



gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

SONG BE THOU MY VISION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, there are so many people in this world who are difficult to love. There are honestly people we don't like very much, and sometimes we'd rather not share your love with them. But like Jonah, keep working on us. Forgive us when we run from your calling, and win us over with your grace, your mercy, and your steadfast love that are big enough for everyone in this world, including us.

Amen.

welcome...we're glad you're here!

We are so glad that you are here and worshipping God today. Some things have changed due to COVID-19. You will no doubt notice the lack of singing, a shorter service (so far no one has complained about shorter sermons), social distancing, mask requirements, and no coffee after worship. We are grateful that you are here and grateful for your cooperation with our guidelines that allows us to gather safely. Join us in our ongoing prayer that these difficult days will pass quickly and we once again be able to gather together to enjoy singing praises to God, coffee, and long sermons.

SCRIPTURE

JONAH 4:1-11

Jonah's Anger

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing." ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush, ^[a] and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

Jonah Is Reproved

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

MESSAGE**SONG** LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE**PRAYERS FOR THE SAINTS****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*

BENEDICTION**CLOSING HYMN**

JESUS SHALL REIGN

DISMISSAL**POSTLUDE****servant leaders****HOSTS/GREETERS**

Myra Quale

MUSICIANS

Peggy Karsten

Tim Ostby

*words
 to live by...*

*O give thanks to the Lord,
 for he is good,
 for his steadfast love
 endures for ever.*

Psalm 136:1

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 need of prayer, please let one of the pastors or the church office know.

RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Mary Nelson, Rick Thompson, Joan Nelson, Karina DeJong

BEREAVED

Family and friends of Corissa Jones following her death on October 19th.

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BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Winter is starting, and it is going to be a hard winter ahead, with much

uncertainty. But as tough, Midwestern Lutherans, we know how to handle tough winters. We also know that when life is at its most difficult, we as the church have an opportunity to be at our best. That's why this year, Vinje's stewardship team is inviting everyone at Vinje to "Be a Good Neighbor."

If you haven't already, you should be receiving a letter and a pledge card in the mail, encouraging you to commit not only financially to Vinje's ministry, but also to giving of your time and talents out in the world as we love all those around us. Maybe your pledge will be to help an elderly neighbor shovel their driveway. Maybe your pledge will be to write encouraging notes to friends, or to call other Vinje members who need someone to talk to. Whatever you decide, just imagine as we share in this commitment together, how all these actions can add up to do so much good in the world.

We encourage you to send back your pledge card by Sunday, November 22 (you can also complete an online version at www.vinjchurch.com). That way we can make plans for this next year and we can hear what good work we will be doing together for each other and all our neighbors this year. Thank you for being a good neighbor with all of us!