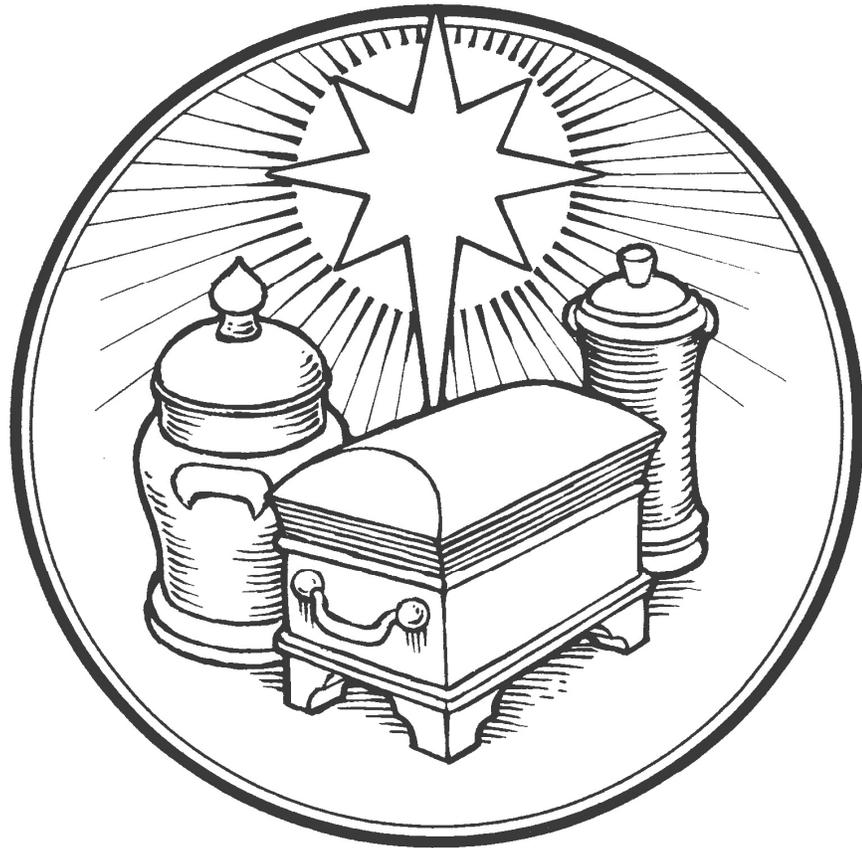
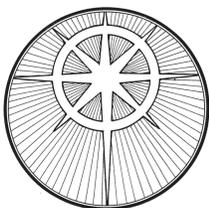


**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Thy epiphany,  
O Lord, made  
the earth leap  
for joy... The  
choir of shep-  
herds on earth  
glorified thy  
all-saving ad-  
vent. Today,  
the Word who  
sits on the  
throne of glory  
with the Fa-  
ther became  
flesh, born of  
the holy Vir-  
gin, giving the  
universe the  
grace of adop-  
tion.

~ Ephraem,  
300s A.D.



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## **The Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 6, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** On this Feast of the Epiphany, in which we give thanks for the magi (wise men) who traveled to worship our newborn King, we begin a new sermon series: *Outreach: Sharing the Gifts.* God has formed His Church around the gifts of salvation given in Jesus Christ, gifts that He intends for the whole world. We receive those gifts by trusting in them. That faith trusts that they are not only for us but also for our neighbors. Even as the star led the wise men to action, so does our faith.

## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored to the glory of God on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Leota Stapel on January 6, given with thanksgiving to God for her, by her children.
- The Flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Leota Stapel on January 6, given with thanksgiving to God for her, by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- The sponsor charts for 2019 for Radio Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry. You may also call the church office to sign up for Bulletin Sponsor.

## **The Eternal Purpose**

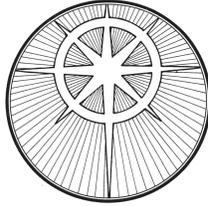
This weekend, Zion gives thanks that God has blessed another of its members with the longevity of 100 years. Leota Stapel, turning 100 this very Sunday, joins Adeline Brandenburg (102) and Doris Presig (100) in the "100+ Club." "Even to your old age I am He; I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you" (Isaiah 46:4).

Such longevity is a good occasion to pause and remember the eternal purpose of God. Whether we are young or old, God has the same intent for all of us: that we know His Son, Jesus Christ, and trust in Him as our own dear Father. To this end God sent His Son to deliver us from our sins and form the Church in His Spirit.

"The Eternal Purpose" is therefore the first subject of our sermon series on *Outreach: Sharing the Gifts* during this Epiphany season. It forms the basis of why we reach out to others: having received the gift of Jesus, we want others to know Him, too.

## **Announcements**

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



## PRELUDE

"As with Gladness, Men of Old" ... Michael Burkhardt

*Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"As with Gladness Men of Old" green hymnal #82

## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

Lo! New-born Jesus  
Soft and weak  
and small,  
Wrapped in  
baby's bands  
By His  
mother's  
hands,  
Lord God of  
all.

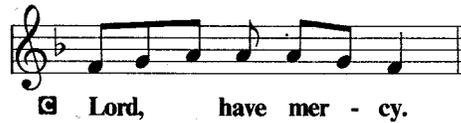
Lord God of  
Mary,  
Whom His  
lips caress  
While He  
rocks to rest  
On her milky  
breasts  
In helplessness.

Lord God of  
shepherds  
Flocking  
through the  
cold,  
Flocking  
through the  
dark  
To the only  
Ark,  
The only  
Fold.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

♩ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:  
 We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
 glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re-ceive our prayer. For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . 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.

C: Amen

*Please be seated.*

*Lord God of  
 all things  
 Be they near  
 or far,  
 Be they high  
 or low;  
 Low of storm  
 and snow,  
 Angel and  
 star.*

*Lord God of  
 all men –  
 My Lord and  
 my God!  
 Thou Who  
 lovest me,  
 Keep me close  
 to Thee  
 By staff and  
 rod.*

*Lo! New-  
 born Jesus  
 Loving great  
 and small,  
 Love's free  
 Sacrifice,  
 Opening  
 arms and eyes  
 To one and  
 all.*

*~ Christina  
 Rossetti,  
The Sun-  
 days of  
 Man's Life*

*Christ is the  
Morning  
Star, who,  
when the  
night of this  
world is past,  
gives to his  
saints the  
promise of the  
light of life,  
and opens  
everlasting  
day.  
~ Bede the  
Venerable,  
672-735  
A.D.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For 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. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift 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. <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>A 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHORAL RESPONSE** (9:00 a.m.)

“Gallery Carol”

... Marlowe Johnson

## **PSALM 72:1-11**

Choir/ Give the king your jus'tice, O God,\*

L: and your righteousness to 'the king's son;

**C: that he may rule your 'people righteously\*  
and the 'poor with justice;**

Choir/ that the mountains may bring prosperity 'to the people,\*

L: and the little 'hills bring righteousness.

**C: He shall defend the needy a'mong the people;\*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush 'the oppressor.**

Choir/ He shall live as long as the sun and 'moon endure,\*  
L: from one generation 'to another.

**C: He shall come down like rain upon 'the mown field,\*  
like showers that wa'ter the earth.**

Choir/ In his time shall the 'righteous flourish;\*  
L: there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall 'be no  
more.

**C: He shall rule from 'sea to sea,\*  
and from the river to the ends 'of the earth.**

Choir/ His foes shall bow 'down before him,\*  
L: and his enemies 'lick the dust.

**C: The kings of Tarshish and of the isles 'shall pay tribute,\*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba 'offer gifts.**

Choir/ All kings shall bow 'down before him,\*  
L: and all the nations 'do him service.

**All: Glory 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**

### **EPISTLE** Ephesians 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other

The cry of  
distress of a  
humanity at  
odds with  
itself and  
with God –  
“Lord, make  
us one!” –  
finds an an-  
swer at the  
table of the  
unifying  
bread of life.  
As Augustine  
wrote: “be in  
the one Lord,  
be one body,  
be united as  
one.”  
~ Photina  
Rech,  
Wine and  
Bread

generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of 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. <sup>8</sup>To 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, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

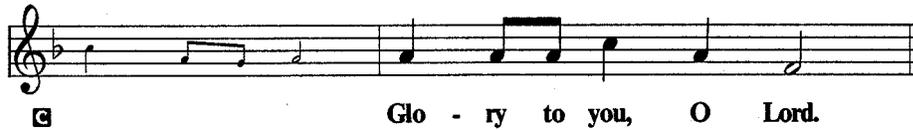
*Please stand.*

## VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

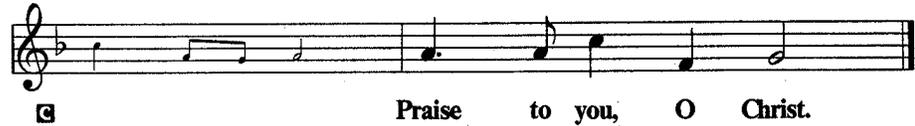


<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>"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.'" <sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And 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." <sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

*"Who knocks tonight so late?"  
The weary porter said.  
Three kings stood at the gate,  
Each with a crown on head.  
The serving man bowed down;  
The inn was full, he knew.  
Said he, "In all this town  
Is no place fit for you."  
A light the manger lit:  
There lay the mother meek.  
Said they,  
"This place is fit: Here is the rest we seek!"  
They loosed their latched strings;  
So stood they all unshod.  
"Come in, come in, ye kings,  
And kiss the feet of God."  
~ Laurence Housman  
(d. 1959 A.D.)*

*Let no one, therefore, contemplate the unveiled Divinity [that is, the unrevealed God], but let him flee from these contemplations as from hell and the veritable temptations of Satan. Let it be the concern of each of us to abide by the signs by which God has revealed Himself to us . . .*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for ✕ the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

*During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” green hymnal #76

## SERMON

“The Eternal Purpose”

*Please kneel.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting God and Son of Mary, let us pray.

P: . . . O King of Kings,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

*. . . namely,  
His Son, born  
of the Virgin  
Mary and  
lying in His  
manger  
among the  
cattle; the  
word; Bap-  
tism; the  
Lord's Sup-  
per; and abso-  
lution. In  
these images  
we see and  
meet a God  
whom we can  
bear, one who  
comforts us,  
lifts us up  
into hope, and  
saves us.  
~ Martin  
Luther,  
Lectures on  
Genesis*

## VOLUNTARY

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" ... Charles W. Ore

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY



☐ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the



hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and



give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: Amen

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☞ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☞ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☞ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS ("Holy")



☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

*We all want to see Jesus, but we already have. In bread and wine, we see the salvation that God has prepared before all people. Our Sacrament is not a private, sectarian ritual, but a meal to which the Father invites the nations: "Come, for all things are prepared." That Divine Supper is the light that lightens the Gentiles and is the glory of Israel. There we stand on heaven's threshold and death evaporates into the past tense.*  
~ Pr. David P. Scaer, In Christ

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Indeed, could there be a more spiri-tual prayer than the one left us by Christ who has also sent us his Spirit? Is there a truer way of praying to the Father than the one which has come from the lips of Christ who is Truth?*

*~ Cyprian of Carthage (d. 258 A.D.),  
On the Lord's Prayer*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

### 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**

## ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*To you be praised, O eternal God, and endless thanksgiving for the fact that you deigned to become a human being and that for us in the world you willed to consecrate your venerable Body out of material bread and lovingly bestow it on us as food for the salvation of our souls!  
~ Bridget of Sweden, 1303-1373 A.D.,  
Book of Questions*

**A Prayer  
as You Go**  
O Lord, heavenly Father,  
who, through Thine angels,  
didst bid poor shepherds of  
the field not to fear but re-  
joice that Christ the Sav-  
iour was born: Drive away,  
we beseech Thee, all fear  
from our hearts and stir  
up in us this true and right-  
ful joy . . .

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

“When Christ’s Appearing Was Made Known”

green hymnal #85

“What Child Is This” green hymnal #40

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

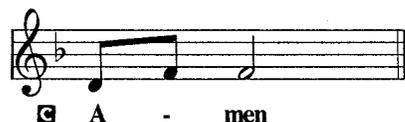
## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



*Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

“We Three Kings” blue hymnal #646

## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

“The Magi”

... Kenneth T. Kosche

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

## Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Lector: (9:00) Jewell Charbarneau  
(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolytes: (9:00) Anna Gjerde; Mitchell Steinke; Grace Stimac  
(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring  
(11:00) Karla Westcott

Communion Assistant:  
(9:00) Lois Jarosz  
(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Julie Sweeney

... that,  
though here on  
earth we may  
be despised,  
miserable,  
poor, and for-  
lorn, we may  
nevertheless be  
comforted and  
rejoice that we  
have Thy dear  
Son, Christ our  
Lord, as our  
Saviour, who  
for our sake  
became man,  
that He might  
defend us from  
death and evil  
and save us  
forever. Amen  
~ Veit Dietrich,  
*Kinderpostille*,  
1549 A.D.

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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