



# PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

August 10-11, 2024

John 1:19-34



## WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

House of the Lord

Ancient Gates

MESSAGE: Paul Dean

Way Maker

Boxes (5:30 pm and 10:00 am)

**Hark! A Thrilling Voice  
is Sounding** (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/](http://popmn.org/worship/downloads/)

## JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

**POP in the Park | Sunday, August 18 | [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)**

Join us for an end-of-summer celebration! Pick up your POP in the Park / Mission Outpost shopping list at the Connect Desk.

Volunteer at POP in the Park! Contact Amy: [akalsow@popmn.org](mailto:akalsow@popmn.org)

**Preschool Summer Camp: August 12-16**

Keep your preschoolers active and engaged! [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)

**We're hiring for two positions!**

Child Development Learning Center (CDLC) Director and Student Ministries Director. Go to [popmn.org/about/employment/](http://popmn.org/about/employment/)

## 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](http://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!**



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Prince of Peace!  
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join our mailing list  
and find ways to  
get involved.



Scan here  
to connect with  
Prince of Peace's  
**Mission Outpost.**



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.**

# THE VOICE

## John 1:19-34

**NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION:** This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but he confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
'Make straight the way of the Lord,' "  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why, then, are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

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## 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.