



PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

August 24-25, 2024

John 2:13-25



WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Let Everything

Ancient Gates

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**

Reckless Love

Washed by the Water

(5:30 pm & 10:30 am)

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

(9:00 am)

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

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Download sermon resources: popmn.org/worship/downloads/

Launching New Worship Services: September 7-8

Classic | Sundays at 8:45 am

Contemporary | Saturdays at 5:30 pm & Sundays at 10:30 am

We'll begin streaming the new classic worship service

on Facebook and YouTube beginning September 8.

Interested in being part of worship?

Find information and a volunteer form at the Connect Desk.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Pick up an invitation for our fall sermon series launch (Sept. 7-8)

and personally invite someone to come to church with you.

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

POP Child Care, POP Pre-K (ages 3-5), POP Kids (grades K-5)

POP Praise Choir, and Student Ministry (StuMin)

Register to participate or volunteer: popmn.org/register

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 register
your child for
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.

A NEW WAY

John 2:13-25

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION: The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Making an invitation can be both awkward and exciting.

Invitations are ripe with an awkward vulnerability because you have to wear your heart on the outside and wait for someone else's response. And they're exciting because maybe, just maybe, the person you ask will say yes ... and that opens up a whole new world of opportunities.

You won't know until you ask.

Using your voice is important, whether you're asking someone to the Homecoming dance, speaking out against injustice, or offering a word of love and peace to someone who desperately needs it. It's time for us to use our voices to speak these words of hope into a world that needs a lot more of it. **We can proclaim a God of love for ALL people, with no conditions and no exceptions.**

Somehow this message gets lost in the noise of our world today, or it can get muddled as people try to tack on amendments or rules. When rules become more important than people, you start losing people. Jesus didn't worship rules. Jesus loved God and people, and that is our goal at Prince of Peace.

This fall we are kicking off a three-year overview of the Bible. We're not reading every page and we're not studying every story. But we are going to notice the larger themes, particularly the God that keeps circling back to the people with love and grace, over and over and over again. No exceptions. It's a better story than divine anger or conditions, battle or domination. And we think this story is so compelling that we want to share it.

So we are inviting you to invite your friends home to Prince of Peace. Let's travel through these pages together and learn how each one of us is beloved and important in this ongoing, unfolding story of love for the earth and everything in it.