




PRINCE OF PEACE
Love God. Love People.

June 8–9, 2024
Philippians 2:1-13, 1 Corinthians 1:1-13



Unity **The Jesus Way**

WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Praise You Anywhere

Honey in the Rock

The Jesus Way

Message: Paul Dean

I Speak Jesus

Go in peace, and remember that you are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Outdoor Worship: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 10:30 am
Check popmn.org and our social media pages for weather alerts.

If you would like to access online resources for this sermon, visit popmn.org/worship/downloads/

Annual Congregation Meeting

Results will be featured in the June 10 POP Five newsletter.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Mission Outpost is collecting new or gently used linens throughout the month of June. Find donation hours and locations at popmn.org/missionoutpost

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

Keep the children, volunteers and staff in your prayers as we host **Vacation Bible School** at Prince of Peace this week.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

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 to connect with the Prince of Peace **Children's and Family Ministry** team.



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

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UNITY

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PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-13 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

FOR REFLECTION Have you ever thought that technology is both a blessing and a curse? On one hand, we have tools we've never had before that help us stay connected with people we love around the world. On the other hand, we have tools we've never had before that keep us from meaningful face-to-face conversations, as we each dive deeper into separate online echo chambers full of only the information we want to know.

How can we find unity when the world is so over-saturated with information that we can't collectively agree on what "truth" means? As our divisions grow wider, are we forgetting what it feels like to be unified? Does unity have to mean compromise or consensus? Is unity realistic? Can we be unified and still disagree? Where is the line?

Paul writes letters to tell the struggling churches that they should be one in Christ, that they should have the same mind as Christ, that they belong to Christ.

What does that mean? What happens if we have vastly different ideas about what Jesus teaches? Can we still find unity? How? On a practical level, what could (or should) unity look like in our churches and communities today? Does (or can) unity exist? Are there practical ways you can take Paul's words to heart, and live them out in 2024? How might you need to change in order to accommodate more unity, even if you're sure your opinions are right?