



VINJE

JANUARY 4, 2026

9:30 AM

gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Today we gather in worship as a people whose lives are part of a great story, and whose voices join a song of grace that began long before us. Let us trust the author of every story and the composer of every song as we confess our sin,

we confess that we lose sight of your presence, doubt your goodness, and forget that our lives are meant to echo your grace. We resist your shaping work within us and the harmony you call us to share with others. Forgive us, renew us, and tune our hearts again to your love.

Hear the promise of life: God is still shaping your story, still singing grace over your life, still calling you into a future held in love. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven, your story is redeemed, and your life is freed to sing again.

Amen.

HYMN

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

HYMN #781

PRAYER

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

2 CORINTHIANS 4:8-18

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

MATTHEW 14:22-33

HYMN

HYMN #785

WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

"WHATEVER
MY LOT, THOU
HAST TAUGHT ME TO SAY,
'IT IS WELL, IT IS WELL,
WITH MY SOUL."
- HORATIO SPAFFORD

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

HYMN

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

HYMN #798

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

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

HYMN #471

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

HYMN #484

BENEDICTION

May God, who is writing your story and giving you a song, fill your days with peace in every storm, friendship for every burden, and courage for every step ahead. May Christ be your foundation, the Spirit your strength, and love your lasting melody. Go in peace, and let your life sing.

Amen.**HYMN**

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE HYMN #774

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

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTOR	Justin Ask	ORGANIST	Tim Burns
USHERS	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis	SLIDES	Peggy Karsten
LECTOR	Carol Schmeising	CAMERAS	Anthony Buzzeo
		COMMUNION	Rick & Carol Maursetter

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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, Char Kingstrom, Marla Kubesh

BEREAVED

Mark and Lynn Stier and family following the death of Mark's mother, Barb Stier-Aal on December 30.

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: 1/11, 1/18, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22

ANNUAL MEETING FEB 1 & 4

Join us for our annual meeting! We will hear a review of 2025 and vote on new council members and a 2026 budget. All information will be presented on both dates.

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 what they profess about the love of God.

ability AGE  **ethnicity** RACE

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*

LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

gender identity

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.



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 ways.



THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

- 8:45 AM EARLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 9:25 AM KIDS TIME
- 9:30 AM WORSHIP

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

- 10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- 2:00 PM RUTH CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
- 4:45 PM PRE-K WEDNESDAY LIVE!
- 5:00 PM SUPPER—PIZZA
- 5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM CHOIR
- 6:00 PM WORSHIP
- 6:45 PM CONFIRMATION
- 6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9:25 AM KIDS TIME
- 9:30 AM WORSHIP

PLEDGE UPDATE
REMINDER

Just a reminder that if you give your offering electronically, **now's the time to make changes to reflect your intended pledge for 2026.** We do not have the authority to change your giving amount on your behalf, so we need your help! To do so, simply go to www.vinjchurch.com, click on the "Give" link, and log in to your personal giving page in the upper right hand corner of the page. If you do not have an account, simply call the church office at 320.235.1441 and we'll help you get set up. Thanks!



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