Welcome: What a joy it is that you have joined us today as we worship our Advent King, Jesus Christ. His perfect life, death and resurrection have won for us forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending our worship service today, especially to you who are guests. Please sign the guest book at the entrance and join us again soon! If there is any way we can serve you, please speak to the Pastor.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TODAY’S HYMNS: ...1....2....9 (32 if needed)....6....

Organist: Trinity - David Bilitz; St. John’s – Sarah Berg

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 18 (p. 69)

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:37-44

SERMON

Matthew 24:37-44

THE END IS NEAR!

1. The Sign Is Normalcy
2. The Judgment Is Final
3. The Wise Stay Ready

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Trinity: 58 St. John’s: 66
Thanksgiving: 32 Thanksgiving: 65

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD

Trinity: $1,300.50 St. John’s: $962.00
Thanksgiving: $597.00 Thanksgiving: $738.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday: 8:30 AM – Worship with Holy Communion – Trinity
9:00 AM – Sunday School Classes – St. John’s
9:30 AM – Sunday School Classes – Trinity
9:30 AM – Decorate and Potluck - Trinity
10:00 AM – Worship with Holy Communion - St John’s
5:00 PM – Christmas by Candlelight – St. Paul’s, Mankato

Thursday & Friday – 5:00 PM – BLC Christmas Concert, Mankato

Saturday – 3:00 PM – BLC Christmas Concert, Mankato
7:30 PM – MLC Christmas Concert – New Ulm

Next Sunday: 8:30 AM – Worship Service – Trinity
9:00 AM – Sunday School Classes – St. John’s
9:30 AM – Sunday School Classes - Trinity
10:00 AM – Worship Service - St. John’s
11:00 AM – Decorate and Potluck – St. John’s
3:00 PM – BLC Christmas Concert. Mankato
4:00 PM – MLC Christmas Concert, New Ulm

Announcements:

Holy Communion will be offered in our services today. We practice Close Communion. Visitors from our sister congregations in the WELS and ELS are welcome to commune with us. If you are a guest and wish to commune, please speak to the Pastor before the service.

Trinity members: we will decorate our church for Christmas after today’s service. We will also have a potluck meal.

There will be a special door offering at Trinity today and next Sunday to help defray the cost of the Christmas bags.

If you ordered Christmas wreaths from MVL, you can pick them up in the entryway.

Pastor Bilitz will be using the last of his vacation days this week. If you need pastoral assistance, please contact Pastor Matt Grunewald of St. Clair: 507-993-8994.

Our morning Bible Studies, Walk Through the Bible, will not meet this week. They will resume on December 15th and 17th.

December calendars, new Forward in Christ magazines and new Meditations are available in the entryway.
St. John’s members: we will decorate our church for Christmas after next Sunday’s service. A potluck meal will follow; please bring a dish to share.

Advent by Candlelight: Invite your family and friends to a Christ-centered preparation for women today. 5 pm - Registration, 5:30 - prayer & dessert, 6 pm - program at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 304 Monroe Ave., N. Mankato. There is no charge. To sign up: email secretary@stpaulsnorthmankato.com or call 507-345-7049. Questions: call Darlene Archard: 507-278-497

Trinity’s annual Christmas Carol Sing Along will be on Sunday, December 15th at 3:30 pm. We will sing religious and secular carols. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. A freewill offering, designated for Cody and Ingrid Spiess, will be accepted. We hope you will join us!

Bethany Lutheran College presents their annual Christmas concerts in Trinity Chapel on Dec. 5 and 6 at 5 pm, and Dec. 7 and 8 at 3 pm. They include the Concert Band, Chamber Orchestra, Mary Martha Singers, Handbell Choir, and Concert Choir. Free tickets are available online or 507-344-7365. A free-will offering will be received. Advance reservations required. The Sunday concert will be live-streamed at Bethany’s Chapelcast link at 2:50 pm.

Martin Luther College invites you to their annual Christmas Concert, "Joy Has Dawned," on Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 8, at 4:00 pm in the MLC Chapel of the Christ. The combined choirs of Martin Luther College, the Wind Symphony, and the Hosanna Ringers invite you to this musical celebration of the birth of Christ. Refreshments will be served in the Chapel Fellowship Room after each concert. All are welcome as we open the Advent season with this joyous campus tradition!

Prayer List: Pastor Del Begalka (home from the hospital)