3) "Jesus, may we bow in true <u>WORSHIP</u>."

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **2** and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." **3** When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. **4** When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: **6** "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" **7** Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8** He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." **9** After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11** 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, frankincense and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. Matthew 2:1-12

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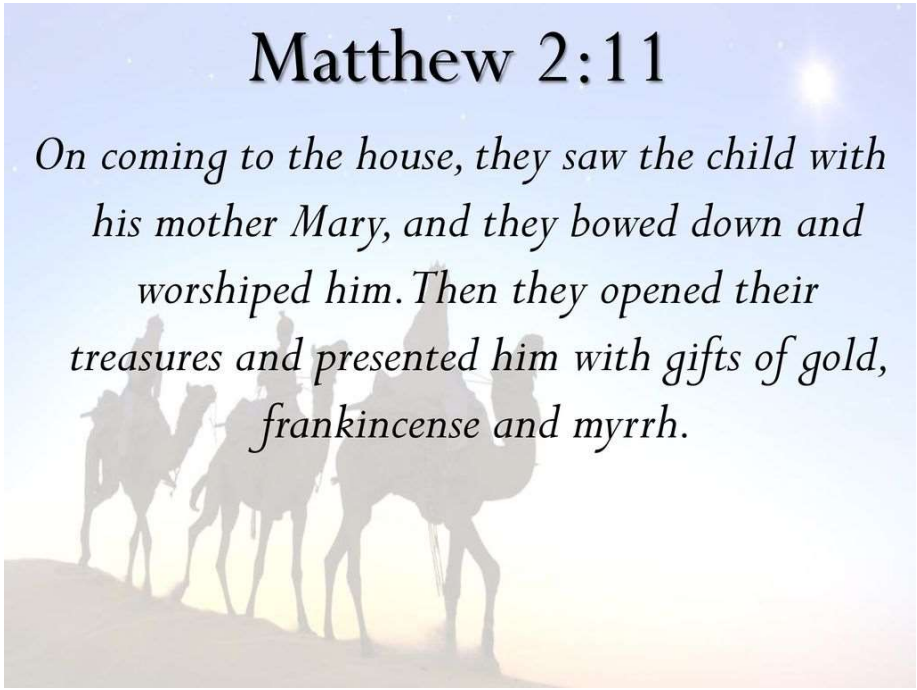

Epiphany Sunday
January 5th, 2025
10:00 am Service

Welcome to Living Word!

We invite our visitors to read the blue information card placed in the seat pocket next to you.

Order of Worship: Lutheran Service Book
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~ Service Notes ~

Hymn of Invocation		*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*
Today's Psalm	*Psalm 72:1-11*	*LSB front section*

Scripture Readings *(facing page)*:

Old Testament Reading	*Isaiah 60:1-6*
Epistle Reading	*Ephesians 3:1-12*
Gospel Reading	*Matthew 2:1-12*

Hymn of the Day	*"As With Gladness Men of Old"*
Sermon	*"May All Bow Down To Him"*
Closing Hymn	*"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"*

"May All Bow Down To Him"

Psalm 72 says: "*May all kings bow down to him and all nations serve him."* On Epiphany Sunday we pray…

1) "Lord, may we shine with Your <u>LIGHT</u>."

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises
upon you. **2** See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the
peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your
dawn. **4** "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come
to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the
hip. **5** Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell
with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches
of the nations will come. **6** Herds of camels will cover your land, young
camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing
gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord. Isaiah 60:1-6

2) "God, may we know Christ's <u>MYSTERY</u>."

For this reason, I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of
you Gentiles—**2** Surely you have heard about the administration of
God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** that is, the mystery made
known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. **4** In reading
this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of
Christ, **5** which was not made known to people in other generations as it
has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and
prophets. **6** This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are
heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers
together in the promise in Christ Jesus. **7** I became a servant of this
gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his
power. **8** Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this
grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of
Christ, **9** and to make plain to everyone the administration of this
mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all
things. **10** His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold
wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in
the heavenly realms, **11** according to his eternal purpose that he accom-
plished in Christ Jesus our Lord. **12** In him and through faith in him we
may approach God with freedom and confidence. Ephesians 3:1-12