



VINJE

DECEMBER 31, 2023

9:30 AM

gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Gracious God,

in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in the darkness.

Forgive us for the ways we have chosen darkness over light, and for the ways we have hurt one another and you. Give us a fresh start. Help us to see, with new eyes, the light of your grace that is born into the world today.

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. In Christ Jesus, God is with you, you are forgiven, you are loved.

Amen.

HYMN

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

ELW #275

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

GALATIANS 4:4-7

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

LUKE 2:22-38

HYMN

LBW #279

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

APOSTLES' CREED**PRAYERS**

"I BELIEVE IN
CHRISTIANITY AS I BELIEVE
THAT THE SUN HAS RISEN:
NOT ONLY BECAUSE I SEE IT,
BUT BECAUSE BY IT I SEE
EVERYTHING ELSE."

- C.S. LEWIS

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

OFFERING**SPECIAL MUSIC****OFFERING PRAYER****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****SPECIAL MUSIC**

L'AME EVAPOREE

HYMN

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR ELW #282

TABLE BLESSING**BENEDICTION***May Christ, who by his birth**has filled our world with grace and truth,**give you peace this Christmas and always.**And may the God who is with us bless you now and forever.***Amen.****HYMN**

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

ELW #270

DISMISSAL*Go in peace. Christ is with you.***Thanks be to God!**

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTOR	Dane Skilbred	PIANIST	Carol Parker
USHERS	Mark Bredeson	INSTRUMENTALIST	Meghan Weiss
LECTOR	Sharon Nelson	SLIDES	Paul & Sue Bredeson
COMMUNION		CAMERA	Justin Bos

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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

Marvin Turnipseed, Karen Wiehr, Sonja Westre, Lane Leedahl, Tracey Glein, Bea Heike

CONTINUED PRAYERS

Merle Berkeland, Shirley Brandt, Ted Olson, Trevor Hansen, Randy Patton

BEREAVED

Family and friends of Mona Welker following her death on December 26.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsors are needed for bulletin, broadcast, bus and coffee for 2024! Please call or email the church office to reserve your dates. Thanks!

THANK YOU

This morning's bulletin is sponsored by Jim and Marilyn Tiede with **congratulations to Reverend Andrés Albertsen, PhD for being awarded his doctorate degree from Luther Seminary.**

This morning's broadcast is sponsored by Sonja Westre **in loving memory of Earl L. Westre.**



URGENT: USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED!

We are in need of ushers and communion servers for 2024 Sunday. If you attend Sunday morning worship, please consider pitching in with one of these important (but not difficult!) tasks. Please email melissah@vinjchurch.com or call the church office. Thanks!



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access as Vinje Guest

WEDNESDAY TREATS NEEDED!

We are in need of treats (any kind!) to serve with Wednesday suppers! If you are able to bake or buy any sweet treats to share on Wednesdays, they can be dropped off in the office at your convenience. Thanks so much!



MISSION TRIPS!

Info about the youth mission trips to St Louis and

Nebraska can be found on the website! Parents, please talk with your kids about this fun opportunity! Contact Pastor Justin with questions.



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Your Circle of Welcome team is happy to announce that our refugee family has arrived and moved into their new home last week. As we have been working with them and assessing their needs, we have come up with a new list of items they'll need as they get settled in. Head to our website to check out this list and let us know if there is an item (or more) that you can help with. Thanks for your generosity in continuing to help this family get on their feet!

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, JANUARY 1
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2
10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
2:00 PM NAOMI/SARAH CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3
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


SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
9:30 AM WORSHIP

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

ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 4 & 7 | AFTER WORSHIP

The 2024 annual meeting of Vinje Lutheran Church will begin on Sunday, February 4th after worship and will conclude on Wednesday, February 7th after worship. All information will be presented on both dates. All confirmed members of the congregation will have voice and vote. We will vote on new council members and a 2024 budget proposal. Hope to see you all at one of these two meeting times!

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES ability AGE  ethnicity RACE **gender identity**

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

SCAN HERE TO GIVE ONLINE! →



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