



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 | CHRISTMAS EVE | 3:00 PM

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

### GATHERING HYMN

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

(VS 1-DUET, VS 2-WEDNESDAY LIVE! KIDS, VS 3 & 4-CONGREGATION)

HYMNAL #269

### WEDNESDAY LIVE! ANTHEM

### CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

*Tonight, the Light of the World is born.*

**And the darkness cannot overcome it.**

*Tonight we remember a child born in a forgotten corner of the world—*

**The child whose birth changes everything.**

*Love has come close—God with us.*

**We open our hearts to wonder.**

*Come, let us adore him.*

**Christ the Lord, our joy and our hope.**

### SONG

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

## 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!

## SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

### PREACHING

Pastor Justin Ask

### PRESIDING

Pastor Dane Skilbred

### MUSICIANS

Duet—Isaac Skilbred,  
Olivia Pattison  
Wednesday Live! Kids  
Worth Saving

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Joe, Rylee, Brody &  
Evelynn Kuehn  
James, Kimberly, Eden &  
Elias Kleven  
Maden & Malea Hansen

### CAMERA

Colin Bos

### SLIDES

Paul & Sue Bredeson

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 2:1-19

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

### MESSAGE

### SONG

O COME O COME EMMANUEL

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**  
**Amen.**

### PRAYERS

## MEAL

### OFFERING

#### ANTHEM

BECAUSE OF BETHLEHEM

#### OFFERING RESPONSE

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN (VS 1)

#### OFFERING PRAYER

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### 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.

#### COMMUNION

##### SONG

KING OF KINGS

##### SONG

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

##### SONG

JOY TO THE WORLD

*As candles are lit, please keep the **LIT** candle in an **UPRIGHT** position and tip **UNLIT** candles. Please do not walk with a lit candle.*

#### LESSON

JOHN 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

##### SONG

SILENT NIGHT

## SENDING

#### BENEDICTION

May the God who came into the world in a humble stable come close to you: with peace that calms your heart, joy that surprises you, and love that holds you fast. May the Christ child light your path and shine through you for the sake of the world. Go in hope, go in wonder, go in joy—for God is with you, tonight and always.

Amen.

*Please extinguish your candles. As you depart, return candles in bins.*

#### DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. Christ is with you!*

**Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION

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

*White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available (please request from the server).*

## MAY GOD BE WITH YOU THIS CHRISTMAS AND ALWAYS

We know that Christmas is a very special time of year and can provide some of the most treasured memories of our lives. We gather together so we can share in the good news of Emmanuel, the God who is with us. We also acknowledge that this holy season has the potential to be overwhelming or lonely. Please know, that wherever you find yourself today, God is indeed with you and that this is a community of faith where you are always welcome. We are blessed by your presence and grateful for all you do in the world to share God's love. We know that many live with a deep need for hope in their lives and we all have the opportunity to make the Christmas promise a reality for others. Thank you for sharing God's love with others as you go about your day today and every day. It is through your lives that God continues to be Emmanuel and Jesus continues to be born into our world each day.

Video of portions of this service (sermon, children's sermon, choir anthems, announcements and liturgy) will be live streamed and available for future viewing.

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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

Mary Mielke, Kerry Selseth, Serenity Erbst, Amanda Newberg, Lori Boike, Barb Stier-Aal

## JANUARY SERMON SERIES: THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

"This Is My Story. This Is My Song" is a worship series dedicated to rediscovering the heart of some of our most beloved hymns. Each week we will look carefully at a single hymn—its origin, its text, the Scripture that shaped it, and the faith that inspired it. We'll listen for the spiritual heartbeat behind the lyrics and consider how these words continue to speak God's truth into our lives today.

Whether you've known these hymns since childhood or are encountering them for the first time, this series is an invitation to let the music shape you more deeply. As we sing together, may we not simply repeat familiar lines, but discover again what they profess about the love of God.



## LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

This year's Light of Christmas effort once again revealed the extraordinary generosity of Vinje. Thanks to your care and compassion, gifts were provided for 55 adults and 94 children in our community. These individuals received clothing, toys, food, winter gear, and gift cards that helped brighten their Christmas and remind them that they are not alone. Thank you for embodying the light and love of Christ in such real and impactful ways.



WOMEN'S



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**MONDAYS | JAN 26-APR 13 | 12 PM**

Building a bridge between first-century Christianity and our lives today, James: Faith in Action shows how Christianity can work in a postmodern world and calls you to an active allegiance to Jesus Christ and a commitment to living out your faith through bold action.

All are invited to join us for this bible study! **Contact the church office to order your study guide no later than January 8.** Upon arrival, study guides are picked up at the church office and payment made to Vinje Church. Estimated cost is \$7.00.

## THIS WEEK AT VINJE

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

3:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

OFFICE CLOSED—MERRY CHRISTMAS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28**

9:30 AM WORSHIP

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT 12PM

NO WEDNESDAY LIVE!, MEAL,

WORSHIP OR CONFIRMATION

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Please call the church office or email [tanyas@vinjchurch.com](mailto: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:**

1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

## THANK YOU

Today's 3pm bulletin is sponsored by Pastor Mary Hovland and family in loving memory of Leon Hovland, Magel and Jim Boyd, Les and Gunhild Hovland, Lee Boyd and Anne Bartz.

Today's 5 pm bulletin is sponsored by Phyllis Coleman.

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

ability AGE

ethnicity RACE

gender identity

LANGUAGE sexual orientation

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.

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GIVE ONLINE!

