



DECEMBER 11, 2022

9:30 AM

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

**We will find the Babe in the wisdom of children, in the laughter of grandparents.**

We gather asking, 'Where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

**We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.**

We gather wanting to know, 'Where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

**We will find our Hope where fear is overcome by grace,  
where hatred is overcome by love,  
where all people are overcome by joy.**

SONG

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

HYMNAL #240

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*welcome...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!

**SCRIPTURE READING**

ISAIAH 42:1-9

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****MESSAGE**

BEYOND THE MANGER: HEROD

MATTHEW 2:1-8, 16-18

**SONG**

HOW MANY KINGS

**APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

“God did everything necessary to get Herod's attention.

He sent wonders from the sky and words from Scripture. He sent the testimony of the heavens and the teaching of the prophets. But Herod refused to listen. He chose his puny dynasty over Christ. He died a miserable old man.”

Max Lucado

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

**SOLO**

SWEET LITTLE JESUS BOY

**OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****SONG**

WHERE ARE YOU, CHRISTMAS?

**SONG**

COME JUST AS YOU ARE

**SONG**

GRACE FLOWS DOWN

**BENEDICTION**

*May the God you seek bring justice to all the earth and light to all the darkness. And may the joy of the coming Christ give you hope and set you free.*

**Amen.****SONG**

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING HYMNAL #270

**DISMISSAL***Go in peace. Christ is near.***Thanks be to God.**

## SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

**PREACHING** Pastor Justin Ask

**PRESIDING** Pastor Dane Skilbred

**MUSICIANS** Nova/Shalom

**LECTOR** Jenifer Leitch

**USHERS** Mark Bredeson

**COMMUNION** Ron & Cathi Haugen  
Nicole Mages

**CAMERA** Paul Nordin

**SLIDES** Cynthia Cole

**WELCOME DESK** Hans & Jan Dahl

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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

Joel Kavanagh, Kerry Selseth,  
Don Kimmel

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Sonja Westre, Lane Leedahl, Darleen  
Manthey, Louise Gislason, Mary Mielke

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### THANK YOU

This week's broadcast is sponsored  
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## 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. Thanks!

### NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available during all worship services in Loving Arm's Pre-K Room located in the east hallway.

### THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS | WED, DEC 14 | 6 PM

Our Loving Arm and Wednesday Live! children will be sharing the Christmas story in song.

### A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS | SUN, DEC 18 | 4 PM

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

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP | SAT, DEC 24 | 3, 5 & 9 PM

3 pm Wednesday Live! Kids singing for worship.

5 pm includes candle lighting.

9 pm (**please note the new time**) includes candle lighting.

Christmas  
AT VINJE



## LOVING ARMS IS HIRING!

Due to the coming addition of another site and increased enrollment at our current sites, we are looking to fill a variety of positions! Full time, part time and on call opportunities are available. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, please reach out to Chris Cortez at [chris@vinjchurch.com](mailto:chris@vinjchurch.com) or 320.235.7271! Thanks!

## FAMILY PROMISE

Meals and groceries are needed December 26-30. Please find the sign-up on our website or call the church office if you can help!

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

*It takes a village to make things happen here at Vinje and we'd like to say thanks!*

Our *Witness* newsletters are folded and sealed by a great group of dedicated ladies. We send out more than 500 copies each month, so this is no simple task. We want to take a minute to say thank you to Char Adams, Judy Erpenbach, Nancy Groff, Penny Hieronimus, Emma Johnson, Kay Mclane, Karen Rousseau, and Marsha Butterfield for helping us keep Vinje members in the know each month!



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## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**  
8:30 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL  
9:30 AM WORSHIP

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
4:30 PM EXECUTIVE COMM MTG  
6:00 PM JUBELLATION

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!  
5:00 PM SUPPER—BBQS  
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM  
6:00 PM WORSHIP  
6:45 PM CONFIRMATION  
6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
5:30 PM BLUE STAR MOTHERS  
6:00 PM AIM/PEOPLE FIRST

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
8:30 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL  
9:30 AM WORSHIP  
4:00 PM LESSONS & CAROLS



## LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS



If you forgot to turn in a light of Christmas form, you can still put a form in the offering plate or in the drop box on the wall outside of the office. Forms are available on the welcome desk. Thanks!

ability AGE + ethnicity RACE

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

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

gender identity

SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE! →

