Welcome: We are so glad that you have joined us today as we worship our Savior, 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: …94….83….82….80…

Organists: Trinity- David Bilitz; St. John’s – Vernon Roemhildt

FIRST LESSON......................................Isaiah 60;1-6

PSALM OF THE DAY...............................Psalm 72 (p. 93)

SECOND LESSON.................................Ephesians 3:2-12

GOSPEL LESSON.....................................Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON..............................................Matthew 2:1-12

WHAT IS THE STAR FOR US?
1. Know where to look for this star
2. Follow it joyfully
3. Worship him to whom it leads

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity: 43
St. John’s: 58

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $1,060.05
St. John’s: $1,970.00
12/31/16: $1,300.00

Announcements:
Nathan Scott Ewert, infant son of Scott and Amber, will be brought into the Lord’s kingdom through Holy Baptism this morning at Trinity. May God keep him in his baptismal grace throughout his life.

The children will all be invited up front for a children’s sermon today.

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 phrase: Sacrifice for Sin.

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

St. John’s Nominating Committee will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday. The Budget Committee will then meet at 7:00 pm.

St. John’s Ladies’ Aid will meet at 2 pm this Thursday. All ladies are invited to their devotion, topic, and business meeting. Gerda Hoffman will serve refreshments.

The 2017 Ladies’ Aid booklets are available in St. John’s entryway.

Holy Communion will be offered in our services next Sunday.
Members of Trinity and St. John's: next Sunday we will un-decorate our churches after the worship service. A potluck meal will follow; please bring a dish to share.

Our joint Youth Group will have a Christmas next Sunday at 7 pm. Please bring a snack and 1-2 small gifts (@ $1) for Take-Away Bingo. All 7th grade through college age young people are welcome to attend!

Trinity’s 2016 financial statements are available and may be picked up on the table in the entryway.

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

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/

We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards, gifts and kind regards that we received during the holidays. They were greatly appreciated! God’s blessings, Pastor & Carol Bilitz

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