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: ...11....16....20 (47 if needed)....14 v 4...

Organists: Trinity – David Bilitz  &  St. John’s – LeAnn Marzinske

FIRST LESSON...............................Malachi 3:1-4

PSALM OF THE DAY..............................Psalm 24 (p. 73)

SECOND LESSON..............................Philippians 1:3-11


SERMON...........................................Malachi 3:1-4

THE LORD THE LAUNDERER COMES
1. To clean
2. To purify

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity: 11  St. John’s: no service

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $350.00  St. John’s: no service

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
3:00 PM - Christmas Sing-Along at Trinity
3:00 PM - Bethany Christmas Concert, Mankato

Tuesday: 9:00 AM – Bible Study – Trinity

Wednesday: 6:30 PM – Catechism Class at St. John’s

Thursday: 12:00 PM – Ladies’ Aid Christmas Potluck – St. John’s
6:00 PM – Fellowship Club Christmas Potluck at Trinity

Next 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
10:00 AM – Worship with Holy Communion - St John’s
11:00 AM – Bible Study – 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.

There will be a door offering at Trinity today for the Christmas bags.

Our morning Bible Study, A Walk Through the Bible, will resume today at St. John’s (11 am) and on Tuesday at Trinity (9 am). This week we will study Exodus 4-5: Moses and Pharaoh. We hope you will join us.

Trinity’s annual Christmas Carol Sing Along will be this afternoon at 3 pm. We will sing religious and secular carols. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. A freewill offering will be accepted. Last year’s offering was used by the Sunday School to help a mission church in North Carolina. We hope you will join us!

St. John’s Ladies’ Aid will have a Christmas potluck and party at Noon this Thursday. All ladies are cordially invited to their meal; please bring a dish to share. We will also have a devotion, sing carols, and have a business meeting. Group I will be in charge.
Our Joint Fellowship Club will have a Christmas potluck/party at 6 pm this Thursday. Please bring a dish to share as well as a “white elephant” gift – anything from your home that is used. We will have a devotion, sing carols, and play a game. Everyone is welcome to join us for good food, fun and fellowship!

Marcia Dimmel is back at Primrose in Mankato.

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.

December calendars, *Forward in Christ* magazines and the 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.

Please note that Trinity’s Dorcas Society will have their Christmas potluck/party at Noon on Tuesday, December 18th.

You are invited to the annual Christmas concert in the MVL gymnasium at 7 pm on Thursday, December 20th. 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.