ALL THE TRUTHS OF  
 CHRISTMAS INTO ONLY  
 THREE WORDS, THESE  
 WOULD BE THE WORDS:  
 'GOD WITH US.'"  
 JOHN MACARTHUR

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

**COMMUNION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is  
 in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and  
 forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who  
 trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
 from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever.

Amen

<b>ANTHEM</b>	IF I WERE THERE
<b>SONGS</b>	GRACE FLOWS DOWN WE FALL 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

<b>HYMN</b>	JOY TO THE WORLD	HYMN #267
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**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

### VIDEO

Courtney Skilbred

### USHERS

Blake Hanson

Leo Schmidt

### MUSICIANS

Wednesday Live! Kids

Pre-K Wednesday Live!

Nova/Shalom Choirs

### SLIDES

Nicholas Runke

### NURSERY

Kya Doyle

Nyellie Gomez

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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, Tom Olson

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Trevor Hansen, Troy Pfilbsen, Dana Nelson, Virginia Larson, 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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. Over six weeks, 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.

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

## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

### 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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP  
5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

OFFICE CLOSED—MERRY CHRISTMAS

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.

## LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

We will share more detailed information about the impact your gifts have made in coming weeks, but we wanted to say a quick thank you to everyone that contributed to the Light of Christmas fund and to those of you who purchased 70 gifts from our tree tags. We will distribute your gifts (and those purchased with your contributions this week! We are so grateful for your generosity!



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**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