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: ...62....14....23 (38 if needed)...34 v 3...

Organists: Trinity – David Biltz & St. John’s – Cindy Horneber

FIRST LESSON.............................................Zephaniah 3:14-17

PSALM OF THE DAY.................................Psalm 130 (p. 114)

SECOND LESSON.........................................Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL LESSON..........................................Luke 3:7-18

SERMON....................................................Zephaniah 3:14-17

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!
1. Sing…because the Lord has taken away your punishment
2. Shout…because the Lord has turned back your enemy
3. Be glad…because the Lord is with you

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity: 52
St. John’s: 62

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $2,109.00
St. John’s: $3,846.73

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE
Sunday: 8:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion – Trinity
9:00 AM – Sunday School Classes – St. John’s
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10:00 AM – Worship with Holy Communion - St John’s
11:00 AM – Bible Study – St. John’s

Monday: 7:00 PM – Joint Council Meeting at Trinity

Tuesday: 9:00 AM – Bible Study – Trinity
12:00 PM – Dorcas Society Christmas Potluck - Trinity

Wednesday: 9:30 AM – Bible Study at Janesville Nursing Home
6:30 PM – Catechism Class at St. John’s
7:30 PM – Choir Practice – St. John’s

Thursday: 7:00 PM – MVLHS 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

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. Holy Communion will also be offered next week.

Trinity’s choir will have a brief practice after our service today.

Our morning Bible Study, A Walk Through the Bible, will be held today at St. John’s (11 am) and on Tuesday at Trinity (9 am). This week we will study Exodus 7-10: The Plagues. We hope you will join us.

Trinity and St. John’s will have a joint church council meeting tomorrow night at Trinity at 7 pm. Councils of both churches are encouraged to attend and discuss items regarding our dual parish.

Trinity’s Dorcas Society will have a Christmas potluck and party at Noon this Tuesday. All ladies are cordially invited to their meal; please bring a dish to share. Please also bring a gift if you would to participate in a gift exchange. We will also have a devotion, sing carols, and have a business meeting.

St. John’s choir will practice at 7:30 pm this Wednesday.
We thank David Biltz, Joel Berg and Pastor Biltz for their music at Trinity’s Christmas Sing-a-Long last Sunday. We also thank all those who provided and served refreshments and those who joined us in singing Christmas songs.

You are invited to the annual Christmas concert in the MVL gymnasium at 7 pm this Thursday. The Freshmen Choir, A Capella Choir, Chargaliers, and Symphonic Band will perform pieces that profess our Savior’s birth. Pre-concert music will be provided by the band beginning at 6:45 pm.

Please note our Up-coming Services:
Christmas Eve – 5:30 pm at Trinity  
7:30 pm at St. John’s  
Joint Christmas Day – 10:00 am at St. John’s  
Joint New Year’s Eve – 7:00 pm at Trinity

If the weather is bad, and you’re not sure if there will be church services, check KEYC-TV, our Facebook page, our website, or any of the Radio-Mankato stations.

If you would like a free movie, “To the Ends of the Earth,” copies are in the entryway. Be encouraged to witness about Christ just as Paul did when you watch and share this evangelism tool. You can also take extra copies to give to others.

New Meditations (including large print) are available in the entryways. We thank Tom Marzinske for forwarding our old Meditations to the Prison Ministry. You can just drop yours off in the entryway.

The MN Dept. of Health has found coliform bacteria in St. John’s water. The immunocompromised, pregnant women, elderly, and children may be at increased risk from drinking it. We hope the water will be tested and cleared this week. There are sheets in the entryway and bathrooms with info.

If you are looking for part time employment, Jesus Loves Me Learning Center, North Mankato, has openings for teacher aides from about 2:30-4:30 pm in our Christian center. Competitive wages, hours depending upon availability – please email at lingjlm@hickorytech.net or call 507-345-7707 or 507 508 2041.