

Confirmation Instruction – September 19, 2021 – Binding of Isaac

Welcome

- Prayer
- Questions from last week’s class?

Review

The Bible is a collection of (*how many?*) _____ books. Originally, the _____ Testament was written in the _____ language, and the _____ Testament was written in the _____ language. The Bible contains different kinds of literature, including:

We hear both **law** and **gospel** when we read the Bible. Law points out and condemns _____. Law drives the sinner toward the grace and mercy revealed in _____ and his cross. Gospel means “_____ News.” The gospel is God’s _____ for you. Law and gospel work together to help us put our trust in _____.

Law and Gospel in Today’s Reading

	Law (What is the problem? What are people supposed to be doing?)	Gospel (What is God doing for us?)
Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14		

The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed

- *The Lutheran Handbook*, p. 203

Discussion Questions

- How is understanding God as Father helpful?
 - How is it challenging?

- How does God provide for us?
 - How did God provide for Abraham and Isaac?
- What are some ways we can “thank and praise, serve and obey” God, in gratitude for God’s gracious providing for us?
- Does God love less those who lack “the necessities and nourishment for this body and life” or who experience danger or evil?
- How might Luther’s explanation of the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed help us interpret the story of the Binding of Isaac?
- Which faith practices are evident in this story?

Closing Prayer



Seven Key Faith Practices for Christian Disciples:

- Worship
- Pray
- Study
- Serve
- Give
- Invite
- Encourage

About the Image: Sacrifice of Isaac, portion of a photograph of an altarpiece in the Iglesia de Santa Cruz in Ecija, Spain, built ca. 1400-1450. Photographed by JI FilpoC on November 23, 2019.

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Daily Readings

- Monday - Genesis 24:1-14
- Tuesday - Genesis 24:15-33
- Wednesday - Genesis 24:33-51
- Thursday - Genesis 24:52-67
- Friday - Genesis 25:19-28
- Saturday - Genesis 25:29-34
- Sunday, September 26 – Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17 (Jacob’s Dream)