

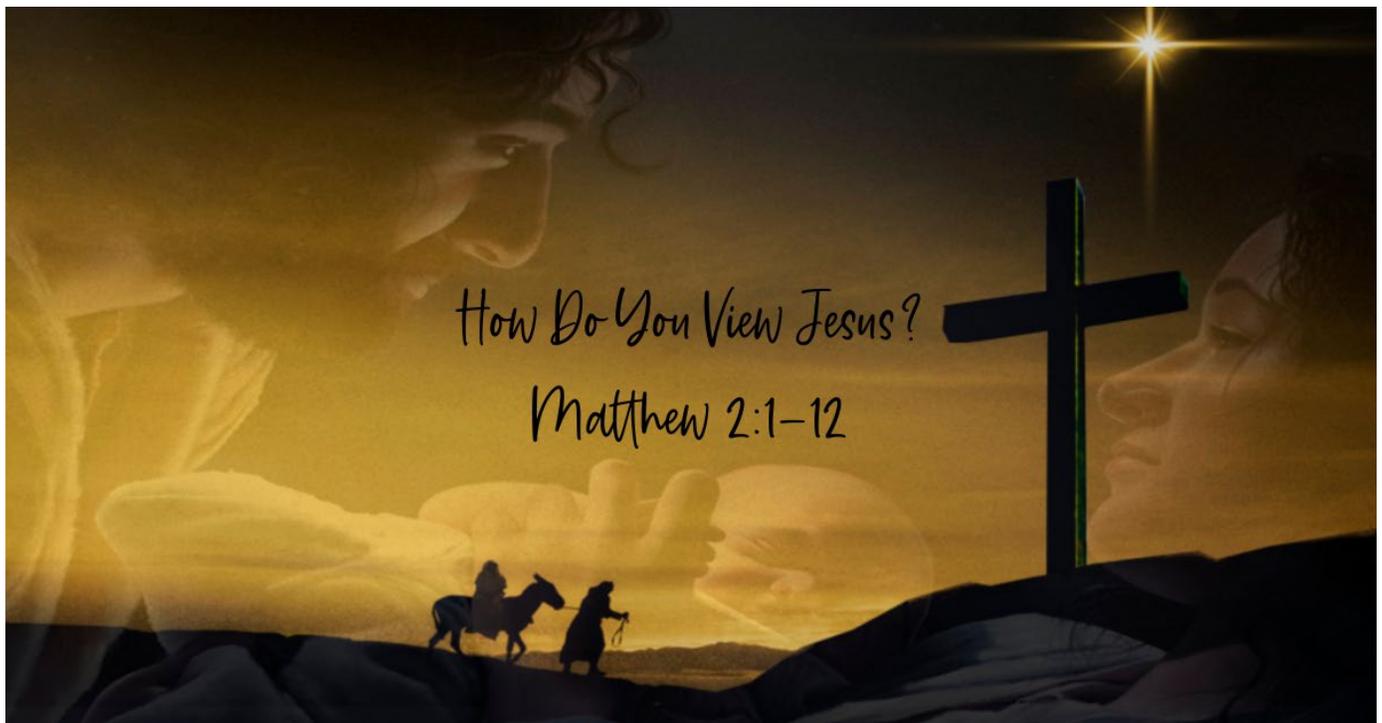


ST JOHN'S

St. John's Lutheran Church
New Berlin, IL

A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

† The Epiphany of Our Lord † January 8, 2023 †



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

We're so glad to have you join us to worship our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please introduce yourself to our pastor and stop by the registration book at the back of church.

In the Lord's service today:
Rev. Martin Kaufmann, interim pastor
Edith Clary, organist

308 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL
Sunday School and Bible Study 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM

Opening Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to Thy low-ly bed,
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare At Thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be-fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
So may we with ho-ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al-loy,
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led by Thee.
So may we with will-ing feet Ev-er seek Thy mer-cy seat.
All our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo-ry hide.
There for-ev-er may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalms 32:5*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 45:6-8a; antiphon: v. 17

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

2 Timothy 4:22

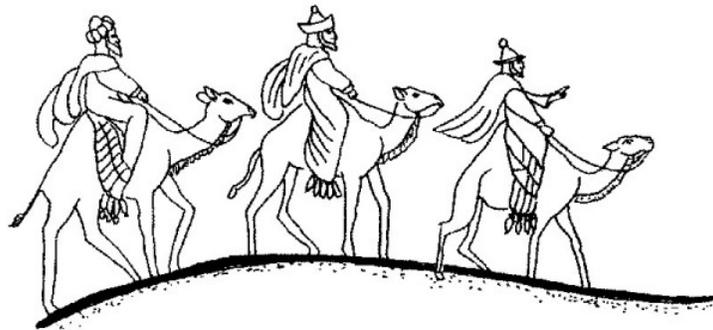
P The Lord be with you.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a treble clef. The melody consists of the notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, ending with a double bar line.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

C O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A 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 bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1-12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

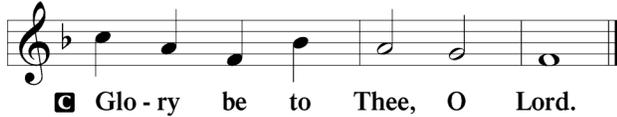
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly
 4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter
 Δ 5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly
 on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they
 Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was
 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it
 Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.
 trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.
 flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Sermon

How Do You View Jesus? (Matthew 2:1-12)

Pastor Martin Kaufmann

Offertory

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Psalm 51:10-12



☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering and Offering Prayer

P Let us pray.

C Lord Jesus, You raised us from death to life by the power of Spirit-given faith in Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to raise people from death to life through Your living Spirit, here and throughout the world. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

P ...Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1



C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26



C A-men, a-men, a - men.



Closing Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far, Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,
 hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.
 Ye have seen His na - tal star.
 In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
 To the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

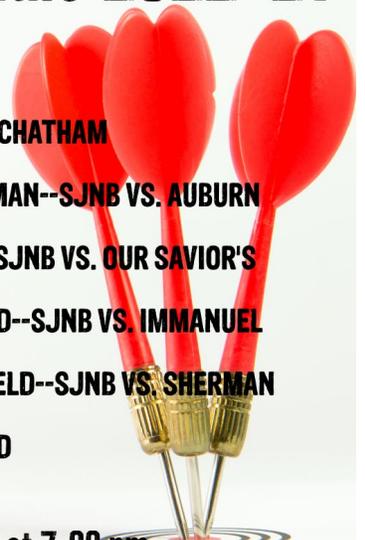
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New Berlin
Micro-Pantry
Needs

Hamburger Helper
Chunky soups
cake mix
Manwich
canned pastas
ketchup
Stove Top
spaghetti sauce
big cereal boxes
instant potatoes

Dartball Schedule 2022-23

- MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2022
@ OUR SAVIORS--SJNB VS CHATHAM
- MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2022
@ GOOD SHEPHERD, SHERMAN--SJNB VS. AUBURN
- MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2023
@ ST. JOHN'S, CHATHAM--SJNB VS. OUR SAVIOR'S
- MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2023
@ IMMANUEL, SPRINGFIELD--SJNB VS. IMMANUEL
- MONDAY 27 MARCH 2023
@ OUR SAVIOR'S SPRINGFIELD--SJNB VS. SHERMAN
- MONDAY 24 APRIL 2023
@ CHATHAM--SJNB VS. TBD



All games begin at 7:00 pm.

Church News

PRAYER LIST

The Krohses, following the passing of Ron's brother, Mark.

Regina McKernan and her son, Scott, as they both continue to heal from medical issues and injuries.

Alissa Mercier, past teacher at STJNB and now at OS, as she goes through treatments for breast cancer.

Ron Krohse, for heart-related health issues.

The pastor call process.

To add a prayer request, please contact Rachael Davenport or Pastor Kaufmann.

VOTERS' MEETING--TODAY

The Quarterly Voters' Meeting is TODAY, January 8, following the worship service.

LITTLE DRESSES FOR MISSIONS

Reminder – Saturday, January 14th will be our first Little Dresses "Sew In". Don't miss the fun and opportunity to create a message of God's Love. We will gather at 9:30 until noon. Bring your lunch for the fellowship lunch. If there is inclement weather, use your best judgement if it is safe to travel to church.

MARK KROHSE

Mark Krohse, 64, of Lombard, Illinois, went home to be with his Lord following a three-week stay in the hospital. The service took place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard where he had served as an elder.

YOUTH ACTIVITY

Our next youth activity is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 15. We will be leaving immediately after church for lunch together followed by going to Amazing Xscapes. This is open to youth in grades 5-12. Depending on how many we have interested in attending and the number of spots open at the escape room, we may have room for some parents as well. If you are interested in attending, see Connie Komnick.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the lesson for this week, "Wise Men Worship," God leads Gentile scholars to worship the Christ. Following their visit, Joseph immediately flees with his young family to the safety of Egypt. When Herod's insane jealousy dies with him, the Holy Family returns home to Nazareth. For discussion at home this week: "*How does God keep you and I safe today?*"

KFUO

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Begin the Gospel of John on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 AM CT), also begin a series on the English Reformation on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 AM CT), and study Exodus 33-36 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 AM CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

CAMP CILCA NEWS

Act Like Men Retreat--January 20-22, 2023

Men in high school and up will gather for a weekend of activity and instruction, food and encouragement. Assertiveness, health & fitness, competence, vocation, adventure, piety, and more will be discussed **and practiced**. Don't miss this opportunity to gather with other Christian Men and explore what Saint Paul meant when he admonished the Corinthians to "act like men." (1 Corinthians 16:13) \$50 per person. Participants will stay in the Retreat Center, a 42-bed dorm-style house. Meals will be provided. You will need to bring your own bedding, towels, and toiletries. Register today at cilca.org/act-like-men-retreat.

PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS AND HOURS

Pastor's office hours are now by appointment.

Pastor Kaufmann: (217) 503-7865

Elders--Jim Whalen: (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton: (217) 341-9687.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at socialmedia@stjnb.org or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

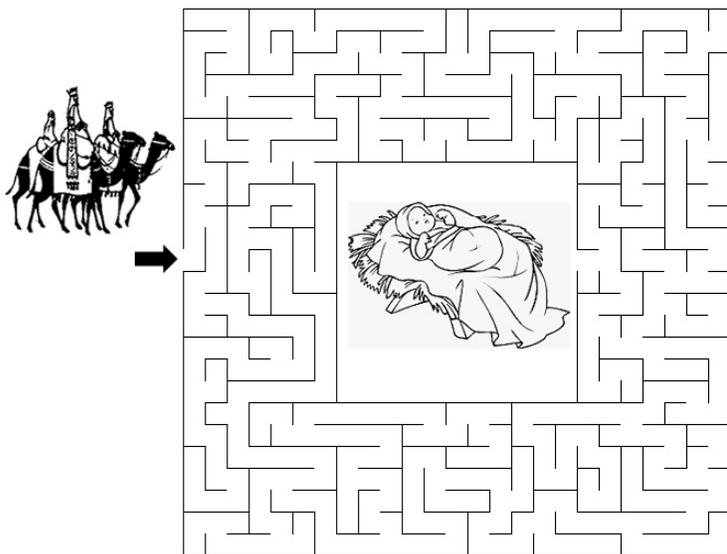
NIGHT OF HOPE AT TRINITY, AUBURN

Well before the pandemic hit, Barna research—as well as others’—found that young people, namely Millennials and Gen Z, are more likely than past generations to report battling with mental health issues. In research conducted for The Connected Generation, Barna’s largest-ever study, half of U.S. 18–35-year-olds (49%) reported feeling anxiety over important decisions and also expressed a fear of failing. Over three in 10 said they often felt sad or depressed (39%) or lonely and isolated from others (34%). The mental health strain teens and young adults were under pre-pandemic has only intensified during the crisis.

In response to this, it is our desire to host... **A Night of Hope: Where God, Art, and Mental Health Meet.**

Join Tanner Olson, Heidi Goehmann, and Blake Flattley for a night of poetry, music, and tools for meeting our mental health with hope. This event connects people to resources that help them breach stigma, rest in God, and build strength to love themselves and those around them well, no matter the challenge.

Join us at Trinity, Auburn, for this event geared toward high school youth and adults on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 2 pm-6 pm. Please reach out to Trinity, Auburn at tlcauburnil@gmail.com with questions.



A LETTER FROM PASTOR DOCK

Dear Members of St. John,

After prayer and deliberation, I have decided to decline the call that you have offered to me. I want to thank you first off for extending it, for the hospitality you showed to my wife and I when we visited last month, and especially to Don Smith for serving as a great contact person and really selling (for lack of a better word) your church and community. It made Elizabeth and I excited about it. The love for your church of everyone I met was evident in my visit with you.

I'm not declining the call because of any deficiency on the part of St. John. The church is beautiful, everyone I met was great, the parsonage is well cared for, and the compensation and benefits are more than fair. Any pastor would be blessed to serve you and be served by you. Ultimately, St. John is just very similar to where I'm serving now (in terms of both size of congregation(s), duties, and honestly geographic location) and so it's not really the kind of change I'm looking for. My children especially have put down roots in the community I'm currently serving and all want to stay here.

Declining this call is made somewhat easier because I see how faithfully you are being served. Between my conversations with Pr. Kaufmann, meeting with him, seeing how he interacted with you, and watching him lead your streamed services – it makes me feel less guilty saying no. Vacancies are hard on a congregation, but I can tell you are blessed with caring and faithful pastoral leadership during this time.

I am certain our Lord has a faithful pastor in mind for you, who will shepherd and care for you as God intends. My family and I will pray in the coming days that you find him quickly. Our Lord's good and gracious will is always done, and so I will pray that it may be done among you as you continue your search for the pastor God desires to lead you.

In Christ's Grace,
Jeffrey Dock

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).

Y W A Y L X P H C H H M Q D H
 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
 O V N R T E A C H E R S R O G
 R W Q G X T R V E K S A O M D
 S O M C H R I S T N M T E K E
 H R O V B G H V L M S H S O H
 I S T Y L O O U G I E E H C Q
 P H H U A D U O B L E B R Y J
 E I E Y Z V S E H N M A G I D
 D P R O N Y E T V A E G H L Q
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 T P B K F B G A V E R H W C E
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PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD