

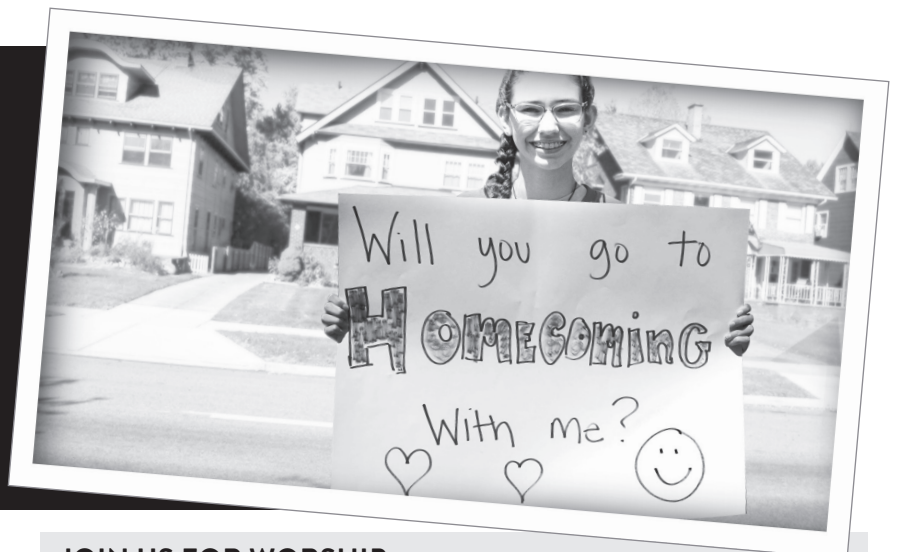


# PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

August 31–September 1, 2024

John 3:1-21



## WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

House of the Lord

Open Up the Heavens

MESSAGE: **Dan Nordin**

Communion

Goodness of God

The Way

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/](http://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.

We'll continue to stream the 10:30 am service.

## JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

**Join Elizabeth Circle members** for conversations about the third act in life with author Becky Blue: [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)

**Men's Ministry Breakfast | Sunday, September 8**

To celebrate the new ministry year, breakfast is FREE!

**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

**Register to participate or volunteer: [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)**

Several more volunteers are needed!

## 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.**

# BORN AGAIN ... AND AGAIN ...

John 3:1-21

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.

## Trust the Story



The Bible is complex and multilayered, 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.

We are called to trust the story. As we begin, let's wade in with fresh perspective and the desire to find what's been lost in translation.

**LOST IN TRANSLATION, the first chapter in our new "Trust the Story" series, begins September 7-8!**