



Sunday
December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve
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

Anthem

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
French Processional, 15th Century

Christmas Proclamation

(The assembly is invited to respond with the text marked in **bold**)

- P The Light shines in the darkness,
C And the darkness has not overcome it.
 P The Word became flesh and lived among us,
C And we have beheld Christ's glory.
 P To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given.
C In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.
 P Glory to God in the highest,
C And peace to God's people on earth.

Gathering Song

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymnal #275

Lighting the Fourth 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,
 1, 2, 3.
 choose to love, and know that God is near.
 Final Ending
 choose to love, Em-man - u-el is near.*

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(On Christmas Eve, each verse ends "God is HERE" or "Emmanuel is HERE")

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

First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7 Bible pg. 555
Word of God, Word of Life Thanks be to God

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14 Bible pg. 969
Word of God, Word of Life Thanks be to God

Please stand, as you are able

Acclamation Angels We Have Heard on High Hymnal #289
 Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
 And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20 Bible pg. 832

Acclamation Angels We Have Heard on High Hymnal #289
 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing.
 Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
 Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Please be seated

Message

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song

Hymn of the Day

What Child is This Hymnal #296

Nicene Creed Hymnal pg. 104

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers
 Each petition ends “*Lord, in your mercy.*”
 The assembly responds “**Hear our prayer.**”

Peace

MEAL

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

Anthem during the offering

Song of Bethlehemtown Audrey Snyder

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter Hymnal #294

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

Medley of Carols

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

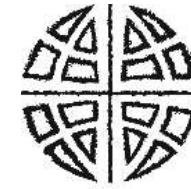
Sending Song

Go, Tell it On the Mountain Hymnal #290

Dismissal

*Glory to God in the highest!
 Peace to God’s people on earth!
 Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
 Thanks be to God.*

Postlude



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