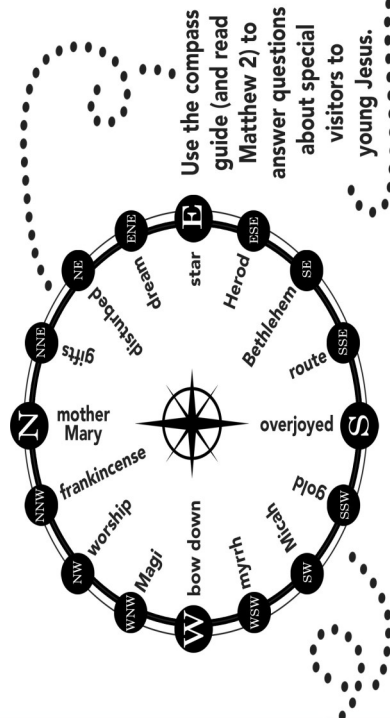


Puzzle!



Use the compass
guide (and read
Matthew 2) to
answer questions
about special
visitors to
young Jesus.

- Who was king at the time of Jesus' birth? _____ (ESE)
- Who came from the East to worship the one born king of the Jews? _____ (WNW)
- How did King Herod feel about Jesus' birth? _____ (NE)
- Which prophet did the chief priests and teachers of the law quote when King Herod asked where the Christ would be born? _____ (SW)
- In what city would Christ be born? _____ (SE)
- King Herod lied to the wise men, telling them to search and report back so he, too, could do what to Christ? _____ (NW)
- What did the Magi see in the east and follow to find Jesus? _____ (E)
- When the star stopped, how did the Magi feel? _____ (S)
- Who else did the Magi see with Jesus? His _____ (N)
- Before they worshiped the child, what did the Magi do? _____ (W)
- Name the three treasures the Magi brought for Jesus. _____ (SSW) _____ (NNW) _____ (WSW)
- These three treasures were all brought for Jesus as _____ (NNE)
- What warned the Magi not to return to Herod? A _____ (ENE)
- The Magi had to return to their country by another _____ (SSE)

Answers: 1. Herod; 2. Magi; 3. disturbed; 4. Micah; 5. Bethlehem; 6. worship; 7. star; 8. overjoyed; 9. mother Mary; 10. bow down; 11. gold; frankincense; myrrh; 12. gifts; 13. dream; 14. route

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January 21, 2024

**+Third Sunday
After the Epiphany +**

Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love

A warm welcome to all [on this cold winter morning]! May you know the fire of God's love as we worship in the name of Jesus, who showed us how to love.

Open the eyes and ears of my heart, creative Spirit, to listen for your word of truth.
Amen.

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What's Happening

- In House services * Personal hearing devices are available at the AV desk.
- Sunday School September- May (Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
- Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon to those w/o internet services and are unable to attend a service in person.
- Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - Noon

In Person and On Line Bible Classes:

1st Wednesday of the month @ 1:00 PM @ LMS
Tuesday's - Men's Bible Study @ 7:00 AM
Wednesday's - Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 AM
Thursday's - Bible Study @ 9:00 AM
Friday's - Harrison Bay @ 2:00 PM

Altar Duty for January: Debbie Connolly & Heather Berthiaume

Counters: Rita K & Brian P

Reader: John Skaret

Sunday 1/14/2023 Attendance: 28

Sunday 1/14/2023 Offerings: \$5,450

Vanco 1/14/2023: \$270

Order of Service

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Ringling of the Bells

Hymn: 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light
sts. 1-3

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymn: 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light
sts. 4-5

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Hymn: 953 We All Believe In One True God
Sermon

Stewardship Presentation

Prayer of the Church

Preface

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Communion

Pax Domini

Hymn: 688 "Come, Follow Me," The Savior
Spake

Hymn: 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

Hymn: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn: 833 Listen, God Is Calling

Treats in the Fellowship Hall

1-800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Choice Dollars, Thrivent may have other plans on how to best use them. Designate 2022 dollars by March 31st, 2024.

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Christian Life Gathering

Everyone is invited to a Christian Life Gathering on Saturday, January 20, 2024 From 9:00-11:00am at Victory Lutheran Church, 16200 Berger Drive in Eden Prairie (952-934-0956). There is a \$5 registration fee, first timers are free. Joel Landskroener will be presenting "Why Lutheran Schools are Essential" based on Colossians 2:8. Joel is the Executive Director at Mayer Lutheran High School (MLHS). Gifts from the Heart being collected are \$10 coffee or fast food gift cards for MLHS Staff. This Christian Life Gathering is hosted by the Lake Minnetonka LWML Zone.

Gillespie Center Pancake Breakfast

One delicious breakfast, two great causes! On Sunday January 21st from 9:00-1:00. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$14 at the door. Kids 5 and under eat FREE!

Purchase tickets at the Gillespie Center, From a Village Hall Member or on Venmo and tickets will be waiting for you at the door! Proceeds go to the Gillespie Center and to the Island Park Village Hall renovation.



Defending the Faith Event

Modern scholars, popular media, and self-styled intellectuals often regard the Gospels as unreliable and their picture of Jesus as unbelievable. This FREE presentation will survey and respond to various arguments and, from the evidence, make a case for the Bible's

historical reliability and the truthfulness of the Christian faith.

Presenter: Adam Francisco, Director of Academics and Scholar in Residence at 1517

Date: January 21, 2024

Time: 12:30 - 4:00 pm

Location: Glory of Christ Lutheran Church, Plymouth

Please let Pastor Mike know if you would like to go.

 **perspectives:**

Defending the Faith

Making the case for the Bible's historical reliability and the truthfulness of the Christian faith

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . . ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

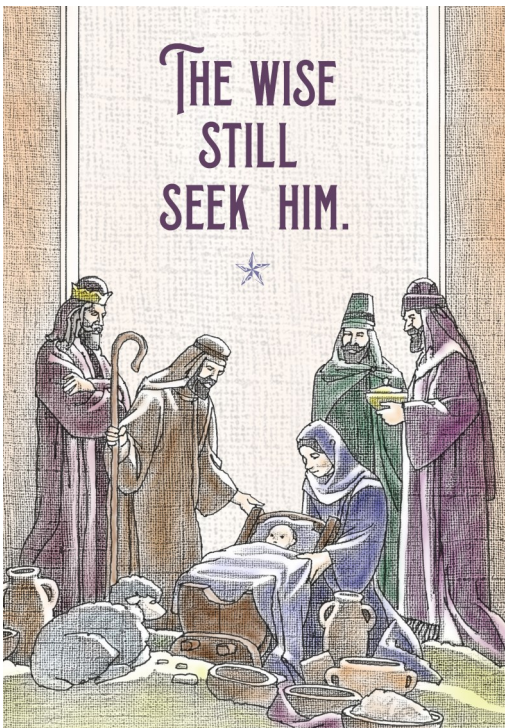
²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and

those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:14–20

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.



Happening this week

1/21 -Gillespie Center Pancake Breakfast 9-1

1/21 - Defending the Faith Event 12:30-4

1/24 - Women's Bible Study Begins

All that we have is given as a blessing from God.
"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1).

Year End Statements

Please pick up your 2023 year end contribution statements in the Narthex.

MN South District Door Offering

We will have a door offering today for the MN South District. Thank you for supporting our district!

Electronic Sign

Would someone be interested in volunteering to update the electronic sign? Easy task that doesn't take much time! Please reach out to Pastor if you would be willing to learn this task!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you earn Choice Dollars on your Thrivent investments, please call to designate your dollars starting in January 2024 for your earnings from 2023. You are able to designate the Choice Dollars to Mt Olive or any other non-profit of your choice. Call