

*But as for that in the good soil,  
these are the ones who, when they hear the word,  
hold it fast in an honest and good heart,  
and bear fruit with patient endurance.*



SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022 | 9:30 AM

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE HYMN SING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*We bring our burdens and our sins to You, O Christ, who bears the heavy load for us.*

**We confess that we have gone astray. We confess that we have not loved You fully and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We confess that we have not fully loved even our very selves.**

**Forgive us. Turn us back to You. Restore what has been broken, transform what has been twisted, find what has been lost, so we may be the living, loving image of You in creation. In Your precious name we pray.**

**Amen.**

*Receive this forgiveness: you are loved beyond your imagination. God is at work in you. In you, God is growing grace and love and mercy. Watch it sprout, tender and green. Watch it grow abundant and lush. And now you are freed to offer God's abundance to the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

### GATHERING HYMN

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

HYMNAL #824

### 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

*Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you whenever you appear. We pray in Jesus' name,*

**Amen.**

## 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 Justin Ask

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Travis Michelson  
Dale Fladeboe  
Wednesday Live!  
& Sunday School Kids  
Carol Parker

### Camera

Justin Bos

### Slides

Paul & Sue Bredeson



## WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-15

BIBLE PG. 948

*Word of God, Word of Life.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

### GOSPEL READING

LUKE 8:4-15

BIBLE PG. 840

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

*Word of God, Word of Life*

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### MESSAGE

### HYMN

WE ABIDE IN YOU

### APOSTLES' CREED

### PRAYERS

## MEAL

OFFERING MUSIC

GOD BLESS THE USA

OFFERTORY

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

HYMNAL #182

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

BE KNOWN TO US

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SOLO

I BELIEVE

HYMN

O GOD, WHOSE WORD WELL-PLANTED

TABLE BLESSING

## SENDING

BLESSING FOR HOPE

MAY YOU RUN AND NOT BE WEARY

BENEDICTION

*Go now from this service of worship to the service of God's people near and far, refreshed by the living water that Jesus offers to you.*

*Listen for the parched voices of the least of these; search out the dry places and the arid souls, and become for them a spring of living water.*

*And as you go, may the blessings of the God of life, the Christ of love, and the Spirit of grace be upon you this day and forevermore.*

Amen

HYMN

AS RAIN FROM THE CLOUDS

HYMNAL #508

DISMISSAL

*Go in God's Peace. Grow in God's love.*

Thanks be to God. Amen.

## COMMUNION

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

## WORDS TO LIVE BY

"The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all."

— Wendell Berry

## VINJE STAFF

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## THANK YOU

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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

Merle Berkeland, Louise Gislason, Tyler Stark, Jodi Kessler-Gross

## CONTINUED PRAYERS

Sonja Westre, Nora Ander, Lane Leedahl, Darleen Manthey, Lavonne Schow, Mary Mielke



## LOVING ARMS IS HIRING!

Loving Arms is hiring! PT and FT classroom positions available as well as FT office/administrative staff (find job description at [vinjchurch.com](http://vinjchurch.com)). If you know someone that might be interested in working for some of the

cutest kids in town, have them email Chris at [chrisc@vinjchurch.com](mailto:chrisc@vinjchurch.com).

## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

### SUNDAY, JULY 31

9:30 AM WORSHIP

10:30 AM CAKE & FELLOWSHIP FAREWELL FOR VICAR HOPE

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

9:30 AM WORSHIP

## FAREWELL FELLOWSHIP FOR VICAR HOPE

TODAY! | AFTER WORSHIP | FELLOWSHIP HALL

We are very grateful to Vicar Hope for sharing her time and talents with us this past year and wish her the best in all her future endeavors. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for cake and fellowship in her honor!



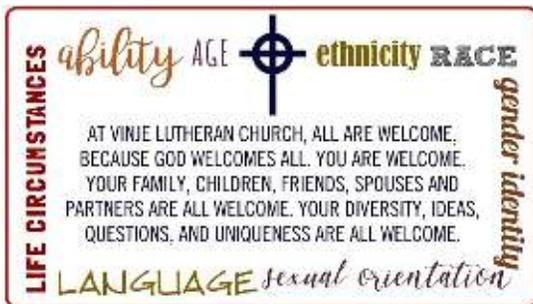
## STUFF THE BUS

We are once again partnering with United Way to 'Stuff the Bus' with school supplies for area kids in need! Donations will be received through August 14th. Items needed are: backpacks, calculators, scissors, pencils, pencil boxes, markers, rulers, glue sticks, tissues, and crayons. Monetary donations are also welcomed.

## THANK YOU FROM

## GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Your generosity is still being carefully processed but a total for the RECORD BREAKING Quilt Auction weekend will surpass \$110,000! Your generosity has graciously honored the quilters who donated so much of their time, talent, and their own money to make this all happen. We say it again and again: supporters of this auction and ministry are the people that make summer camp happen.



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