

**A reading from Genesis chapter 27 verses 1 through 13. You can find the reading on page 21 in your pew Bible.**

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, “My son”; and he answered, “Here I am.” He said, “Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die.”

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game and bring it, Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, ‘Bring me game and prepare for me delicious food, that I may eat it and bless you before the LORD before I die.’ Now therefore, my son, obey my voice as I command you. Go to the flock and bring me two good young goats, so that I may prepare from them delicious food for your father, such as he loves. And you shall bring it to your father to eat, so that he may bless you before he dies.” But Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, “Behold, my brother Esau is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be mocking him and bring a curse upon myself and not a blessing.” His mother said to him, “Let your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, bring them to me.”

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 17.

Leader: Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry!  
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

**People: From your presence let my vindication come!  
Let your eyes behold the right!**

Leader: You have tried my heart, you have visited me by night,  
you have tested me, and you will find nothing;

**People: I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.**

Leader: With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

**People: My steps have held fast to your paths;  
my feet have not slipped.**

Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me; hear my words.

**People: Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O Savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it  
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.**

*(allow them time to stand)*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.**

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.

**Leader: The Gospel of the Lord**

***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.***