FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.................December 18, 2016

Welcome: We are so glad 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.

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TODAY’S HYMNS: ...12....23....21 (19 if needed)...32 v 3...

Organists: Trinity- David Bilitz; St. John's – LeAnn Marzinske

FIRST LESSON..........................Isaiah 7:10-14

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

SECOND LESSON..........................Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL LESSON..........................Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON.................................Matthew 1:18-25

Why Is This Baby Immanuel?
1. He is our God in the flesh, born of the virgin
2. He is our Jesus, come to save us

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity: 43  St. John’s: 36

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $1,547.25  St. John's: $470.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday:  8:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion – Trinity  
9:00 AM – Sunday School – 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 – Adult Information Class - St. John’s  
Tuesday:  9:00 AM – Bible Study - Trinity  
Wednesday:  9:30 AM – Bible Study – Janesville Nursing Home  
6:15 PM – Catechism Class – St. John’s

Friday:  10:15 AM – Janesville Nursing Home Service

Saturday:  9:00 AM – Christmas Practice – St. John’s  
5:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service – Trinity  
7:30 PM – Christmas Eve Service – St. John’s

Next Sunday:  8:30 AM – Christmas Day Service – Trinity  
10:00 AM – Christmas Day 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.

Our morning 19 Minute Bible Studies on Grand Themes – Key Words of the Bible will meet today at St. John’s (11 am) and on Tuesday at Trinity (9 am). We will study the word: Righteousness.

The Adult Information Class will meet on Monday at 7 pm at St. John’s.

St. John’s choir will not practice on Wednesday night. But we will meet at 9 am on Saturday to practice with the children.

MVLHS in New Ulm will have their Christmas Concert this Wednesday at 7 pm.

St. John’s Sunday School will have a Christmas practice on Saturday at 9 am.

Please note our special services this week:
Christmas Eve:  5:30 pm – Worship at Trinity  
7:30 pm – Worship at St. John’s
Christmas Day:  8:30 am – Worship at Trinity  
10:00 am – Worship at St John’s
Congratulations to Scott and Amber Ewert whom the Lord blessed with a baby born yesterday.

Your 2017 offering envelopes are available in the basement at St. John’s and in the entryway at Trinity.

Both churches will have New Year’s Day services at our regular service times. There will be no services on New Year’s Eve.

Thrivent is sponsoring “Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation” at the Minneapolis Institute of Art until January 15. Almost 500 years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation through artworks and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold, textiles, and works on paper—as well as Luther’s personal possessions and recent archaeological finds. To learn more: http://new.artsmia.org/luther/

**Prayer List:** John Kelling (home from the hospital)