



**VINJE**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

**9:30 AM**

gathering

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Now is the time when we hear the old story  
Of God's love born into this world.*

*Now is the time when we watch and wait  
For God's hope to break into our lives again.*

*Now is the time when we sing the old songs  
Of God's comfort and joy given for all.*

*Now is the time when we prepare our hearts, our homes, and our lives  
And we share God's light and God's love with each other.*

*In this season of Advent, we hear the story of the God who is with us, our Emmanuel. And here, today, God's story becomes our story, as God says to each one of us: you are not alone. I love you, I am with you, and you are mine. In Jesus' name.*

**Amen.**

**HYMN**

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

HYMNAL #840

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

**SONG**

SHINE ON US

*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**

2 PETER 3:8-15A

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****MESSAGE**OUR STORY BEGINS...*AT THE END*

MARK 13:24-37

**HYMN**

HYMNAL #248

PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

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

"AREN'T WE  
FORGETTING THE  
TRUE MEANING OF  
CHRISTMAS? YOU  
KNOW, THE BIRTH  
OF SANTA."  
- MATT GROENING

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

**OFFERING****DUET**

REJOICE, REJOICE, EMMANUEL

**OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****HYMNS**

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

HYMNAL #272

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR

HYMNAL #282

**BLESSING***God Go now to live in the joy of this season, knowing that**God's peace is with you**God's love is all around you**God's hope is just ahead of you**And God is always with you.**In Jesus' name.***Amen.****HYMN**

JOY TO THE WORLD

HYMNAL #267

**DISMISSAL***Go in peace, God's love is on the way.***Thanks be to God.**

## SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

### PASTORS

Dane Skilbred  
Ingrid Skilbred

### COMMUNION

Lynn Gatewood  
Max Gatewood

### MUSICIANS

Brad & Cheryl Schmidt

### LECTOR

Joni Glaesman

### SLIDES

Paul & Sue Bredeson

### CAMERA

Courtney Skilbred

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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

Don Handahl, Marvin Turnipseed,  
Jim Loehr, Ted Olson, Karen Wiehr,  
Sonja Westre

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

Lane Leedahl, Merle Berkeland,  
Shirley Brandt, Trevor Hansen,  
Dianne Christenson

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor the bulletin, broadcast, bus, or coffee.

**Sponsors are needed for 2024!**  
**Please call or email the church office to reserve your dates. Thanks!**

## THANK YOU

This week's bulletin is sponsored by Roger and Char Kingstrom in thanksgiving for family and friends and Scott's continued good health for 43 years.

This week's broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Ed and Muriel Haats.



## Christmas at Vinje

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 4 PM

Join with 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  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 9:30 am Piano led worship including Christmas hymn sing and communion. Pastor Dane preaching.
- 3 pm Wednesday Live! Kids singing. Modern worship service led by Praise Team. Service includes candle lighting and communion. Pastor Justin preaching.
- 5 pm Traditional worship service with organ and special music by Vinje Choir. Service includes candle lighting and communion. Pastor Justin preaching.

## EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS HOSTS NEEDED

**SAT, DECEMBER 2 | 8 AM-5 PM**

Vinje will once again be hosting ELCA's Equipping Congregations Day and we need your help! We are looking for Vinje members to be here that to greet attendees, answer questions, etc. If you can help, please email Melissa at [melissah@vinjehurch.com](mailto:melissah@vinjehurch.com)!

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

**SUN, DECEMBER 10 | 10:30-11:15 AM**

**WED, DECEMBER 13 | 6:30-7:15 PM**

We are conducting a congregational meeting (two date/time options) focused on strategic planning around Vinje's purpose and mission. We will have tabletop discussions, facilitated by our council members, and opportunity for our members to share thoughts on how we would like to see Vinje described in our community.

## 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 placed in the offering plate or mailed or delivered to the church office by December 13th. Contributions can also be made online. Also, if you know of someone with specific needs in our community please call or email Melissa ([melissah@vinjehurch.com](mailto:melissah@vinjehurch.com)).



## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

9:30 AM WORSHIP

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

6:00 PM JUBELLATION

7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!

5:00 PM SUPPER: PIZZA

5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM

6:00 PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM CONFIRMATION

6:45 PM HS YOUTH GROUP

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

8:30 AM EQUIPPING

-5:30 PM CONGREGATIONS DAY

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

8:30 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:30 AM WORSHIP

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

## STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

We would like to have all pledges collected by November 30th. You can submit the pledge card that was mailed to your home, pick up a pledge card from the Welcome Desk or submit your pledge online. We look forward to continuing to "Grow Together" in faith along side of you.



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