



September 14–15, 2024

TO BEAR
Genesis 1:26-31



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

Open Up the Heavens
Stand in Your Love
Build My Life
The Way

CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am

For the Beauty of the Earth
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)
Who You Say I Am
Rise O Sun of Righteousness

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**
Communion (Sat. 5:30)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

New worship formats are up and running!

Classic: Sun 8:45am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30pm, Sun 10:30am
Download sermon resources: popmn.org/worship/downloads/

There are more ways to Trust the Story!

Tune in to our livestream on Sundays at 8:45 and 10:30 am,
listen to our Spotify playlist and our podcast. Links at popmn.org

Come sing with the Celebration Choir this season!

Rehearse Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Contact agiebner@popmn.org

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Join Elizabeth Circle members for conversations about the
third act in life with author Becky Blue: popmn.org/register

Pastor Dan is leading a two-day prayer hermitage retreat.

Want to join? Contact Pastor Dan at dnordin@popmn.org

Become a member of Prince of Peace!

Email jklein@popmn.org to sign up for new member classes.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

Register to participate or volunteer: popmn.org/register

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Your gift supports mission and ministry. Thank you!



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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!**



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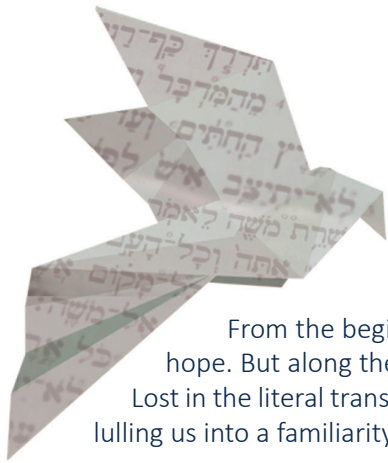


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The Bible is complex and multi-layered, but it invites all of us to lean in and look closer as it reveals, story by story, who God is ... and also who we are.

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.

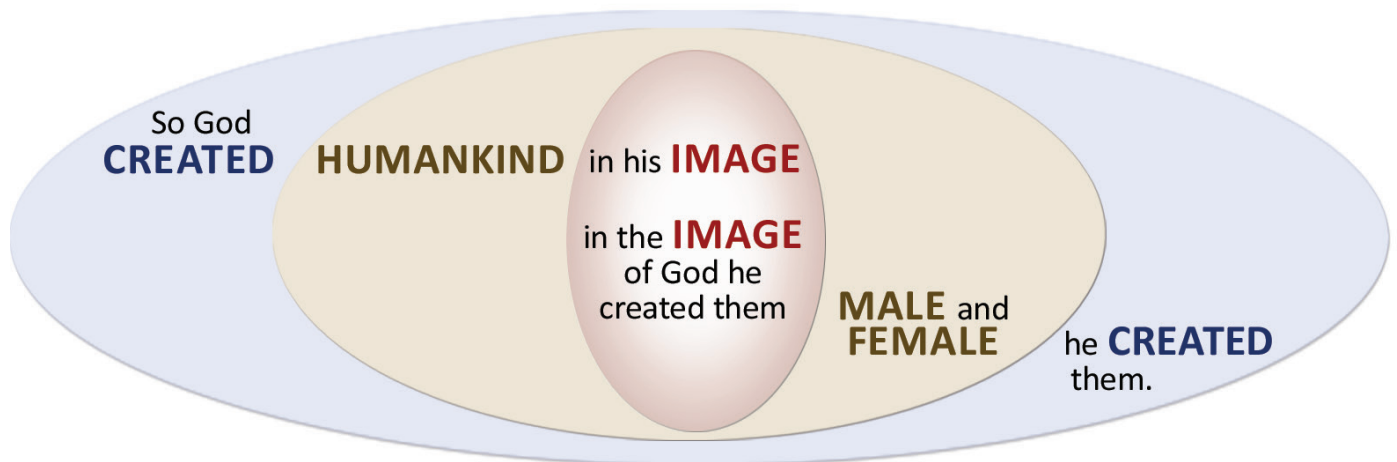
It's like looking in a window. You can't always see the whole room from your vantage point. Sometimes you need a second window, or a third, in order to see into every corner. Sometimes you can never see the whole thing. It's an exploration, a discovery, that invites you to look again and again from new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

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

Last week we talked about a poetic writing style that we, in our western world, largely miss: the **chiasm**. Chiasms use repetition to place emphasis on the **middle** of a particular text, like this diagram of Genesis 1:27.

On a regular page, Genesis 1:27 reads like this: " So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." But what changes when you see the text laid out as a chiasm? What is at the center of this text, and therefore the good stuff, the treasure, that the writer wants us to remember?

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- *How is this text critical to understanding what God is doing in creation, especially as we explore our humanness in relation to God?*
- *What does it mean that we are created good? What does it mean to be created in God's image? What happens to your theology when you begin from a place of goodness and worthiness, understanding that you have been hand-crafted by a Creator God?*
- *What part of you do you think reflects God the most? Why? Can you find reflections of God in people around you, even people you don't like?*