



VINJE

FEBRUARY 8, 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

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

HYMN #689

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 5:16-21
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

PRODIGAL SON
 LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

HYMN

HYMN #779

AMAZING GRACE

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

"THE GRACE OF GOD MEANS
 SOMETHING LIKE: HERE IS
 YOUR LIFE. YOU MIGHT NEVER
 HAVE BEEN, BUT
 YOU ARE BECAUSE THE PARTY
 WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN
 COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU.
 - FREDERICK BUECHNER

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

ANTHEM WALK IN THE LIGHT

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

NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION

HYMN #462

BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE

HYMN #469

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

SENT FOR BY GOD'S BLESSING

HYMN #547

DISMISSAL

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

SERVANT LEADERS TODAY

PASTOR	Dane Skilbred	MUSICIANS	Tim Burns Vinje Choir
USHERS	Mark Bredeson Kirk Davis	SLIDES	Suzanne Napgezok
LECTOR	Sharon Nelson	COMMUNION	Lynn Peterson Jeff Holtkamp
CAMERAS	Anthony Buzzeo		

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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.

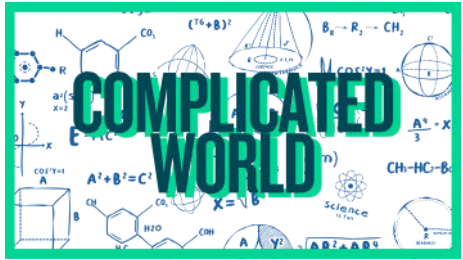
RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

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

BEREAVED

Family and friends of Terry Heil
following his death on January 30.

Ron Nordby and family following the
death of his wife, Carlyn on
February 4.



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.

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: 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29



FIRST COMMUNION
SATURDAY, MARCH 14
9 AM-1:30 PM

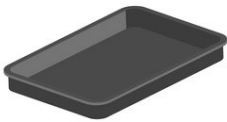
First Communion

Instruction is a retreat at Green Lake Bible Camp on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9am-1:30pm. We trust that you, as a parent, know when your child is ready to receive Holy Communion. 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.



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!



PICK UP YOUR PANS

We've got a plethora of pans in the kitchen that have been left from various funeral desserts, etc. Please take a moment after worship to look at the pans on the counter and claim any that are yours. Thanks!

THIS WEEK AT VINJE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 12:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- 6:15 PM JUBELLATION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 10:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 8:30 AM ELIZABETH CIRCLE
- 3:30 PM WEDNESDAY LIVE!
- 4:30 PM PRE-K WEDNESDAY LIVE!
- 5:00 PM SUPPER—
CHILI & CORNBREAD
- 5:25 PM NOVA/SALOM CHOIR
- 6:00 PM WORSHIP
- 6:45 PM WEDNESDAY PAUSE
- 6:45 PM CONFIRMATION
- 6:45 PM HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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



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 contact Melissa Hansen (melissah@vinjchurch.com) and let her know if you're able to help.



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