



**Sunday
December 3, 2017**

First Sunday in Advent
Worship at 9:30 AM

Welcome to Worship at Vinje Lutheran Church!

- **Welcome** to everyone, especially those worshipping with us for the very first time!
- **Pew Cards** are available for prayer requests, visitor information, or creative doodling during worship.
- **Hearing devices** are available at the sound booth. Ask an usher for assistance.
- **Children are welcome in worship!** Activity bags, children's books and children's bulletins can be found just outside the sanctuary at each entrance.
- **CREATIVE CORNER:** Does your child need a break from worship but you still want to hear what's going on? Then the "Creative Corner" just outside each entrance to the sanctuary is the place for you! Your child can keep active at the table and you can keep active with worship – everybody wins!

GATHERING

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

*God of all time,
we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.*

*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In ☩ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!
Amen.*

Gathering Song

Awake! Awake! And Greet the New Morn

Hymnal #242

Lighting the First Advent Candle

Song Choose to Hope



Hope is born when we choose to be-lieve that
 Hope will grow when we choose to be-lieve that
 Hope will shine when we choose to be-lieve a
 Sing out hope through the vio-lence and fear, for



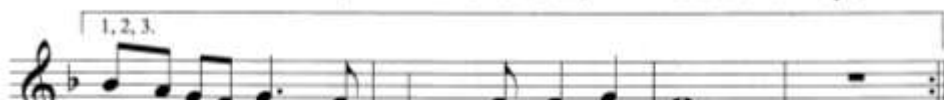
love is stron-ger than ha-tred; Love is born when our
 we are sis-ters and bro-thers; Love will grow when our
 lit-tle child will lead us; Love will shine when our
 God is pres-ent be-side us; Prince of Peace, make your



REFRAIN
 hearts learn to see that ev-'ry per-son is sa-cred. In the
 hearts learn to see the life we share with each oth-er.
 hearts learn to see that God is dwell-ing with-in us.
 home with us here, your love and wis-dom will guide us.



times of dark-ness, in times of fear, choose to hope,



choose to love, and know that God is near.



choose to love, Em-man-u-el is near.*

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Greeting

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Bible, pg. 606

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Children's Message

Please stand, as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Say - ior,
 2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the branch - es,



glo - ri - ous Lord, Em - man - u - el, God is
 Son of God; Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful



with us, coun - se - lor, blessed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word,
 Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 1:5-25

Bible, pg. 831

Glory to you, O Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Message

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song

Hymn of the Day

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Hymnal #250

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal pg. 105

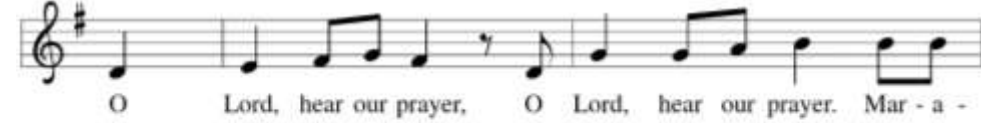
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

At the conclusion of each petition, the assembly sings:



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Peace

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Anthem during the offering

Blessed is the Lord (Benedictus)

Proul/Forrest

Offertory Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Hymnal #247



1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
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Music: OSOS, Geonyong Lee, b. 1947
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Offering Prayer

Words of Institution

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.

Invitation to Communion: At mealtimes around the world, strangers become friends, and friends become family. In Holy Communion, we are invited to the Table of the Lord. No conditions. No coercion. Just words of welcome and promise: "This is my body, given for you." We are glad to have you worship with us! All guests are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper.

Ushers will direct you forward to receive communion. White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Please request from your server.

If medical or health concerns give you reason to avoid the wine or bread, please remember the teaching of the Christian Church that Christ is fully present in either element alone, bread or wine.

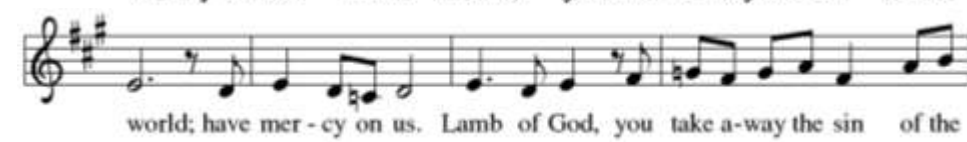
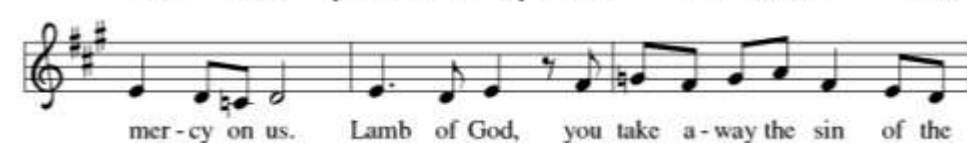
Communion preparation is offered each year for 5th grade and younger. Children who do not yet commune are invited for a blessing.

- Remember that Jesus shared a meal with everybody!
- Jesus said: Remember that every time you share this bread and drink, **I am with you!**
- Remember that God loves you as you are for who you are!

Music during Communion

Lamb of God

Hymnal pg. 154



Anthem Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness arr. Raney

Hymn My Lord, What a Morning Hymnal #438

Hymn Wait for the Lord Hymnal #262

Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song

He Came Down

Hymnal #253

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Servant Leaders Today

Altar Care
 Assisting Minister
 Communion Assistants
 Communion Servers
 Greeters
 Lector
 Musicians
 Offering Pickup
 Ushers

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