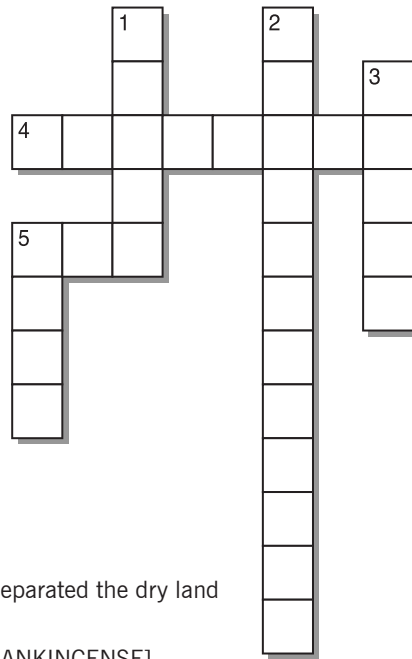


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4) The day the wise men met baby Jesus [EPIPHANY]

5) The Creator [GOD]

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1) On the ____ day of creation, He separated the dry land from sea. [THIRD]

2) A gift from the three wise men [FRANKINCENSE]

3) A gift from the three wise men [MYRRH]

5) A gift from the three wise men [GOLD]



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The Epiphany of our Lord

INTROIT

Psalm 72:1-2, 10-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

**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.**

Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.

DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

An answer key is available for download at www.stluth.org/lap

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 2:2b

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, all you nations, and worship the Lord. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE WEEK: LSB #397 – As with Gladness Men of Old

CATECHISM CONNECTION:

The Second Article of the Creed with Explanation (page 16)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

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.

MONDAY — THE PSALM

Read Psalm 24

What does verse 1 mean?

The earth and everything living on it is a creation of God, He provides everything needed to sustain His creations. On the third day of creation, He separated the dry land from the sea.

Who is this King of glory? (verses 8-10)

The LORD of Hosts — Christ Jesus.

TUESDAY — THE OLD TESTAMENT

Read Isaiah 60:1-6

Who is the “light” in this lesson?

Jesus Christ is the light that was prophesied

What is the summary of this lesson?

“Christ, the Savior of the world, was born in the middle of the world. Therefore He calls all men to Himself from every place and surrounding kingdom, country, and principality. He wants all men to be saved. And that they are not all saved is not Christ’s fault but that of their own unbelief, darkness, and blindness. But whoever comes and receives this Christ, be he Jew or Gentile, walks in the light of grace, and that light will finally bring him to the light of eternal glory, that is, to life everlasting. Amen.” (Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, page 52)

WEDNESDAY — THE GOSPEL

Read Matthew 2:1-12

Why did the three wise men come to Jerusalem? (verse 2)

They were looking for the King of the Jews, so they can worship Him.

How did the wise men find Jesus, the King of the Jews? (verse 2)

They followed His star.

Why was King Herod troubled after meeting with the wise men? (verses 3-6)

The wise men came to Jerusalem to worship the King of the Jews, not King Herod. This threatened Herod, as he feared that his rule as King might be challenged.

What gifts did the wise men give to the King of the Jews? Why? (verse 11)

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh

Because He is the Messiah — the Christ, God’s Anointed One — and their gifts show that they recognize Him as such. For gold is tribute — gold is what you give to your King, your liege, your lord. In humble devotion they bring their tribute, acknowledging that this Child is King. Not a King like Herod, for Herod received no tribute from them, neither an earthly King, but rather a Holy King, a King to whom they also bring frankincense. For incense is used in the temple, in the Holy Places — incense is the tool of the priests of the Old Testament. Whenever the priest would enter the Tabernacle, or the Temple, they would burn incense. By presenting Jesus with incense, these wise men show that they know that He is the Holy King, the Great High Priest — the true Temple — and you never go to the temple without incense. And because of what this Holy King, this Great High Priest would do, they bring Him myrrh. For myrrh is what was used to anoint a dead body with. When they took Christ’s Body from off the Cross and wrapped it in spices to bury it, the main spice used was myrrh. You see, these Gentile magi, these wise men from the East know that the Christ will do what He is supposed to do: a King is supposed to protect His people, a Priest is to offer sacrifices for them. And this Child before them, this Jesus, would do both, by going to the Cross, offering Himself as the perfect sacrifice for sin, protecting and defending you from sin and death everlasting with His own death. This is what the wise men see, this is their focus, this is what they know that this Child Christ will do, and so they come and worship Him.

THURSDAY — THE EPISTLE

Read Ephesians 3:1-12

How was the mystery made known to St. Paul? (verse 3-5)

St. Paul had a vision of Christ from the Holy Spirit. He also received the Gospel directly from Jesus Christ Himself.

What is the mystery? (verse 3 and 6)

Jesus Christ. It is through His blood we were purchased and redeemed, and by whose Holy Word we are nourished and sustained continually.

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 166 (page 156)

CATECHISM CONNECTION

What is the connection of the Second Article of the Creed with Explanation and The Epiphany of our Lord?

Christ was born to be our Savior