



VINJE

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

6:00 PM

gathering

SONG

I COULD SING OF YOUR LOVE FOREVER

CALL TO WORSHIP

For joy and for laughter, for the blessings we experience every day, we say **Thank you, God**

For those who have gone before us to teach us about the abundance of your love, we say **Thank you, God**

For the times of struggle and heartache, when we know you were there with us, we say **Thank you, God**

For your grace and love when we fall short, for helping us to start over again, we say **Thank you, God**

For the times when we share what we have so that others can have, too, we say **Thank you, God**

God of our whole lives, we thank you for meeting us right where we are, and giving us all that we have. Help us to live lives of gratitude. Help us to give what we have. Help us to say with our words and our actions: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG & OFFERING

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**MESSAGE**

MATTHEW 6:19-21
 WHERE IS YOUR HEART?
 PASTOR JUSTIN

SONG

FOREVER



"GRATITUDE IS ONE OF
 THE GREATEST CHRISTIAN
 VIRTUES; INGRATITUDE,
 ONE OF THE MOST
 VICIOUS SINS."

BILLY GRAHAM

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

COMMUNION**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

SONG

JESUS, MESSIAH

SONG

IN THE SECRET

BLESSING

*God has blessed you with all you have,
 so now go and be a blessing,
 Give to others as God has given to you
 Love others as God has loved you
 Serve others as God has served you
 And do all this knowing that, as you do, God will be blessing you.*
Amen.

SONG

MAY YOU RUN AND NOT BE WEARY

DISMISSAL

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.*

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTORS

Justin Ask
Dane Skilbred

MUSICIANS

Nova/Shalom Choirs

VIDEO

Courtney Skilbred

SLIDES

Nicholas Runke

USHERS

Confirmation Students

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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, Kerry Selseth, Ted Olson,
Karen Wiehr

CONTINUED PRAYERS

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

BEREAVED

Family and friends of Raymond Smith following his death on November 8.

Family and friends of Helen Langager following her death on November 10.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office if you would like to sponsor the bulletin (\$75), broadcast (\$95), bus (\$60), or coffee (\$40) or all 4 for \$250.

Sponsors are needed for these upcoming weeks: 12/24, 12/31, 1/14

THANK YOU

This week's bulletin and broadcast are sponsored **in memory of Rick James** by his wife, Reta.

VINJE

HAPPENINGS

Curious as to what happens around here other than worship? Here's just a few things that have been going on lately...

This past Thursday, the delicious smell of communion bread filled the building. (So much better than the smell of lutefisk that it replaced!)

On Monday, the Advent lanterns were hauled up for the basement...yep, it's that time of year again! Thanks in advance to our Vinje youth for hauling the rest of the décor up and to our dedicated team of decorators who will get to work next week. (Want to help? Email Melissa.)

Staff worked to update some online giving links on Monday... Did you know that you can easily make your stewardship pledge or donations to the Light of Christmas Fund or to a variety of other funds right on our website?! Check it out at www.vinjechurch.com



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

WED, NOV 22 | CHURCH OF ST MARY
6 PM WORSHIP | 7 PM PIE

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve worship which will be hosted by St. Mary's. And of course, you'll want to stay for pie and fellowship following the service!



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@vinjchurch.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.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

We would like to have all stewardship 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 each and every one of you.



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:30 PM BLUE STAR MOTHERS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:00 PM FUNERAL SERVICE:
HELEN LANGAGER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:00 PM FAITH & FINANCE MTG
6:00 PM JUBELLATION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

**NO ACTIVITIES, MEAL
OR WORSHIP AT VINJE**

6:00 PM THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP @ ST MARY'S
7:00 PM PIE FELLOWSHIP

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



CIRCLE OF WELCOME DONATIONS NEEDED

Our Vinje team is preparing for the arrival of the family we are supporting through LSS's Circle of Welcome program, and we need your help in gathering supplies. Please find the link on Vinje's website of needed items. Donations are requested by November 26.



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