



**DO YOU SEE  
WHAT I SEE?**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 | ADVENT 2 | 9:30 AM

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**\* 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 Hymn**

**Prepare the Royal Highway**

**Hymnal #264**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Sung Response**

**Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, verse 2**

**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.**

**Kyrie**

**Hymnal pg. 98**

**Canticle of Praise**

**This is the Feast**

**Hymnal pg. 101**

**\* Prayer of the Day**

*God with us, the world as we know it turns upside down in the light of your redemption. Encourage us by the promise that all wrongs will eventually be made right and that your kingdom will come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name,*

*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

Phyllis Stageberg

### Lector Susan Anfinson

### Communion Servers

Dan and Lisa Weiss

### Communion Assistant

Steve Leitch

### Choir Vinje Choir

### Cantor Brad Schmidt

### Greeters

Tish Ellinger, Emma Johnson

### Ushers Randy and Deb Klein,

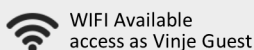
Tom and Ginger Baune

### Welcome Desk Kay Mclane

### Video Paul Nordin,

Paul and Susan Bredeson

### Slides Created by Marie Ostby



## WORD

### Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-4

Bible pg. 812

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

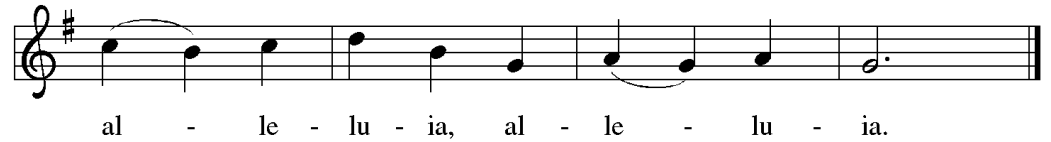
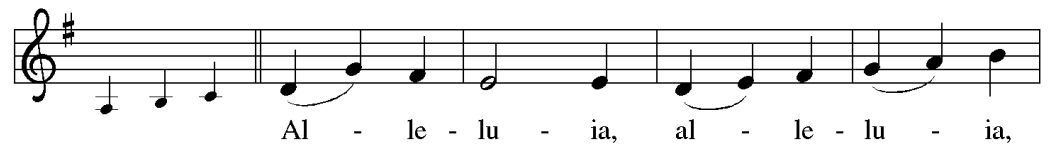
**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Message and Noisy Offering

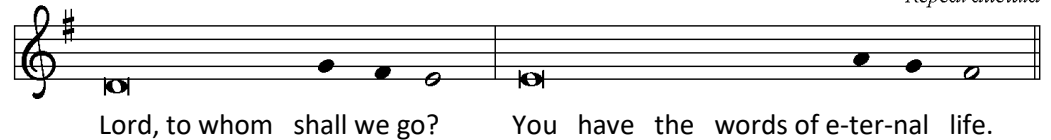
#### \* Scripture Acclamation

Alleluia

Hymnal pg. 102



*Repeat alleluia*



#### \* Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Bible pg. 581

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Message

#### \* Hymn of the Day

All Earth is Hopeful

Hymnal #266

#### \* 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

Every Valley

#### \* 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Anthem**

**He Shall Feed His Flock**

**Hymn**

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

**Hymnal #256**

**Hymn**

**Blessed Be the God of Israel**

**Hymnal #250**

**Hymn**

**Angels From the Realms of Glory**

**Hymnal #275**

**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**

**The King Shall Come**

**Hymnal #260**

**\* Dismissal**

*Go in peace. Christ is with you.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**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**

"Even in darkness it is possible to create light and encourage compassion. That it is possible to feel free inside a prison. That even in exile, friendship exists and can become an anchor." –  
*Elie Wiesel*

**VINJE STAFF**

**Pastors**

Justin Ask  
Dane Skilbred

**Visitation Pastor**

Andres Albertsen

**Office Manager**

Janet White

**Ministry Associate**

Melissa Hansen

**Director of Music**

Karen Wojahn

**Communications Director**

Sara Bos

**Custodian**

Ron Nordby

**Loving Arms Child Care Center**

Chris Stark, Director

**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: 1/5, 1/12, 1/19

**THANK YOU**

This week's bulletin is sponsored by **Brenda Woltjer in thankfulness for many blessings.**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jackie Cunningham, Audrey Thiele, Mike Hanson,  
Heather McKeel

## 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@vinjchurch.com](mailto:melissah@vinjchurch.com) with questions or to sign up to help. Thanks!



## SUNDAY TREATS & SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in **URGENT** need of December Coffee Hour treats and servers for each Sunday in December. Can you help? Please call the church office or Jean Geselius (320.905.0146) to sign up!

## BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

### SUNDAY, DEC 15TH | 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 on December 15th. Doing some holiday baking? Consider baking an extra dozen or two! Donations of baked goods can be dropped off before worship on the 15th!



## ADVENT NOISY OFFERINGS

During Advent this year, we are waiting for the coming of Christ by exploring where God is and how God works among us. Each Wednesday and Sunday our children will be gathering coins (cash and check are welcome as well) for a noisy offering. We plan

to use these offerings for needs that God is addressing in our Willmar community and throughout the world. See the schedule of offerings below and plan to join us in worship and in asking, "Do you see what I see?"

December 4 & 8: Family Promise

December 11 & 15: ELCA World Hunger

December 18 & 22: United Community Action Partnership

## MEALS ON WHEELS HELP NEEDED!

Vinje will be delivering Meals on Wheels the weeks of December 23 and December 30 (no deliveries needed on Dec 25 or 31). If you are available to help deliver on any of these dates, please contact Janet in the church office 235.1441.

# Christmas AT VINJE

**THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS | WEDNESDAY, DEC 11 | 6 PM**  
Join us for worship as our Loving Arms children will be sharing the Christmas story in song.

**NATIVITY ART FESTIVAL | SUNDAY, DEC 15 | 3-6 PM**  
Vinje members' nativity sets and other pieces of art will be on display in room 102. Please plan to stop in before or after Lessons & Carols to check it out.

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS | SUNDAY, DEC 15 | 4 PM**  
Join with all the choirs, bell choirs, Sunday School students and Grace Notes students as we share the story of the first Christmas through favorite Christmas songs and scripture.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TUESDAY, DEC 24 | 3, 5, AND 10:30 PM**  
The 3:00 service will feature special music by Grace Notes & Sunday School Children. The 5:00 and 10:30 services will conclude with candle lighting. Each service includes Holy Communion.

## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:15 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL  
8:30 AM FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30 AM WORSHIP  
10:45 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:15 PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
6:00 PM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

3:30 PM GRACE NOTES  
5:00 PM JUBELLATION JR  
5:00 PM MEAL  
5:25 PM NOVA VOICES  
6:00 PM WORSHIP  
LOVING ARMS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
6:45 PM CONFIRMATION & MISSION TRIP MTG  
6:45 PM JUBELLATION  
6:45 PM SHALOM SINGERS  
7:00 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 AM VINJE QUILTERS  
9:30 AM LAKELAND CONFERENCE PASTORS MEETING

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