FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT .......................... November 27, 2016

Welcome: We are so glad that you have joined us today as we worship our living 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: ....1....2....9....6...

Organists: Trinity- Carolyn Begalka; St. John’s – Vernon Roemhildt

FIRST LESSON ........................................... Isaiah 2:1-5

PSALM OF THE DAY ................................. Psalm 18 (p. 69)

SECOND LESSON .................................. Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON ................................. Matthew 24:37-44

SERMON ........................................ Romans 13:11-14

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT
1. Readiness
2. Preparedness
3. Alertness

HEARING GOD’S WORD
Trinity: 46 St. John’s: 61
Thanksgiving: 31 57

OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD
Trinity: $1,570.25 St. John’s: $850.00
Thanksgiving: $1,421.10 $1,049.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday: 8:30 AM - Worship Service – Trinity
9:00 AM – Sunday School – St. John’s
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9:30 AM – Christmas Decorating – Trinity
Followed by Potluck Meal
10:00 AM - Worship Service - St. John’s
11:00 AM – Christmas Decorating – St. John’s
Followed by Potluck Meal

Monday: 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting – St. John’s

Wednesday: 6:15 PM – Catechism Class – St. John’s
7:30 PM – Choir Practice – St. John’s

Next Sunday: 8:30 AM - Worship with Holy Communion – Trinity
9:00 AM – Sunday School – St. John’s
9:30 AM – Sunday School – Trinity
10:00 AM - Worship with Holy Communion - St. John’s
11:00 AM – Bible Study – St. John’s

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

Both churches will decorate for Christmas following our services today. We will also have potluck meals; thanks to everyone for providing/erving our food.

Trinity members: if you ordered a wreath from MVLHS, it can be picked up in the entryway. If you ordered a swag or garland, it will come this week.

Our apologies to the people at St. John’s who ordered a wreath. Somehow they did not get ordered but Abigail is trying to still get them. If she cannot, your money will be refunded.

Our morning 19 Minute Bible Studies on Grand Themes – Key Words of the Bible will not meet today at St. John’s nor on Tuesday at Trinity. Our Studies will resume on December 4th and 6th.

St. John’s church council will meet tomorrow night at 7:30.

The Adult Information Class will not meet this week. The class will resume on Monday, December 5th, at 7 pm at St. John’s.

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study will not meet this week. Our study will resume in January.

Holy Communion will be offered in our services next Sunday.
St. John's choir plans to go caroling to our shut-ins on Saturday, December 10th. Everyone is welcome to join us. More information will follow later.

The Joint Youth Group plans to go bowling at the Wow Zone in December.

Trinity will be hosting another Christmas Carol Sing Along on Sunday, December 11th, 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.

A Committee is being formed at St. John's to look at repairs/updating of the church. We would appreciate 2-3 women to join this Committee. If interested, please speak to Pastor or Daryl Youngerberg.

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. Luther used art and the new printing press to challenge Europe’s leaders and spread a revolution of religious, cultural, and societal change. 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/