

**The Lutheran Church of the Covenant**  
*“Reaching Out, Reflecting Christ, Renewing Lives”*



*Epiphany of Our Lord*  
*January 8, 2023*



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.



We welcome you to worship here at the Lutheran Church of the Covenant! Here are a few notes to make you feel more at home as we praise this God of new life together!

- Bulletins and Communion (wheat or gluten-free wafers, wine or grape juice options) are available to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary.
- Portions marked with \* are when we invite you to stand as you are able to do so.
- We encourage you to participate throughout the worship by speaking the **bold** print and singing along with the hymns!
- There will not be a separate time for an offering, so a basket is placed in the back for those who wish to support our local ministry as well as the wider church.
- We will commune from our respective seats, where the presiding minister will invite you to open your respective cups with the Communion elements. We believe this meal is for everyone who wishes to partake, regardless of church affiliation or lack thereof. This tangible gift of God's love is meant for the world to enjoy!

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## Epiphany of Our Lord

*The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.*

Prelude *Carol of the Bells* (Lee)

Welcome & Greetings

\*Thanksgiving for Baptism

*We praise God for the gift of baptism that forever unites us through God’s love with one another, and names us “child of God” forever.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,  
source of mercy, tender and mighty,  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.  
Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water,  
satisfying the thirst of all living things,  
sustaining life in our communities we call home,  
nourishing and delighting us.  
We bless you for all the gifts of water surrounding us.  
Your love flows through the water of baptism  
joined to your life-giving Word:  
your well of mercy and cleansing flood,  
your sea of deliverance from death into life,  
your healing river washing any sin away,  
your living water springing up to eternal life.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.  
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.  
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

Continue to shower us all with new life.  
Fill us with your love.  
Clothe us, and all your precious children, with your never-ending grace.  
Embolden us to do justice.  
Bless us to love mercy.  
O God, guide us to walk humbly with you,  
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen!**

\*Gathering Hymn    *O Come All Ye Faithful*

ELW #283

\*Greeting

God who sent the Light into our world,  
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,  
God who spreads the Holy Spirit's rays of hope, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise    *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

ELW #270

Prayer of the Day

We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies:  
for the star that led the magi to the manger,  
**that the nations may see the light of Christ;**  
for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,  
**that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;**  
for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,  
**that the Christ would save us all.**  
This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Word of God, word of new life! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

The bold verses are sung by the congregation using the tone below:



Antiphon: *All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)*

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your | people righteously  
and the | poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. Antiphon**
- <sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.
- <sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,  
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup>In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
- <sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. Antiphon**
- <sup>11</sup>May all kings bow | down before him,  
and all the nations | do him service.
- <sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives | of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he re- | deems their lives,  
and precious is their blood | in his sight. Antiphon**

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God, word of new life!

**Thanks be to God!**

\*Gospel Acclamation *The First Noel*

Verses 1 & 2

ELW #300

\*Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the holy Gospel of our newborn Savior!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

\*Gospel Acclamation *The First Noel*

Verses 3 & 4

ELW#300

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Joy to the World*

ELW# 267



\*Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## \*Prayers of Intercession

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

Revealing God, guide the whole church with your wisdom, including with our Covenant family. Nurture ecumenical and interreligious understanding around the globe, especially in places of ethnic and religious strife. We lift up our partners in ministry with Lutheran World Relief and other organizations that provide humanitarian aid, disaster relief, and health care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, restore your glory to the earth. Protect fragile ecosystems: rain forests, coral reefs, wetlands, prairies, and shorelines. Guide us to treasure the rich variety of animals and plants that share the world with us, especially those that are endangered. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, bring the nations into the way of justice and peace. Strengthen those who work for human rights, equality, and the protection of the most vulnerable. Watch over all in public office, that they may serve with honesty and honor. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, help those who have no helper. Rescue any who suffer from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Deliver adults and children who are caught in cycles of poverty. Transform social systems that enable discrimination of any kind. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding God, accompany the ministries of Covenant in the coming year. Inspire those who lead worship, teach, visit, pray, administer, and serve. Keep us mindful of the needs of others in our communities and neighborhoods. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Redeeming God, reveal your promise by the witness of those who died trusting in you. Receive our thanks for their witness and faith, and guide us by their example until we are gathered with them into your eternal presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God. **Amen!**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of our newborn Savior be with you always!  
**And also with you.**

Music Interlude *Go Tell it On the Mountain* (Hayes)

\*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\**What Feast of Love* (Verses 1 & 3)

ELW# 467



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?  
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

\**Thanksgiving at the Table*

Almighty Lord,  
we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.  
From before the earth's foundation,  
you loved us and promised us life forever.  
Within the earth's deep struggle,  
we laud your great and glorious might.  
Despite our tears and shortcomings,  
we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

We praise your Son, our Morning Star.  
our treasure dear.  
He is our living Savior who has redeemed us in love.  
He keeps us yours and fails us never—  
today, tomorrow, and every day.

On the night he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy Spirit, refresh our souls with this heavenly food.  
Nourish us as branches of your tree,  
and enlighten us with your undying flame.

We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son,  
we exult in the Holy Spirit.  
Empower us in our yearning,  
and be for us the end and the beginning,  
our purest pleasure, our victorious crown,  
our never-ending love.  
And so, we pray and praise:  
**Amen!**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

\*Invitation to Communion

Glory to God in the highest!  
Come to this joyful table of peace.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Communion

Music Interlude *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (Schrader)

Ann Droste

\*Prayer after Communion

O Lord, you look upon us in love and refresh our souls  
through the gifts of bread and wine.  
Send us out, reflecting the light of your grace,  
to tell the story of Jesus Christ,  
our bright morning star. **Amen!**

\*Blessing

Beloved children of God,  
what came into being in Christ was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.  
The light of Christ shine on you with grace and mercy  
and fill you with joy and peace!

**Amen!**

\*Sending Hymn *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

ELW #290

\*Dismissal

Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ!

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Voluntary on Two Carols* (Kidwell)

**Praying Together**

**... for those who are homebound, ill, hospitalized or recuperating:** Gayle Agg, Sheena Cameron, Joan Clarke, Gary Edler, Barbara Fossa, Carolyn Frajter, Ken Frajter, Donna Franz, Barb Gaglione, Michelle Garnett, Rosa Garnett, Clare Hanusz, Alex Hohenstein, Dylan King, Elaine Knerem, Jason Lanese, Sara Mendes, Debbie Morris, Phyllis Nemeth, Gary Smith, Arlene Stoltz, Marie Storms, Tom Susanek, Phyllis Welker, Maud Wright, Wilma Dancy, Bill Helmick, Nancy Helmick, Robert Lambrecht, Kim (Novak) Leonhardt, Laura Mele, Judy Morgan, Kris Sandor, Bill Wilkens, Eugene Winfrey, the Copeland/Lane Family.

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# FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

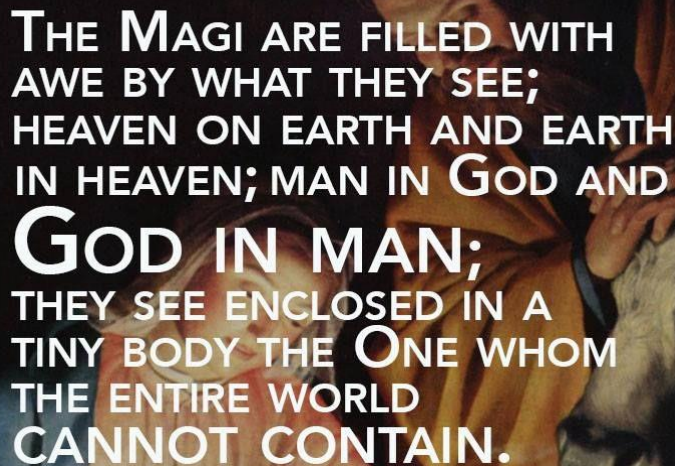
It is with saddened hearts that we remind you our beloved organist, Robin Crawford, will be retiring following the worship on January 29. For years, she has not only been our musical leader, but for the Lutheran Church of the Master as well. And so, the Sunday before, January 22, we will join our siblings in Christ for

a joint-worship at Master (860 Northfield Rd., Bedford) at 10am, with a luncheon to follow the worship, so that we may best honor our talented and gifted sister in Christ. Although we will miss her dearly, we wish her and John our deepest blessings of relaxation and new life. From all of us at the Lutheran Church of the Covenant, we thank you, Robin!

Reminder: Worship Change for Sunday, January 22  
Time: 10am

Place: Lutheran Church of the Master

*There will not be a worship at Covenant this day!*



THE MAGI ARE FILLED WITH  
AWESOME BY WHAT THEY SEE;  
HEAVEN ON EARTH AND EARTH  
IN HEAVEN; MAN IN GOD AND  
GOD IN MAN;  
THEY SEE ENCLOSED IN A  
TINY BODY THE ONE WHOM  
THE ENTIRE WORLD  
CANNOT CONTAIN.

*ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS*



## Treasured by God

A newborn baby often elicits “oohs” and “ahs” from its admirers and yet developmentally, may be doing nothing incredibly remarkable—only able to focus on objects only about 18 inches in front of its face and prone to stare at any shiny object. Nevertheless, a newborn is a miracle to behold, filled with wonder for the world around it and desiring nothing more than to be fed, held, rocked, nurtured, and loved.

The gifts of the magi direct us away from the cute, cuddly, cooing baby Jesus by pointing us to who Jesus really has come to be. The magi offer gold, a possession of kings; frankincense, used in ritual to indicate the presence of the deity; and myrrh, an oil used at the time of death as well as for anointing priests. By their gifts, the wise men reveal the identity of this child: the king before whom nations will bow, the anointed high priest of God, and the suffering servant who will die for the ones he has come to serve.

The “oohs” and “ahs” we offer as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord are not simply for a cooing and cuddly baby Jesus but for a God who chooses to reveal God’s love and mercy by taking human form. On this day, we celebrate that God’s mercy is wider and deeper than we imagined and includes all people and all nations. All people—rich or poor, Gentile or Jew, straight or gay, male or female—are God’s treasure, the precious ones for whom God is willing to die. What do we bring to honor our Lord before whom we bow? We bring the treasure of our lives poured out in praise of God and in service to others.

## Epiphany of Our Lord

The celebration of Epiphany (which means in Greek the manifestation of God) on January 6 was important in the Eastern church from the fourth century and was variously connected with the stories of Jesus’ birth, the visit of the magi, and Jesus’ baptism. In some places it was a primary occasion for baptisms. In some cultures, Epiphany, “Three Kings Day,” is the date of gift-giving. According to the three-year lectionary, Epiphany concludes attention to the infancy narratives with the story of the visit of the magi to the young Jesus, who is now residing in a house. The child Jesus is lauded as a king who is already showing himself forth to the nations.

## Quote

The magi and Herod are a study in contrasts. While the magi, who are foreigners and do not share the same beliefs as Judeans, exercise reverence before that which is unknown to them, Herod responds to a perceived personal threat with hubris. Philosopher Paul Woodruff champions reverence as a virtue lost in our modern age, but whose exercise may, like the magi, transcend religious and cultural barriers: “We may be divided from one another by our beliefs, but never by our reverence. If you desire peace in the world, do not pray that everyone share your beliefs. Pray instead that all may be reverent” (*Reverence: Renewing a Forgotten Virtue*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014, p. 11).

## Images in the Readings

The main image is light. The star symbolizes a new light in the cosmos. The dawn pierces the thick darkness that has obscured our vision. During January, the northern hemisphere is experiencing a gradual lightening of the darkest time of the year, an appropriate time for the church to praise Christ as the light. This light shines again in the night of the Easter Vigil.

Made popular in hymns, pageants, and crèche sets are the gifts of the magi: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold denotes Jesus as a king. Frankincense and myrrh are sweet-smelling resins that were used in offerings to a god and at status burials. These are symbolic gifts for the divine king who has come to die. The birth narratives contain in them the death of Christ.

The ancient political idea was that monarchs were supposed to insure safety for their subjects. Christ, not Herod, is the true king who gives life, rather than death, to the people.

## Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

The star is seen by the magi; where Herod is, it is not seen; it is seen again where Christ is, and it shows the magi the way. Therefore this star is the way, and the way is Christ: for in the mystery of the incarnation, Christ is a star. For he himself is the bright and morning star. He shows us himself therefore by his own light.

—*Ambrose* [in *The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, trans. and ed. M. F. Toal (Chicago: Henry Regnery, 1955), I, 213.]

## Connections with Creation

The Orthodox celebration of Epiphany includes a procession outdoors to local bodies of water to commemorate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. The blessing often involves a festive plunge into the water as if every body of water has become the promised river of life. (Do an internet image search for “Orthodox Epiphany water” for some stunning photos of the rite from around the world.) Martin Luther may well have drawn on this Orthodox all-water-becomes-holy-water theology when he wrote in his Flood Prayer that through the baptism of Christ, God “has sanctified and set apart the Jordan and *all water* for a saving flood.” Traditionally on this day the entire Orthodox assembly would drink from the local stream or lake to celebrate its blessedness. Today, such an act—perhaps undertaken by a deacon or a priest—might be a poignant critique against the poisoning of God’s free gift of water.

### The Readings in the Bible

#### Matthew 2:1-12

An important theme in the Gospel of Matthew, written perhaps in the mid-80s ce, is that Jesus is the messiah expected by the Hebrew Scriptures, the truest king of the Jews. In this narrative, Eastern magi, perhaps Zoroastrian priests, recognize the cosmic significance of the birth of Jesus and offer him gifts that are appropriate for royalty, while Herod recognizes that the destiny of Jesus is a threat to his power.

#### Isaiah 60:1-6

This poem from the beginning of the third part of Isaiah lauds the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem after the exile as if it were light arising on earth to rid the world of its darkness. Entire families will come from far, and non-Israelite peoples will recognize the glory of Jerusalem, bringing valuable gifts of gold and frankincense.

#### Ephesians 3:1-12

Ephesians, probably written by a disciple of Paul, is a general sermon about the meaning of Christ and life in the church that includes both Jews and Gentiles. A recurring image in the letter is the power of light over darkness. This reading speaks of God’s grace as a “mystery” (the word recurs four times in this reading) that has shown forth in Christ Jesus.

# The Visit of the Magi



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.  
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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 K N N T Y I G R Q V O E G M B  
 W I U A W C N N I R U W R Y R  
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 H R O V B G H V L M S H S O H  
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 D P R O N Y E T V A E G H L Q  
 G B O R N H E E A S T R I B T  
 T P B K F B G A V E R H W C E  
 P M W I C I N E J Y C S T A R  
 M M B Q D D L V M V T X L X Y

PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD