

Welcome to Trinity

#6 Don't Throw the Gospel Before Them

Now, what are we going to do about it? "Do not throw it," Christ says, "before swine and dogs." "Yes, dear Lord, but they already have it.

Since the proclamation is in public and is broadcast into the world, we cannot keep them from coming across the Gospel and taking it for themselves." But this still does not mean that they have it, and, thank God, we can keep them from getting at what is holy. They may perhaps get the shells and the husks, that is, the freedom of the flesh. But all of them—dogs or swine, bigwigs or misers or peasants—shall be prevented from getting a single letter of the Gospel, though they may read all the books and listen to all the sermons and get the idea that they know it thoroughly. (Luther's Works, v. 21, pages 225).

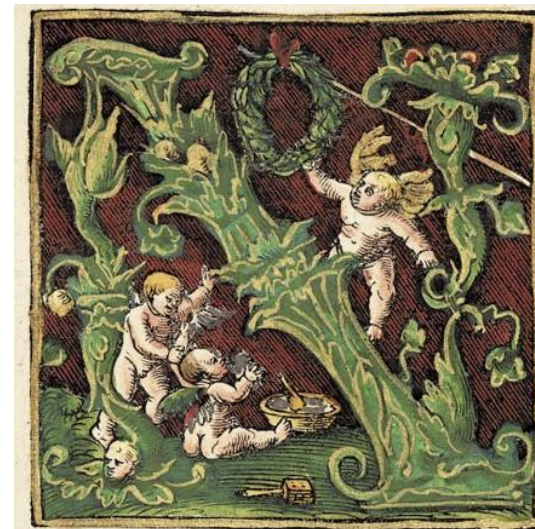
Order of Matins, p. 208

Office Hymn #43

Psalmody: 93, 100, 63, Canticle, 148 (Handout)

Readings: Micah 5:2-4 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting." ³Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time *that* she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel. ⁴And He shall stand and feed *His flock* In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth;
Titus 3:4-7 ⁴But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Collect: Grant, we implore
 You, almighty God, that we, upon whom is poured the new light of Thy Word made flesh, may show forth in our actions that which by faith shines in our minds; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 AMEN



The Luther Bible 1534: Joshua 1 – The initial letter "N" in the Book of Joshua p.1.

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