



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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

HARK THE GLAD SOUND

HYMNAL #239

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

Vicar Hope Johnson

Presiding

Pastor Dane Skilbred

Lector

Phyllis Stageberg

Advent Candle Lighters

John & Sue Soderholm

Musicians

Vinje Choir

Kris Gulbrandsen, flute

Communion Servers

Rick & Carol Maursetter

Cameras

Paul Nordin

Slides

Paul & Sue Bredeson



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access as Vinje Guest

WORD

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLES

We light the Ad - vent can - dles a - gainst the win - ter night
To wel - come our Lord Je - sus who is the world's true light
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SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 84

BIBLE PG. 472

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. Christ is com-ing All - leluia

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 40:3-5

BIBLE PG. 581

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

HE CAME DOWN

HYMNAL #253

APOSTLES' CREED

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

MEAL

OFFERING

SONG

A LITTLE CHILD WILL COME TO LEAD US

OFFERTORY

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

HYMNAL #182

OFFERING PRAYER

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG

LAMB OF GOD

SONG

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

HYMN

REJOICE, REJOICE BELIEVERS

HYMNAL #244

HYMN

WAIT FOR THE LORD

HYMNAL #262

TABLE BLESSING

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

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.

CLOSING HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

HYMNAL #267

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

COMMUNION

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

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"Learn to light a candle in the darkest moments of someone's life. Be the light that helps others see."
- Roy T. Bennett

VINJE STAFF

Pastors

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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

Mary Nelson, Sonja Westre, Andrew Schriener, Kathy Reishus, Nora Ander, Anne Anderson, Jeanette Fauchald

BEREAVED

Gregory and Jalaine Goeser following the death of Jalaine's mother, Gwendolyn Netjes on November 14.

Craig and Lori Schellberg following the death of Lori's brother, Jeff Kavanagh on November 24.



LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we want to share the joys of the season with others in the community. This year contributions to the Light of Christmas funds will once again be used to assemble gifts and food baskets for families in our community. In the past we have also collected donations for poinsettias, trees, wreaths, and other Christmas decorations. Contributions can be placed in the offering plate or mailed or delivered to the church office by December 9th. Also, if you know of someone with specific needs in our community please contact Melissa Hansen at melissah@vinjchurch.com.



USHERS NEEDED. CAN YOU HELP?

We are in dire need of Sunday ushers. If you attend Sunday worship regularly (or even occasionally), we'd love for you to sign up to help usher! Please call the church office at 320.235.1441 and ask for Melissa Hansen or email her at melissah@vinjchurch.com to learn more or to find a date or two on which you can help! Thank you! We appreciate you!



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!

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00 PM JUBELLATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

2:00 PM NAOMI/SARAH CIRCLE @ MCMILLIANS
5:30 PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 AM ELIZABETH CIRCLE @ CAROL PARKER'S
3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE
5-6 PM MEAL
5:25 PM NOVA VOICES
6:00 PM WORSHIP
6:00 PM CONFIRMATION
6:45 PM SHALOM SINGERS
6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 AM VINJE QUILTERS
4:00 PM RIDGEWATER EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

LANGUAGE sexual orientation

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.