



VINJE

DECEMBER 4, 2024

6:00 PM

gathering

SONG

O COME, O COME IMMANUEL

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

SONG

AWAY IN A MANGER

SCAN HERE
TO GIVE
ONLINE! →



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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

JOHN 1:1-5
THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME
OF THE YEAR....REALLY?
PASTOR DANE SKILBRED

SONG

CHRISTMAS HALLELUJAH



"CAN I REFILL YOUR
EGGNOG FOR YOU? GET
YOU SOMETHING TO EAT?
DRIVE YOU OUT IN THE
MIDDLE OF NOWHERE AND
LEAVE YOU FOR DEAD?"

- CLARK GRISWOLD

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

meal

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

SONGS

JOY TO THE WORLD
WELCOME TO OUR WORLD
LORD, I NEED YOU

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

SONG

THE FIRST NOEL

DISMISSAL

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

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS

Dane Skilbred
Justin Ask

MUSICIANS

Brady Pearson

VIDEO

Courtney Skilbred

SLIDES

Kolten Schunk

USHERS

Zack Johnson
Easton Tammen

NURSERY

Kylie Knott
Lily Nielson

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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 Glaseman,
Bea Heike

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Trevor Hansen, Troy Pflibsen,
Dana Nelson, Virginia Larson,
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 by Rick and Lisa Schueler and family, Dean and Laura Anfinson and family and Lisa Anfinson in honor of their parents, Dennis and Maxine Anfinson's 60th wedding anniversary on November 27th.



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!



BLOOD DRIVE

THURS, DEC 5 | 1-6 PM

The Red Cross Blood Drive will be at Vinje tomorrow! Every donor receives a fun pair of socks! Can you find an extra 30 minute in your day to save a life or two? Sign up today at redcrossblood.org.



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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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 5

1:0 PM RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

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

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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

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES



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