

### May 24 – 25, 2025

**For the Joy** Leviticus 1:4, Psalm 16, John 16:24

#### **MUSIC THIS WEEKEND**

#### CONTEMPORARY | SAT 5:30 pm

Praise Rest on Us Canvas and Clay Praise You Anywhere

#### CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am

This is My Song Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound ORGAN: Amazing Grace How Great Thou Art

#### CONTEMPORARY | SUN 10:30 am

Let Everything Better Hands Canvas and Clay Battle Belongs

MESSAGE: Sarah Fike Communion (Saturday 5:30 pm)

## Welcome to Prince of Peace!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is an open and affirming church, here to love God and all people. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond.



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

Paper copies of this form are available at the Connect Desk.

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#### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

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

Reconcile Concert | 7:00 pm | Saturday, June 7 Free and open to the public! NOTE: No 5:30 pm worship this day.

**Outdoor worship** | **May 31 – August** | **Weather permitting** Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 10:30 am services will be outside.

**NEW START TIME for the Sunday classic service** Classic worship starts at 9:00 am in the sanctuary beginning June 1.

#### JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

**Prince of Peace office closed on Memorial Day** | **Monday, May 26** Call 952-435-8102 for pastoral emergencies.

Financial Forum | 2025-26 Budget | June 8 | 9:45 am

Congregational Meeting | June 14-15 | All worship services

Volunteer for VBS | June 23-26 Be a part of a Bible-rich summer camp grounded in hands-on learning experiences for kids. Register: popmn.org/vbs

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



# SERVE DURING OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Saturday 5:30 and/or Sunday 10:30 services

We're searching for many people to support outdoor worship in all capacities: tech, set-up, tear-down, livestream and more. We can train you!

If you'd like to learn more, contact Jake at jberg@popmn.org.

Follow us on social media: Facebook: @popchurch Instagram: @popburnsville

Listen to our Trust the Story Podcast: YouTube: @PrinceofPeaceLutheranChurch Spotify: @POPmn



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# A God of wrath?

Leviticus is all about God and humanity dwelling together, and here we find the terms Israel must abide by to play host to God. For the first time since the garden of Eden, God is preparing to dwell in physical proximity to humans in the tabernacle. It's far more limited than the garden—the space itself is limited, and Israel's means of engaging God are limited, too. However, Israel doesn't see those limitations as a bad thing; getting to host God is cause for celebration.

In this text we learn about the different types of offerings the people can bring to God. And because of who God is and God's nature, the people need to take proper precautions in order to be close to God. God wants nothing more than to dwell with humanity and repair relationship between heaven and earth. Atoning sacrifices in Leviticus are meant to communicate grace, not punishment. These laws governing Israel's sacrificial system in the opening movement of Leviticus can be some of the most challenging parts of the Bible to read. They're also an integral part of the unfolding story of the Bible.

Because of who we are and how we are, our sins and the way we live our lives endanger us. Atonement repairs the relationship. Real life is being in communion with God, staying in proximity to the source of all life. The experience of dwelling with God introduces the joy that we experience when we're in a right relationship with the giver of life.

- What parts of Leviticus do you find difficult, boring, or confusing? Why is this book in the Bible?
- What does this section about offerings tell you about God? Is it different than what you expected? Does today's reading have any good news to share?
- What are a few ways that you try to keep a distance from God? Can you hide from God? Do you want to? Why?
- When do you feel close to God? Do you feel different, or do you experience your life (both the ups and the downs) differently when you feel like God is near? Where is the joy in this story?



# What is yours to do?

As we walk through this series, we'll take some time to reflect on our own calling. How are you called to use your skills and talents, interests and enthusiasm? Where does your joy and expertise meet a need in your community?

Scan the QR code to take a gifts assessment that will help you start thinking about the best ways to trust your skills and contributions in God's unfolding story.