

Daily Lectionary Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Easter 3 Ex. 32:15-35 Luke 6:39-49 Ps. 119:49-56 & 79</p>	<p>5 Ex. 33:1-23 Luke 7:1-17 Ps. 80:1-7 & 27</p>	<p>6 Ex. 34:1-28 Luke 7:18-35 Ps. 86:11-17 & 34</p>	<p>7 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Ex. 34:29-35:21 Luke 7:36-50 Ps. 84:1-4 & 23</p>	<p>1 Ex. 25:1-22 Luke 5:17-39 Ps. 119:25-32 & 9</p>	<p>2 Ex. 31:1-18 Luke 6:1-19 Ps. 92</p>	<p>3 Ex. 32:1-14 Luke 6:20-38 Ps. 106:16-23 & 68</p>
<p>CHRIST IN LEVITICUS – In one sense, many of the rituals in Leviticus are obsolete for Christians who are interested in the sacrifice of Christ, not in animal sacrifices. But in another sense, the Levitical Ceremonies are still of immense relevance for today's church. It was in terms of these sacrifices that Jesus himself and the early church understood his atoning death. The sacrificial system of Leviticus was established by the same God who sent his Son to die for the world.</p>						
<p>11 Easter 4 Lev. 8:1-13, 30-36 Luke 9:1-17 Ps. 45:4-8a & 132</p>	<p>12 Lev. 9:1-24 Luke 9:18-36 Ps. 119:129-138 & 96</p>	<p>13 Lev. 10:1-20 Luke 9:37-62 Ps. 25:1-10 & 141</p>	<p>14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Lev. 16:1-24 Luke 10:1-22 Ps. 19:7-14 & 50</p>	<p>15 Lev. 17:1-16 Luke 10:23-42 Ps. 17:7-15 & 89</p>	<p>16 Lev. 18:1-7, 20--19:8 Luke 11:1-13 Ps. 119:1-8 & 116</p>	<p>17 Lev. 19:9-18, 26-37 Luke 11:14-36 Ps. 36:7-12 & 39</p>
<p>18 Easter 5 Lev. 20:1-16, 22-27 Luke 11:37-54 Ps. 37:1-9 & 150</p>	<p>19 Lev. 21:1-24 Luke 12:1-12 Ps. 31:1-5 & 25</p>	<p>20 Lev. 23:1-22 Luke 12:13-34 Ps. 127 & 92</p>	<p>21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Lev. 23:23-44 Luke 12:35-53 Ps. 116:12-19 & 123</p>	<p>22 Lev. 24:1-23 Luke 12:54-13:17 Ps. 52 & 107</p>	<p>23 Lev. 26:1-20 Luke 13:18-35 Ps. 119:33-40 & 81</p>	<p>24 Lev. 26:21-33, 39-44 Luke 14:1-24 Ps. 63:1-5, 8-11 & 78</p>
<p>25 Easter 6 Num. 3:1-16, 39-48 Luke 14:25-15:10 Ps. 135:13-21 & 60</p>	<p>26 Num. 8:5-26 Luke 15:11-32 Ps. 103:6-14 & 70</p>	<p>27 Num. 9:1-23 Luke 16:1-18 Ps. 85:1-7 & 18</p>	<p>28 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Num. 10:11-36 Luke 16:19-31 Ps. 62:5-10 & 19</p>	<p>29 Ascension Num. 11:1-23, 31-35 Luke 17:1-19 Ps. 130 & 47</p>	<p>30 Num. 11:24-29; 12:1-16 Luke 17:20-37 Ps. 77:11-15 & 8</p>	<p>31 Num. 13:1-3, 17-33 Luke 18:1-17 Ps. 119:97-104 & 122</p>

– Leviticus used to be the first book Jewish children studied in the synagogue. In the modern church, it tends to be the last part of the Scriptures anyone cares to look at. For some, Leviticus is the “liver and onions” Book of the Bible: it must be good for us, but we just don’t seem to have a taste for the stuff. Although it is frequently overlooked, Leviticus is the backbone of the Pentateuch and provides the NT, esp. Hebrews, with the vocabulary and theological categories to understand Christ’s forgiveness. Leviticus is dominated by holiness. Yahweh is holy and he graciously empowers Israel to walk in his holy ways.

Sacrificial blood is a major motif in Leviticus. For instance, blood is sprinkled seven times before Yahweh at the sanctuary (Lev 4:6) as well as on the front of the mercy seat (Lev 8:23). It is placed on the lobe of Aaron’s right ear, the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot (Lev 8:23). Why all the blood? Shed blood reconciles people with God. “Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin” (Heb 9:22). [Lessing and Steinmann, Prepare The Way of The Lord]