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**Epistles of St. Paul**

1. ff. 1r-14r [P]aulus servus Christi Ihesu ... cui honor et gloria in secula seculorum. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Romanos habens versus D CCCC XI.

Romans. There are a few German marginal glosses on ff. 1r-2r.

2. ff. 14r-28v *Argumentum*. [f. 14v:] [C]orinthi sunt Achaici, et hi similiter ab apostolo audierunt verbum veritatis ... ab Epheso per Timotheum discipulum suum. *Ad Corinthios epistola prima*. [P]aulus vocatus apostolus Christi ... Caritas mea cum omnibus vobis in Christo Ihesu. Amen. *Explicit prima epistola ad Corinthios, versus D CCC LXXX habens*.

1 Corinthians, with the prologue Stegmüller 685.

3. ff. 28v-37v *Incipit argumentum secunde epistole ad Corinthios*. [P]ost actam penitenciam a Corinthiis consolatoriam epistolam scribit eis ... sed et emendatos ostendens. *Explicit argumentum*. [f. 29r:] [P]aulus apostolus Ihesu Christi per voluntatem Dei ... et communicacio Sancti Spiritus cum omnibus vobis. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Corinthios secunda.

2 Corinthians, with the prologue Stegmüller 701. There is an important correction on f. 32r: c. 6:1-2 had been skipped by the scribe and was afterwards added in the outer margin by a contemporary hand.

4. ff. 38r-42v [G]alate sunt Greci. Hii verbum veritatis primum ab apostolo acceperunt ... scribens eis ab Epheso. [P]aulus apostolus, non ab hominibus ... Gracia Domini nostri Ihesu Christi cum spiritu vestro, fratres. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Galatas.

Galatians, with the prologue Stegmüller 707.

5. ff. 42v-48r [E]phesi sunt Asiani. Hii accepto verbo veritatis perstiterunt in fide ... de carcere per Tichicum dyaconem. Explicit argumentum. [P]aulus apostolus Ihesu Christi per voluntatem Dei ... Gracia cum omnibus qui diligunt Dominum nostrum Ihesum Christum in incorruptione. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Effesios.

Ephesians, with the prologue Stegmüller 715.

6. ff. 48r-51v [P]hilipenses sunt Macedones. Hii accepto verbo veritatis perstiterunt in fide ... a Roma de carcere per Epafroditum. Explicit argumentum. [P]aulus et Tymotheus servi Ihesu Christi ... Gracia Domini nostri Ihesu Christi cum spiritu vestro. Amen. Explicit ad Philippenses.

Philippians, with the prologue Stegmüller 728.

7. ff. 52r-55r [C]olosenses et hi sicut Laudicenses sunt Asiani. Et ipsi preventi erant ... per Titicum diaconem et Onesimum acolitum. [P]aulus apostolus Ihesu Christi per voluntatem Dei ... Gracia Domini Ihesu vobiscum. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Colosenses.

Colossians, with the prologue Stegmüller 736.

8. ff. 55r-58v [T]essalonicenses sunt Macedones. Qui accepto verbo veritatis perstiterunt in fide ... ab Athenis per Timotheum dyaconem. Explicit argumentum. [P]aulus et Silvanus et Tymotheus ... Gracia Domini nostri Ihesu Christi vobiscum. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Tessalonicenses.

1 Thessalonians, with the prologue Stegmüller 748.

9. ff. 58v-60r *Incipit argumentum in epistola secunda ad Tessalonicenses.* Ad Tessalonicenses secundam scribit epistolam apostolus ... ab Athenis per Titum dyaconem [sic] et Onesimum acolitum. Explicit argumentum. [P]aulus et Silvanus et Timotheus ... Gracia Domini nostri Ihesu Christi cum omnibus vobis. Amen.

2 Thessalonians, with the prologue Stegmüller 752.

10. ff. 60r-64r Timotheum instruit et docet de ordinatione episcopatus ... omnis ecclesiastice discipline. Explicit argumentum. [P]aulus apostolus Christi Ihesu secundum imperium Dei ... Gracia tecum. Amen.

1 Timothy, with the prologue Stegmüller 765.

11. ff. 64r-67r [I]tem Timotheo scribit de exhortacione martirii ... scribens ab urbe Roma. Explicit argumentum. [P]aulus apostolus Christi Ihesu per voluntatem Dei ... Gracia vobiscum. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Timotheum secunda.

2 Timothy, with the prologue Stegmüller 772.

12. ff. 67r-69r [T]itum commonefacit et instruit de constitutione presbiterii ... scribit a Nicopoli. Explicit argumentum. Amen. [P]aulus servus Dei, apostolus autem Christi Ihesu ... Gracia Dei cum omnibus vobis. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Titum.

Titus, with the prologue Stegmüller 780. There are German interlinear glosses in chapter 3 (f. 68v).

13. ff. 69v-70r [P]hilemoni familiares litteras facit ... de carcere per eundem Onesimum. Explicit argumentum. [P]aulus vinctus Ihesu Christi ... Gracia Domini nostri Ihesu Christi cum spiritu vestro. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Philemonem.

Philemon, with the prologue Stegmüller 783.

14. ff. 70v-81v [I]n primis dicendum est cur apostolus Paulus in hac epistola scribendi [sic] ... post excessum beati apostoli Pauli Greco sermone conposuit. [M]ultifariam multisque modis olim Deus loquens patribus ... Gracia cum omnibus vobis. Amen. Explicit epistola ad Hebreos.

Hebrews, with the prologue Stegmüller 793. The right order of the leaves is: 70, 72-75, 71, 76-81. There are German interlinear glosses in chapter 1 (ff. 70v and 72r).

Paper, ff. I + 81 + I, 215 x 145 mm. In-4° folding. The acidity of the ink has damaged some leaves so badly, that after writing the recto the verso could not be used: so on f. 15v the first line only was written, and resumed on f. 16r; for the same reason f. 46v was not used and the text continues from f. 46r to f. 47r. The lower and outer margins waterstained; modern repairs to several leaves (especially f. 1).

I-III<sup>12</sup> (ff. 1-36), IV<sup>12</sup> (-12, blank; ff. 37-47), V<sup>12</sup> (ff. 48-59), VI<sup>10</sup> (ff. 60-69), VII<sup>12</sup> (ff. 70-81).

Pricking in the upper and lower margins and a full vertical row of prickings in the outer margins; ruling with brown ink for one column of 30 lines below top line. Ruling type 13, 140 x 88 mm.

Copied by a single scribe writing *Gothica Semihybrida Libraria* with some *Fractura* features (final *s* e.g.).

Space for headings and an abundant decoration in the form of initials was reserved (1-line versals in the text and large initials at the opening of the texts: 2-6 lines for the Prologues, 8-11 lines for the texts) but the initials are almost entirely missing. Guide letters are also generally missing. Red plain initials and versals have only been executed on ff. 58v-60r (art.9). Red stroking of the majuscules on ff. 1r-35v, 38v, 39v, 60r-61r.

There are red running headlines in the outer margin of the recto pages, above the top line, and red numbering of the chapters in the outer margins (“cap. 1<sup>m</sup>”, “cap. 2<sup>m</sup>” etc.). The headlines are missing from f. 16 to f. 31.

Binding s. XIX<sup>in</sup>: brown mottled paper over cardboard. On the flat spine a small paper label with the printed number “991”. In the left-hand top corner of the front cover a s. XIX<sup>in</sup> paper label with inscription: “Epistolae B. Pauli apostoli. Codex saec. XV”. Grey paper endleaves.

At the top of f. 1r: “Biblioth. J. Niefers, past. in Velen, 1822”. Velen is a place in western Germany, close to the Dutch border, west of Münster. On the front pastedown “99”, crossed out, “42” in a circle, crossed out, and on the facing flyleaf recto “11” in a circle, all in pencil. Purchased on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.

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