# VINJE
## LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 | 9:30 AM

## GATHERING

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Amidst the frantic hustle and bustle of the holidays and the end-of-year weariness, there is a longing for something more.

**We want more than what this world has to offer. We want more than what we can buy. We want more than the empty stuff that clutters our lives.**

We admit that so often we go chasing after the things that never satisfy, the things that fade away, and the things that always leave us feeling empty.

**God, fill our lives with something more.**

Give us more than presents, give us more than decorations, give us even more than full bellies.

**Fill us with your love, your life, and your light.**

Hear the good news: The greatest gift has already been given to our world. A love that takes on flesh, a baby that brings life to the world, a light that brings hope in every darkness. This is the God who forgives us, the God who satisfies our hungry hearts, and the God who is with us. This is our Emmanuel.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** O COME, O COME EMMANUEL HYMNAL #257

**GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*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.**

## WE'RE GLAD
## YOU'RE HERE.

We are so glad that you are here and worshiping God with us today. We know that God loves and welcomes all people and so we do our best to do the same. Feel comfortable being who God created you to be in this space and listen for the ways that the Holy Spirit is calling you to faith and a deeper love for your neighbor. Thanks for joining this community of faith, service, and worship today. You are always welcome!

## SERVANT LEADERS
## TODAY

**Preaching**
Pastor Justin Ask

**Presiding**
Vicar Hope Johnson

**Lector**
Kris Swanson

**Advent Candle Lighters**
Steve & Jenifer Leitch

**Musicians**
Brad & Cheryl Schmidt

**Communion Servers**
Ron & Cathi Haugen

**Cameras**
Ingrid Skilbred

**Slides**
Peggy Karsten

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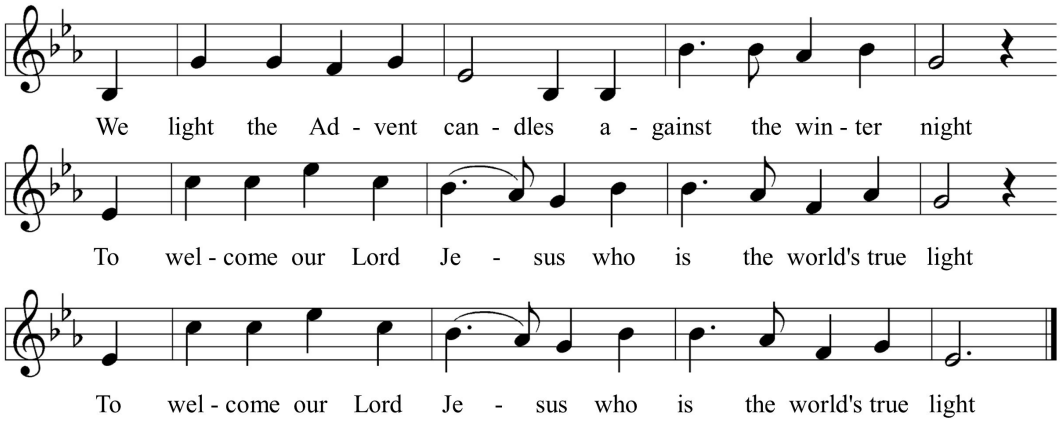
access as Vinje Guest

# WORD

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING** WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLES




**SCRIPTURE READING** MATTHEW 3:1-11 BIBLE PG. 784

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** ***HENRY JAMES HAGEMEYER*** HYMNAL PG. 227

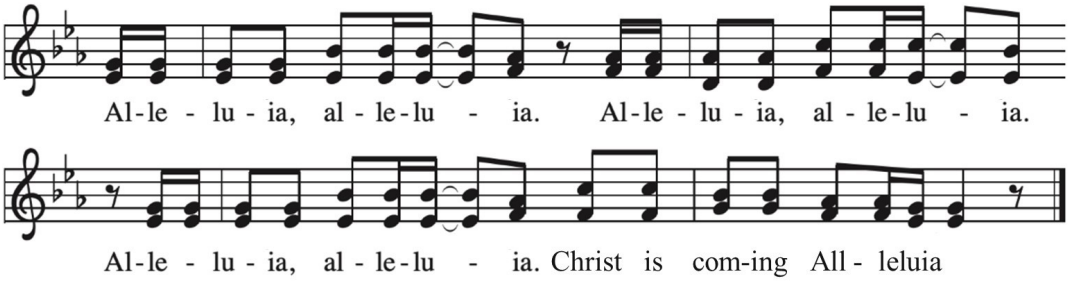
**APOSTLES' CREED**
*Do you believe in God the Father?*
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*
**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.**

*Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*
**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.**

*Let us welcome the newly baptized.*
**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the family of God: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and in sharing God's gifts of love, forgiveness, and new life with all the world.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ALLELUIA




**SCRIPTURE READING** ISAIAH 25:6-9 BIBLE PG. 568

*Hear God's Word for God's People*
**Speak now, for your servants are listening.**

Word of God, Word of Life.
**Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** WHAT FEAST OF LOVE HYMNAL #487

**PRAYERS**

## MEAL

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| **OFFERING** | | |
| **SONG** | AN ADVENT ACCLAMATION | |
| **OFFERTORY** | LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL | HYMNAL #182 |
| **OFFERING PRAYER** | | |
| **COMMUNION** | | |
| **LORD'S PRAYER** | | |
| **SONG** | LAMB OF GOD | |
| **SONG** | A CAROL FOR ADVENT | |
| **HYMN** | INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY | HYMNAL #276 |
| **HYMN** | WAIT FOR THE LORD | HYMNAL #262 |
| **TABLE BLESSING** | | |

## SENDING

**BENEDICTION**
God has called you here to give you more than your heart desires. Now you are sent to fill the world with God's love.

Go, with God's blessing: to love others as God loves you, to reflect the light that God is already shining in your life, and to share the good news of the One who is born into our world.

And as you go, know the + Christ who is with you, and me, and this whole weary world: Our Emmanuel.

**Amen.**

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| **CLOSING HYMN** | PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY | HYMNAL #264 |

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

**POSTLUDE**

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## COMMUNION

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

## WORDS TO LIVE BY

*"Food, in the end, in our own tradition, is something holy. It's not about nutrients and calories. It's about sharing. It's about honesty."*

*Louise Fresco*

## VINJE STAFF

**Pastors**
Justin Ask
Dane Skilbred

**Visitation Pastor**
Andres Albertsen

**Vicar**
Hope Johnson

**Office Manager**
Tanya Schunk

**Ministry Associate**
Melissa Hansen

**Director of Music**
Karen Wojahn

**Communications Director**
Sara Bos

**Custodian**
Ron Nordby

**Loving Arms Child Care Center**
Chris Cortez, 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.

# 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 the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.*

## RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Anne Anderson, Jeanette Fauchald, Tom Nelson

## CONTINUTED PRAYERS

Mary Nelson, Sonja Westre, Andrew Schriener, Kathy Reishus, Nora Ander

## NEWLY BAPTIZED

Henry James Hagemeyer, son of Ryan Hagemeyer and Sara Hund-Hagemeyer. Henry's baptismal sponsors are Amanda Hund and Ryan Terrien.

## SHARE A CHRISTMAS GREETING WITH YOUR VINJE FAMILY!

We've created a bulletin board on which to share your family's Christmas greeting with your Vinje family! We'd love to include your family's Christmas card on the bulletin board in the entry way! If you'd like, please bring one with you and put it on the bulletin board to share (pins are already waiting for you on the board). Thanks!



## Christmas AT VINJE

Christmas is coming! This season of hope and praise is certainly a reason to celebrate and worship that God is with us.

Please join us for all of these opportunities to praise God for the birth of Jesus.

**A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS | SUNDAY, DEC 12 | 4 PM**

Join with all the choirs, hand bell choir, Sunday School and Wednesday Live! students as we share the story of the first Christmas through favorite Christmas songs and scripture.

**THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS | WEDNESDAY, DEC 15 | 6 PM**

Join us for worship as our Loving Arms children will be sharing the Christmas story in song.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP | FRIDAY, DEC 24 | 3, 5 & 10:30 PM**

The 3:00 service includes traditional carols and a Children's Message.

The 5:00 service includes traditional carols, praise songs, a Children's Message, and candle lighting.

The 10:30 service features the Vinje Choir, the traditional liturgy, and concludes with candle lighting.

Each service includes Holy Communion.

## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

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| 8:15 AM | VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL |
| 8:30 AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL |
| 9:30 AM | WORSHIP |
| 4:00 PM | SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS |

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13**

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| 4:30 PM | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING |
| 6:00 PM | JUBELLATION |

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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| 4:30 PM | LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING |
| 6:30 PM | WEST CENTRAL CONCERT SERIES MEETING |

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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| 3:30 PM | WEDNESDAY LIVE |
| 5-6 PM | MEAL: BBQS, CHIPS, BEANS & TREATS |
| 5:25 PM | NOVA VOICES |
| 6:00 PM | WORSHIP WITH LOVING ARMS PROGRAM |
| 6:00 PM | CONFIRMATION |
| 6:45 PM | SHALOM SINGERS |
| 6:45 PM | HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP |

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

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| 5:00 PM | AIM-PEOPLE FIRST MEETING |
| 6:30 PM | WEST CENTRAL CONCERT SERIES MEETING |

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

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| 8:15 AM | VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL |
| 8:30 AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL |
| 9:30 AM | WORSHIP |
| 4:00 PM | SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS |

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES ability AGE ethnicity RACE gender identity

AT VINJE LUTHERAN CHURCH, ALL ARE WELCOME, BECAUSE GOD WELCOMES ALL. YOU ARE WELCOME. YOUR FAMILY, CHILDREN, FRIENDS, SPOUSES AND PARTNERS ARE ALL WELCOME. YOUR DIVERSITY, IDEAS, QUESTIONS, AND UNIQUENESS ARE ALL WELCOME.

LANGUAGE sexual orientation

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