



October 19-20, 2024

Watch the Door
Genesis 4:3-16



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

CONTEMPORARY
SAT 5:30 pm | SUN 10:30 am

Praise You Anywhere
His Mercy Is More
Rest on Us
I Thank God

CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am
Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun
My Lighthouse
Reconcile
FLUTE ENSEMBLE

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**
Communion (Sat. 5:30)
Baptism: Letty Thostenson (Sat. 5:30)
Baptism: Hudson Kraemer (Sun. 10:30)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 8:45am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30pm, Sun 10:30am
Download sermon resources: popmn.org/worship/downloads/
Find livestream, Spotify playlist and podcast links at popmn.org
Rehearsals for the Celebration Christmas Choir begin soon!
Sunday, October 27 at 4:00 pm. Contact agiebner@popmn.org

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Congregational Survey: Closes Sunday, October 27
We want to hear from you! Scan the QR code at the bottom of the handout to complete the survey. This will help us in our strategic planning process.

Living a Life of Meaning and Purpose

Tuesdays | October 29 – November 19 | 1:00 pm | POP
Discover your strengths, values and passions: popmn.org/register

JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

Boo Bash | October 26 | 10:00 – 11:30 am
Host a trunk for trick-or-treating 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 fill out the **Congregational Survey**. This survey will close on October 27.



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 Bible is complex and multi-layered, 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.

It's like looking in a window. You can't always see the whole room from your vantage point. Sometimes you need a second window, or a third, in order to see into every corner. Sometimes you can never see the whole thing. It's an exploration, a discovery, that invites you to look again and again from new angles.

We are called to trust the story, turning each page with the desire to find what's been lost in translation.

(Gen 4:3-8 NRS)

3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,
4 and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,
5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.
6 The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?
7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."
8 Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him.

(Gal 5:22-23 NRS)

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

The last fruit of the spirit of self-control is last for a reason. It is in living love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity and faithfulness-- all things that animals do not do, cannot do-- it is living in all of those. In practicing all of those, we are more likely to also have more self-control. It's almost impossible to get angry when you are practicing love. It's almost impossible to react to situations with violence, whether verbal or physical, when you are practicing gentleness. You are able to master jealousy when you are practicing joy. You are able to master hate when you are practicing generosity. You are able to master the beast that is crouching at the door when you are practicing patience or kindness.

So, this week, pick one fruit of the spirit. Anyone of them. Each day wake up and make a decision to practice a fruit of the spirit, and when your countenance falls... when your "art project" isn't good enough... your faithfulness will master the beast.