



VINJE

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

9:30 AM

gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who tells stories of mercy, who meets us on the road, who runs out to give us grace. Amen.

God of all wisdom, Jesus told stories to help us see the world differently, yet we confess that we often miss the point.

We confess that we keep our distance when love seems costly, that we trust in our own goodness rather than your grace, and that we choose comfort over compassion.

We confess that we want simple answers when you invite us into deeper trust. We want clear rules when you offer us relationship.

Forgive us, God. Open our ears to hear your stories differently. Open our hearts to receive your mercy. Open our lives to reflect your love.

Jesus does not tell stories to shame us, but to find us. In Christ, God meets us on the road, welcomes us home, plants seeds of hope, and invites us to the feast. By the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven, your story is renewed, and you are set free to live in God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN

Gather Us In

HYMN #532

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

ISAIAH 25:6-9

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

THE GREAT FEAST

LUKE 14:15-24

HYMN COME, THOU FOUNT
OF EVERY BLESSING HYMN #807**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****APOSTLES' CREED****PRAYERS**

Storytime with Jesus.

"Each day holds a surprise. But only if we expect it can we see, hear, or feel it when it comes to us. Let's not be afraid to receive each day's surprise, whether it comes to us as sorrow or as joy. It will open a new place in our hearts, a place where we can welcome new friends and celebrate more fully our shared humanity."

-Henri Nouwen

HYMN

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY HYMN #858

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

HYMNS	LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET	HYMN #532
	ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY	HYMN #461

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

BLESSING*Go in peace, carrying the stories of Jesus in your heart.**May the God who meets you on the road guide your steps.**May the Christ who welcomes you home fill you with grace.**May the Spirit who plants seeds of hope grow love in your life.**And may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.***HYMN** GO, MY CHILDREN WITH MY BLESSING HYMN #543**DISMISSAL***Go in peace, serve the Lord.***Thanks be to God.**

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTOR	Andrés Albertsen	MUSICIAN	Tim Burns
USHERS	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis	SLIDES	David Peterson
LECTOR	Joni Glaesman	COMMUNION	Jennifer Garberding Madison Garberding
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

Mary Mielke, Serenity Erbst,
Amanda Newberg, Fred Hund, Lorna Bahl, Gabe Simon

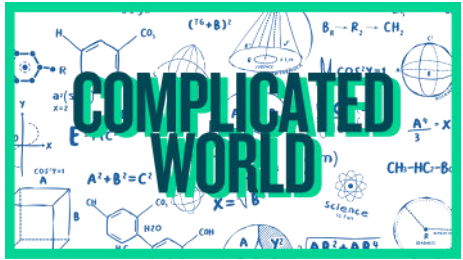
BEREAVED

Deb Kleven and family following the death of Dan Kleven on February 6.

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: 2/22, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

LENTEN SUNDAYS: FAITHFUL ACTIONS

Lent can often feel like a drag, a somber season where we feel bad about ourselves. But what if Lent is meant to help us pause and notice the ways God shows up in the ordinary moments of our lives? This Lent, we'll reflect on learning to live with enough, slowing down to listen for God, and finding courage to own our mistakes. We'll look to open our hearts and make space for God's love to work in us.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS: FAITHFUL QUESTIONS

Lent is a season for honest questions. In a world that feels full, divided, and broken, faith can seem outdated, impractical, or even irrelevant. This series creates space to name the doubts many people carry quietly—and to explore how faith, prayer, and the church still speak hope, meaning, and healing into real life.

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



FIRST COMMUNION

SAT, MARCH 14
9 AM-1:30 PM

First Communion

Instruction is a retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9am-1:30pm. This instruction is geared toward elementary students in Grades 2nd-5th, but if you feel that your child is ready, we welcome students who are Kindergarten and up (and older students, too!). Find more details and the registration link on our website.



COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED

We are looking for communion servers for February and March. If you are willing to join the rotation of communion servers, we'd greatly appreciate it! There are no strict requirements...you can simply just sign up to help on the week(s) that it works for you! Please email Melissa at melissah@vinjchurch.com.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

MARCH 5, 6 & 7 | WHS

This year's Willmar Middle School musical is "Alice in Wonderland." This show, once again, includes some Vinje kids...you won't want to miss it! Tickets can be purchased at www.onthestage.tickets/show/willmar-public-school.

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:45 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:25 AM KIDS TIME
9:30 AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

PRESIDENTS DAY—OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 PM WOMEN, WINE & WORD

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM FUNERAL—TERRY HEIL AT BETHESDAY CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
4:30 PM PRE-K WEDNESDAY LIVE!
5:00 PM SUPPER—TACO IN A BAG
5:25 PM NOVA/SHALOM CHOIR
6:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
6:45 PM LENTEN MENTORS
6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

11:00 AM FUNERAL—CARLYN NORDBY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:45 AM VINJE CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:25 AM KIDS TIME
9:30 AM WORSHIP



LOVING ARMS IS LOOKING

FOR A PRESCHOOL TEACHER

Loving Arms is looking for a full time preschool teacher! if you know anyone that might be interested in this position, please have them reach out to Melissa at melissah@vinjchurch.com!



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