



VINJE

DECEMBER 4, 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 GLORY (LET THERE BE PEACE)

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

We are so glad that you are here and worshipping 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 40:28-31

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

BEYOND THE MANGER: JOSEPH

MATTHEW 1:18-25

SONG

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

APOSTLES' CREED**PRAYERS**

*"Keep some
room in your
heart for the
unimaginable."
Mary Oliver*

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

OFFERING SONG

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

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

GOD WITH US

SONG

WE BOW DOWN

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**

JESUS MESSIAH

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

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PREACHING	Pastor Erika Buller	COMMUNION	Carol & Rick Maursetter
PRESIDING	Pastor Justin Ask	CAMERA	Justin Bos
MUSICIANS	Worth Saving	SLIDES	Suzanne Napgezok
LECTOR	Travis Michelson	WELCOME DESK	Mark & Lynn Stier
USHERS	Kirk Davis Ron Haugen		

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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, Grace Fladeboe

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

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THANK YOU

This week's bulletin, broadcast and bus are sponsored **in loving memory of Clarence Klenke by Mary Klenke and family.**

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 | 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.



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

You know how many bins, boxes, broken lights, missing ornaments, etc. you deal with each year as you decorate your home, right?! Just imagine those issues on a larger scale! That's what our wonderful Christmas décor team deals with each year and they make our sanctuary and building festive! They've put in many days of work over the past week, and it sure doesn't go unnoticed! We are so grateful!

NURSERY CARE

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

WHERE ARE YOU

Christmas

WEDNESDAY ADVENT SERMON SERIES: WHERE ARE YOU CHRISTMAS

Every year we find ourselves in a Christmas season filled with joyful memories, nostalgia, and hectic schedules. Will we ever live up to the standards of the past? Where do we find the real meaning of Christmas? How can we pause and appreciate Christmas for what it is meant to be? Join your Vinje family in preparing for Christmas at our special midweek Advent services in the weeks ahead.

December 7: Where do I find peace?

December 14: Wednesday Live! & Loving Arms Christmas

December 21: Where do I find joy?

WELCOME DESK ATTENDANTS & USHERS NEEDED!

We are in need of welcome desk workers and ushers for most upcoming services. Please find sign-up links on our website under "Get Involved," then "Serving Opportunities." Or, if you'd prefer, just email Melissa Hansen at melissah@vinjchurch.com and she'll be happy to help you get signed up.



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THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:00 PM JUBELLATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
2:45 PM NAOMI/SARAH CIRCLE
VISITING BETHESDA
RESIDENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
5:00 PM SUPPER—PASTA BAR
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM
6:00 PM WORSHIP
6:45 PM CONFIRMATION
6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:30 AM WORSHIP



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 purchase gifts and necessities for our neighbors in need. We will also be collecting donations for our holiday décor (poinsettias, trees, wreaths, etc). Forms can be found on the welcome desk and contributions can be placed in the offering plate or mailed or delivered to the church office by December 8th. Also, if you know of



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