VINJE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 | ADVENT 3 | 9:30 AM

GATHERING

Gathering Songs — **Away in a Manger**
Born in Bethlehem

*** Call to Worship**

Do you see what I see? A world of justice, a world of peace, a world of love.
We can't see it yet, but we keep looking.

Do you see what I see? A world where every valley is lifted up and every mountain made low.
We can't see it yet, but we keep looking.

Do you see what I see? A world where all people are loved and cared for.
We can't see it yet, but we keep looking.

Do you see the world that God sees? We wait in hope, we wait with anticipation, knowing that God is with us even now.
We trust in God's promise, knowing that our Savior is coming soon.

Gathering Song — **Jesus, Messiah**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Sung Response — **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, *verse 3*** — **Hymnal #240**

*** 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**

God with us, we have heard your promises that the lowly are lifted up, the hungry are filled, and your love and mercy cover us all. Help us to live out your good news in the world, that all may see you and know you are with us. In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

***please stand**

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

Welcome to Worship at Vinje Lutheran Church! There are cards in the pews available for prayer requests, visitor information, or creative doodling during worship.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary. Ask an usher for assistance.

A note to parents of young children: Relax! We are glad to have you and your children with us. Children are always welcome in worship! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in our worship. We realize there are times that children need a break, and you may need a distraction or two for your child. For that reason there are areas outside of each sanctuary entrance with books, activity bags, and play areas so that your kids can have something to engage them and you can still be engaged in worship. Again, know that we are grateful you and your children are here, just as you are!

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

Altar Care
Ginger Baune
Assisting Minister
Susan Anfinson
Lector Kris Swanson
Communion Servers
Roger and Char Kingstrom
Communion Assistant
Kari Michelson
Music
Pre-K Sunday School Children
Shalom Singers, Nova Voices
Greeters
Curt and Carolyn Olson
Ushers Randy and Deb Klein,
Tom and Ginger Baune,
Ray and Nancy Groff
Welcome Desk Lorna Bahl
Video Paul Nordin,
Andy Engan
Slides Created by Marie Ostby

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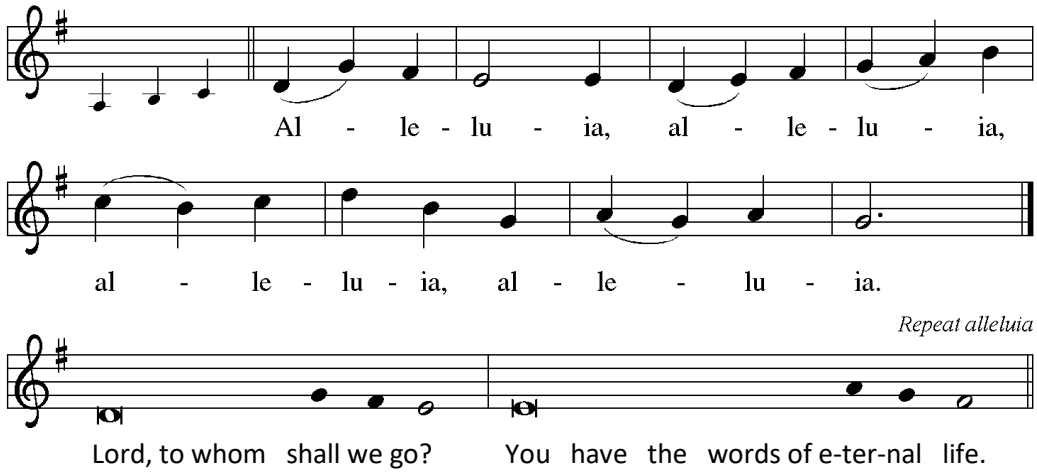
WORD

Scripture Reading **Psalm 113** **Bible pg. 491**
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message and Noisy Offering

*** Scripture Acclamation** **Alleluia** **Hymnal pg. 102**



*** Scripture Reading** **Luke 1:39-55** **Bible pg. 831**
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Message

*** Hymn of the Day** **Canticle of the Turning** **Hymnal #723**

*** 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**

*** Peace**
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Anthem **Adore**

*** Offertory** **Let the Vineyards be Fruitful** **Hymnal #184**

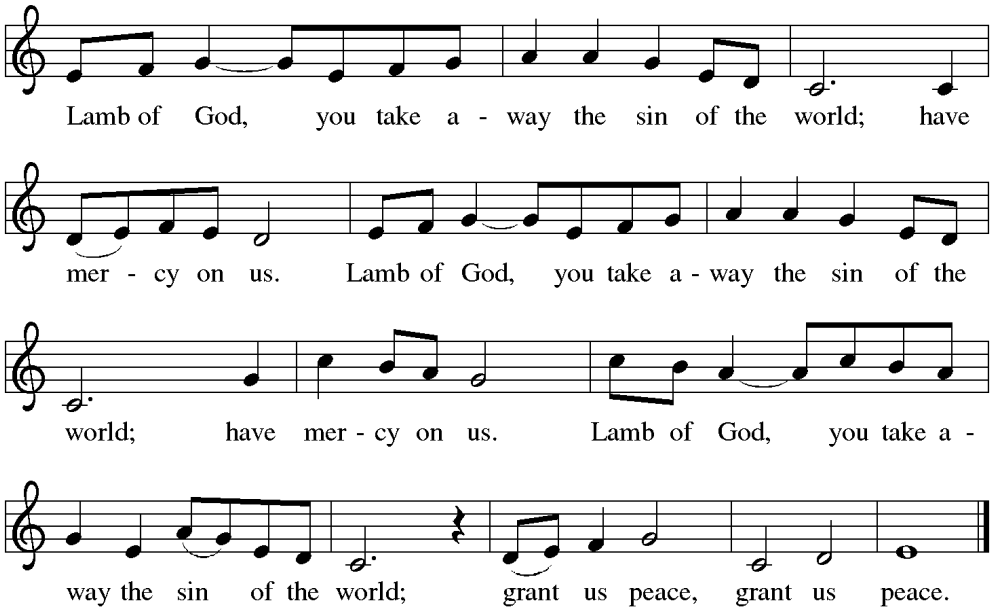
*** Offering Prayer**
Generous God, as people brought you sacrifices and offerings long ago, so now we lay our gifts at your table and offer you our very lives. Use us and all that we have gathered for the building up your loving kingdom on earth, that others may see your love in their lives every day.
Amen.

*** Words of Institution**

*** Lord's Prayer** **Hymnal pg. 134**

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.

Lamb of God **Hymnal #112**



Song	**While We Are Waiting, Come**	
Song	**The Magnificat**	
Hymn	**Oh Little Town of Bethlehem**	**Hymnal #279**
Hymn	**It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**	**Hymnal #282**

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion
God of all time, though we look to the future for your promises to be fulfilled, we know that you are already with us here. Just as you have shown up at this Table, filling us with your grace and mercy, open our eyes to see you out in the world every day, filling our lives with your love. All this we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

Announcements

*** Benediction**
Darkness still grows in our world

But the light shines in the darkness to open our eyes.

Go into Advent with hope and with eyes to see the God who is at work in the world. Go to see the God who is at work in your life. Go to see the God who meets you in your neighbor.

And as you go, know that Christ goes with you, and Christ will be with you always.

Amen.

*** Sending Hymn** **He Came Down** **Hymnal #253**

*** Dismissal**
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God!

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***please stand**

COMMUNION

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

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available (please request from the server).

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

VINJE STAFF

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor
the Bulletin ($60)
the Radio Broadcast ($95)
or the Sunday Bus ($62).
Or sponsor all three for $200.

The following upcoming dates are available:
Bulletin: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19
Broadcast: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19
Bus: 1/12, 1/19

THANK YOU

This week's bulletin, broadcast and bus is sponsored by Ken Sietsema **in memory of Arlene Sietsema who passed away one year ago on December 19th.**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Audrey Thiele, Mike Hanson, Rev. Lowell Larson, Carrie Nelson, Darrin Ogdahl, Deb Erickson, Karen Wojahn's granddaughter, Vivian

HOSPITAL VISITORS NEEDED FOR 2020

It is a one week commitment either once or twice per year. We would LOVE for you to be a part of this important and rewarding ministry team! Please contact Melissa at melissah@vinjechurch.com with questions or to sign up to help. Thanks!

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 | 6 PM | BARN THEATRE

In 2013, Dr. Ayaz Virji left a comfortable job at an East Coast hospital and moved to Dawson, MN, feeling called to address the shortage of doctors in rural America. But in 2016, his decision was tested when national rhetoric heated up regarding Muslims and he faced anti-Muslim remarks, even from his own patients. Come and hear his real life story and how he and Pastor Mandy France are working to address misconceptions about what Muslims practice and believe. This event is sponsored by Willmar Interfaith Network.

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

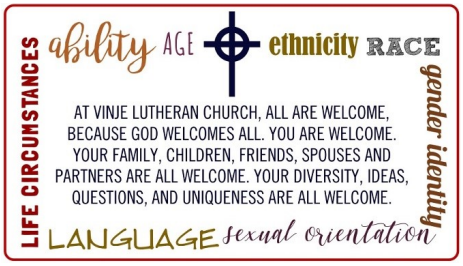
TODAY! | AFTER WORSHIP

This is a great opportunity to pick up some treats for your upcoming holiday gatherings! Treats will be available for purchase (your free will donation is appreciated) after worship today! Thanks in advance for supporting our youth!

ADVENT NOISY OFFERINGS

During Advent this year, our children will be gathering coins (cash and check are welcome as well) for a noisy offering to help with needs that God is addressing in our community and throughout the world. Here's where your change is helping to make change:

Dec 11 & 15: ELCA World Hunger
Dec 18 & 22: United Community Action Partnership



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:15 AM	VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
8:30 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM	WORSHIP
10:30 AM	BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER
3:00 PM	NATIVITY ART FESTIVAL
4:00 PM	SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:00 PM	FAITH AND FINANCE MEETING
5:30 PM	LOVING ARMS PARENT ADVISORY MTG
5:30 PM	YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
6:45 PM	AAUW CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
9:15 AM	LOVING ARMS CHAPEL TIME
1:00 PM	STAFF MEETING
7:00 PM	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

3:30 PM	GRACE NOTES
5:00 PM	MEAL
5:25 PM	NOVA VOICES
6:00 PM	WORSHIP
6:45 PM	CONFIRMATION
6:45 PM	SHALOM SINGERS
7:00 PM	HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:15 AM	VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
8:30 AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM	WORSHIP