



November 9 – 10, 2024

Letting Go
Genesis 12:1-5a



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

CONTEMPORARY
SAT 5:30 pm | SUN 10:30 am

Praise You Anywhere
Better Hands
Rest On Us
The Way

CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am
Lord God, We Praise You
My Lighthouse
Rest On Us
BELLS: **Here I Am Lord**
On Our Way Rejoicing

MESSAGE: **Sarah Fike**
Installation of Pastor Sarah (all services)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 8:45am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30pm, Sun 10:30am
Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links at popmn.org

Celebration Weekend | November 16/17

We invite you to place your 2025 statement of intent in the offering plate.

A Journey of Thanksgiving | November 27 | 2:00 – 7:30pm

Explore prayer stations set up around the Sanctuary, designed to help you reflect and give thanks. Pie will be served at 6:00 pm.

Service of Remembrance | December 17 | 7:00pm

Submit your loved one's name to be read at the service to Kari at ksnyder@popmn.org by Thursday, December 12.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

The Retirement Income Rubik's Cube | November 14 or 19

Discover how your retirement strategy affects the interconnected pieces of your financial puzzle. Register at popmn.org

Life Savors: Savor the Season | December 12 | 11:30am

Scandinavian lunch with Grace Notes Trio! Register: popmn.org

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Your gift supports mission and ministry. Thank you!



Connect With Us

We are here to love God and all people by being the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world so that all might know that they are loved. We are an open and affirming church. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond. **Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church!**



Connect with Prince of Peace! Scan here to join our mailing list and find ways to get involved.



Scan here for more information about **Family Ministry.**



Scan here to make a **prayer request** or to have a member of the Spiritual Care Team contact you.

PAPER COPIES OF THESE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CONNECT DESK.

Trust the Story | Lost in Translation | **Letting Go**

The Bible is complex and multi-layered, but it invites all of us to lean in and look closer as it reveals, story by story, who God is ... and also who we are.

From the beginning, we imagine a God that keeps speaking to us through these stories of redemption and hope. But along the way we've lost the fullness of the message. So much of the story can get lost in translation. Lost in the literal translation from Hebrew and Greek to English. Lost in different cultural contexts. Lost in repetition, lulling us into a familiarity that strips the story of its power.

It's like looking in a window. You can't always see the whole room from your vantage point. Sometimes you need a second window, or a third, in order to see into every corner. Sometimes you can never see the whole thing. It's an exploration, a discovery, that invites you to look again and again from new angles.

We are called to trust the story, turning each page with the desire to find what's been lost in translation.

"Travel is fatal to prejudice." – Mark Twain

What does it mean to be called? Are there things you feel called to do or be? What does that feel like? Does it seem like something you get to do, or something you have to do? Does your calling feel easy to step into, or is it a struggle or a reach?

Is everyone called to something? Have you ever felt like you weren't called to anything? How does that feel? Does God leave people out? Why, or why not?

What happens when your calling requires you to give up a good thing: family or a group of friends, home or a job, income or material comfort? Imagine what it felt like for Sarai and Abram to be called out of their long-time home, their comfort zone, into an unknown land. What would it feel like to leave a place where they had rooted their lives and embark on a more nomadic existence? How would that change their relationship with comfort, predictability, possessions, wealth?

What changes when you leave the insulation of your own home to travel to new places, to walk with people you don't already know, to eat different foods and hear different languages? How do your perceptions – about humanity, the earth, traditions, even about God – change when you're outside of your comfort zone? On the other hand, what happens when you stay put, when you never experience new ideas?

Think about the Bible stories you know. Can you find other places where people are called out of their comfort zones and into a wider world, in connection and relationship with more diverse groups of people and ideas? Think about Eve leaving the lush garden to plant the hard ground outside. Think about Hagar breaking off from her tribe in the wilderness to forge her own life and freedom with her child. Think about Moses leading the Israelites out of a slavery that included provision, and into a wilderness with no food. Think about Ruth, following her mother-in-law into a hostile land instead of returning to her hometown. Think about the disciples leaving their homes and families to follow a rogue, progressive rabbi they just met. Why do you think that venturing out into the wide world, encountering different people and new situations, is a recurring theme in this story of God at work in the world?

What is the message for you today? How is God calling you forward into an expanding world?