SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT....................December 4, 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: ...15....16....20 (28 if needed)....17...

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

FIRST LESSON....................................Isaiah 11:1-10

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

SECOND LESSON..................................Romans 15:4-13

GOSPEL LESSON...................................Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON...............................................Isaiah 11:1-10

    CHERISH ISAIAH’S PICTURES OF CHRISTMAS
    1. A stump
    2. A gavel
    3. A teddy bear

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity: 49                   St. John’s: 61

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $490.00              St. John's: $1,345.00

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 – Janesville Nursing Home Service
            6:15 PM – Catechism Class – St. John’s

Thursday: 12:00 Noon – Ladies’ Aid Christmas Potluck/Meeting – St. John’s

Saturday:  11:30 AM – Christmas Caroling – St. John’s

Next Sunday:  8:30 AM - Worship Service – Trinity
              9:00 AM – Sunday School – St. John’s
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              10:00 AM - Worship Service - St. John’s
              3:30 PM – Christmas Sing-Along at Trinity

Announcements:
Hol 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: Resurrection.

Both Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato and Martin Luther College in New Ulm will present Christmas Concerts today at 4 pm.

We welcome into our church family at Trinity: Cody and Ingred Spiess and their two sons, Jari and Otto. May God bless their stay with us.

St. John’s members: your wreaths from MVLHS are here and may be picked up in the entryway. We apologize again for the delay.

The Adult Information Class will meet tomorrow night at 7 pm at St. John’s.

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will resume in January.
St. John’s Ladies’ Aid will have a potluck meal at 12 Noon this Thursday. All ladies are cordially invited; please bring a dish to share. We will also sing carols, play games, and have a business meeting. Group I will be in charge.

Trinity will be hosting a Christmas Carol Sing Along next Sunday at 3:30 pm. Request sheets are located at the back of each church for suggestions of traditional and non traditional carols you would like to sing. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

We thank all those who helped decorate our churches and provided/served food for the potlucks last Sunday.

St. John's will have a special voters’ meeting on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to decide on repairing and/or replacing our elevator/lift.

St. John’s choir plans to go caroling to our shut-ins next Saturday. Our first stop is in Pemberton at 11:30 to see John Lienke. We will then meet at St. John's to carpool and leave at noon for New Richland, Waseka, and Mankato. Everyone is welcome to join us; LeAnn Marzinske has schedules. Vernon and Marlys Roemhildt will provide pizzas at their home afterwards. Please bring cookies or other goodies to share.

December calendars, new Forward in Christ magazines and new Meditations (including large print) are available in the entryway. We thank Tom Marzinske for forwarding our old Meditations to the Prison Ministry; you can just drop yours off in the entryway.

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 (at Mayo-Mankato) and June Thompson (also at Mayo-Mankato)