



VINJE

AUGUST 24, 2025

9:30 AM

gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORTHGIVENESS

God of justice and mercy, we come to you not as perfect people, but as people who are trying: trying to love our neighbors, trying to follow your call, trying to make sense of a world that feels broken.

We confess that we have stayed quiet when we should have spoken up. We've chosen comfort over courage. We've ignored the needs of others because we were too busy, too afraid, or too unsure of what to do.

Forgive us, God. Shape us into people who not only believe in your justice, but live it out in our daily lives.

Hear this good news: God is not done with you. God is full of mercy, slow to anger, and overflowing with love. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free—free to speak, free to act, free to love boldly in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SONG

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

PRAYER

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

JOHN 10:10-16

*Word of God, Word of Life.***Thanks be to God.****MESSAGE**

A SHEPHERD'S JUSTICE

EZEKIEL 34:11-24

SONG HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
(GOD WITH US)**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

"I AM THE
GOOD SHEPHERD.
THE GOOD SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE
FOR THE SHEEP."

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

SONG

SAME GOD

OFFERING PRAYER**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****LORD'S PRAYER****COMMUNION****SONGS**THE POTTER'S HAND
WE FALL DOWN**BENEDICTION**

*Go now with courage, knowing that the God who calls you to justice
walks with you in love. So speak truth. Do good. Love boldly. And know
that as you walk this walk of faith, Christ goes with you every step of the
way.*

Amen.**SONG**

LORD REIGN IN ME

DISMISSAL*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.***Thanks be to God.**

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PREACHING	Lynn Stier
PRESIDING	Pastor Andrés Albertsen
LECTOR	Marilynn Tiede
USHERS	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis

COMMUNION	
SERVERS	Craig & Lori Schellberg
MUSICIANS	Worth Saving
SLIDES	Paul & Sue Bredeson
CAMERAS	Paul Nordin

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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

Sonja Westre, Sid Smith, Mary Mielke, Dave Parker (Carol Parker's brother-in-law), Kerry Selseth, Serenity Erbst, Merle Berkeland

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office or email tanyas@vinjchurch.com if you would like to sponsor the bulletin (\$75), broadcast (\$95), bus (\$60), or coffee (\$40) or all (\$250). **Sponsors are needed for: 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28**



**JOIN US FOR
BEER & HYMNS
INTUITION BREWING
WED, AUG 27 | 5-6 PM**

We hope you'll join us for a fun evening of beer (or whatever beverage you'd like!) and hymns at Intuition Brewing. We'll enjoy some fellowship and a casual sing-a-long featuring our favorite hymns.

God's work. Our hands.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 10:30 AM

Mark your calendars for our annual God's Work, Our Hands service project day! We'll gather after worship for some projects that will benefit our community and church family!

FALL YOUTH ACTIVITIES— REGISTER YOUR KIDS TODAY!

We are looking forward to being back to Wednesday worship in the sanctuary, Wednesday suppers, and of course, all the kids! Parent, please head to Vinje's website to find the registration link. Thanks! Wednesday activities begin on September 10 and Sunday Kids' Time begins on September 21!

WEDNESDAY HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of Wednesday Live! group leaders! Parents of Wednesday Live! Kids, can you find a free afternoon or two to help? Retirees, are you looking for a way to connect with Vinje youth? This is a perfect opportunity! Middle or High Schoolers here's a great way to build up that volunteer section of your college applications! A week, a month, every Wednesday...we'll take any level of commitment you've got! This program will not work without volunteers... please call or email us if you can help!

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE (WITHOUT GETTING LOST)

The Bible can feel overwhelming, confusing, or even contradictory at times—but it's also the living story of God's love and faithfulness. This four-week series explores how we can read scripture with clarity, purpose, and grace. Each Sunday, we'll focus on a core principle that helps us hear God's voice more clearly—from recognizing Christ at the center to understanding the difference between law and gospel and why reading together matters. Whether you're a lifelong Bible reader or just beginning, this series will open new paths for understanding and transformation. Bring your Bible and join us!



NEW ADULT SMALL GROUP: WEDNESDAY PAUSE

WED, SEPT 10, 17 & 24 | 6:45 PM

Join us as for this new, casual adult small group! We'll meet right after worship for 45–60 minutes to keep the conversation going on the night's theme, scripture, and message. This runs while Middle School Confirmation and High School Youth Group meet—so it's easy to plug in. No prep. Real talk. Time to connect and belong. Bring a friend and stay for the convo.

RUTH CIRCLE: ALL ARE WELCOME!

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Ruth Circle Bible Study will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 2nd at 2pm. All are welcome to join!

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

5:00 PM LOVING ARMS BOARD
MEETING

7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

2:00 PM HANS NIELSEN
SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:30 AM WORSHIP

WOMEN'S



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MONDAYS,
SEPT 22-NOV 17
12-1 PM

The Vinje
Women's Bible
Study will begin

meeting again in September and will be following: *Heart Renewal: Finding Spiritual Refreshment*. Several areas of our lives that need renewing regularly - rest, goals and dreams, creativity, hope, worship - this guide invites us to come to God and Scripture for renewed focus and refreshment for the soul. All are welcome to join! **Please contact the church office to order your study guide (\$15) by August 27th.**



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