

Confirmation Instruction – September 26, 2021 – Jacob’s Dream

Welcome

- Prayer
- Questions from last week’s class or readings?

Review

The First Article of the Apostles’ _____ is about God the _____ (*which person of the Trinity?*). Martin _____ wrote the *Small _____*, which includes his explanation of the First Article:

Put these words where they belong in the explanation of the First Article:

created given is obey owe praise preserves protects provides
 serve shields thank

I believe that God has _____ me together with all that exists. God has _____ me and still _____ my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties. In addition, God daily and abundantly _____ shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property – along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God _____ me against all danger and _____ and preserves me from all evil. All this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I _____ it to God to _____ and _____, _____ and _____ him. This _____ most certainly true.

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 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17		

The Bible as a “Library”

- *The Lutheran Handbook*, pp. 168-169, The Five Biggest Misconceptions about the Bible

The Hebrew Bible

- Pentateuch (“five books”)/Torah (“law” or “teaching”)
 - Genesis
 - Exodus
 - Leviticus
 - Numbers
 - Deuteronomy
- Historical Books
 - Joshua
 - Judges
 - Ruth
 - 1 & 2 Samuel
 - 1 & 2 Kings
 - 1 & 2 Chronicles
 - Ezra
 - Nehemiah
 - Esther
- Writings/Poetical and Wisdom Books
 - Job
 - Psalms
 - Proverbs
 - Ecclesiastes
 - Song of Solomon
- Prophetic Books
 - Isaiah
 - Jeremiah
 - Lamentations
 - Ezekiel
 - Daniel
 - Hosea
 - Joel
 - Amos
 - Obadiah
 - Jonah
 - Micah
 - Nahum
 - Habakkuk
 - Zephaniah
 - Haggai
 - Zechariah
 - Malachi



The New Testament

- Gospels and Acts
 - Matthew
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - John
 - Acts of the Apostles
- Letters of Paul
 - Romans
 - 1 & 2 Corinthians
 - Galatians
 - Ephesians
 - Philippians
 - Colossians
 - 1 & 2 Thessalonians
 - 1 & 2 Timothy
 - Titus
 - Philemon
- General Letters
 - Hebrews
 - James
 - 1 & 2 Peter
 - 1, 2 & 3 John
 - Jude
- Revelation

Deuterocanonical (“second canon”)/Apocryphal (“hidden”) Books

Seven Key Faith Practices for Christian Disciples: Worship | Pray | Study | Serve | Give | Invite | Encourage

Discussion Questions

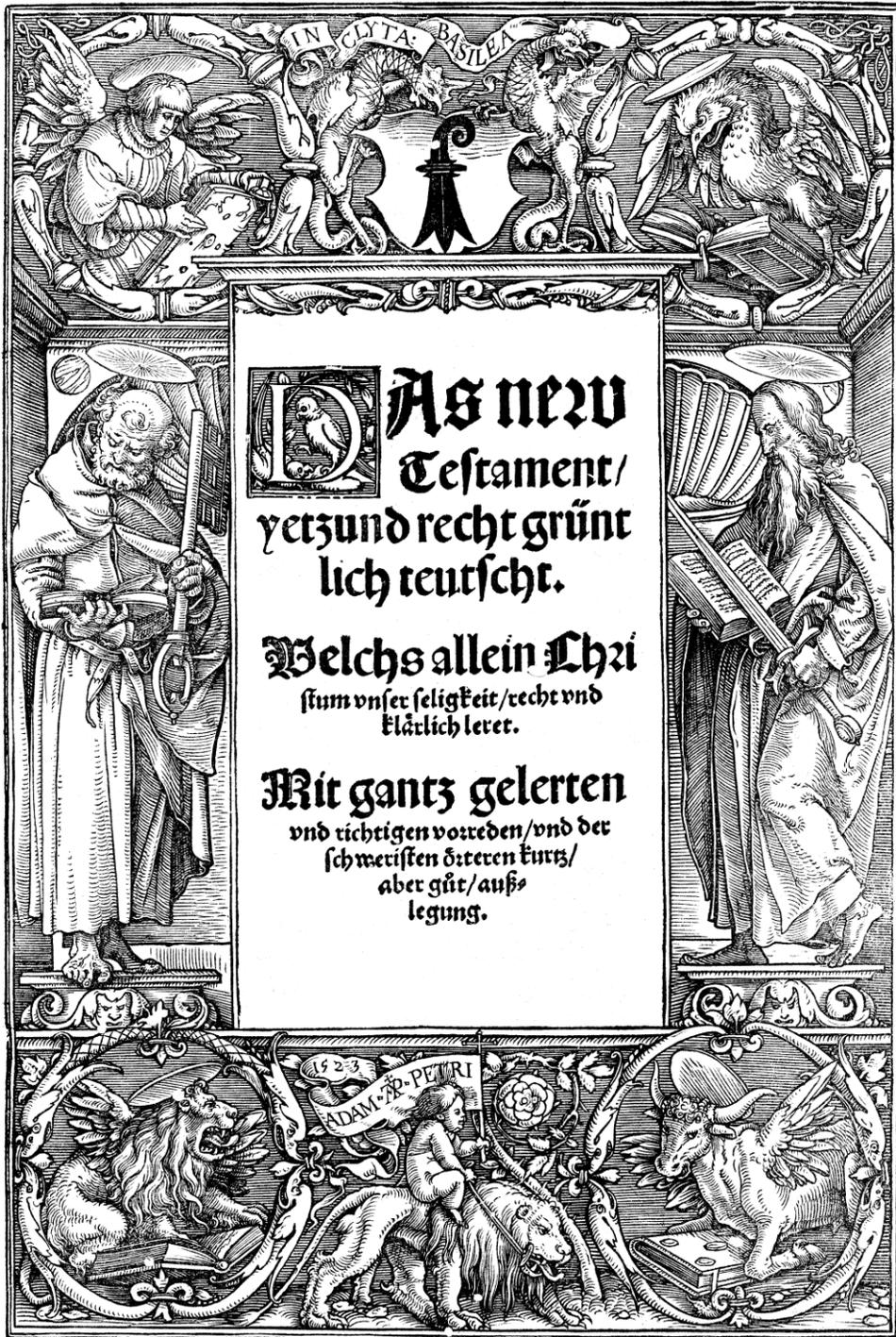
- What faith practices are evident in the story of Isaac and Rebekah and their sons Esau and Jacob, or in the account of Jacob's dream?
- In what ways does this story resonate with the First Article of the Apostles' Creed or Luther's explanation of it?
- Families in the Bible have their share of conflicts (sibling rivalry, favoritism, lying, jealousy, etc.). How do we benefit by reading their stories today?
- Isaac believes he is blessing Esau, but he blesses Jacob instead. Esau is left without a blessing from his father.
 - How does it feel to be excluded?
 - Are God's blessings scarce or abundant? Is anyone left without a blessing from God?
- God's blessings are passed down from Abraham, to his son Isaac, to his son Jacob.
 - What are those blessings?
 - What role does Jesus have in those blessings becoming reality?

Artistic Representations of Some of the People who Wrote the Bible

- *Image on page 2*: The apostle John, receiving inspiration from above as he writes. His attribute, the eagle, is nearby. Woodcut designed by Lucas Cranach, the Elder, for the first printing of Martin Luther's German translation of the New Testament, in September 1522. The image is available through the Pitts Theology Library's Digital Image Archive: http://pitts.emory.edu/dia/image_details.cfm?ID=5633
- *Image on page 4*: A historiated title page from the second printing of Luther's German translation of the New Testament, December 1522. Woodcut based on design by Hans Holbein the Younger, but cut by Hans Lutzburger. The printer's device at the bottom center, showing a child riding a lion, is that of printer Adam Petri. In the four corners are the creatures representing the four gospel writers: Matthew (winged-man or angel), Mark (lion), Luke (ox), and John (eagle). On the sides are Peter (holding a key), and Paul (holding a sword). At the top center are symbols of the city of Basel.
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Daily Readings

- *Monday* - Genesis 29:1-30
- *Tuesday* - Genesis 29:31-35; 30:1-24
- *Wednesday* - Genesis 37:2-36; 39:20-23
- *Thursday* - Genesis 40:2-3, 5, 9-23; 41:14-45
- *Friday* - Genesis 47:1-12; 50:22-26
- *Saturday* - Exodus 1:8-14; 2:1-25
- *Sunday, September 19* - Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-15; 4:10-17 (God's Name is Revealed)



Das new
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aber güt/auffs
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