



November 2 – 3, 2024

**A Building Project**  
Genesis 11:1-9



### MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

**I Thank God**

**Great Things**

**Rest On Us**

**House of the Lord**

CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am

**For All the Saints**

**Light of Grace**

**Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

CHOIR: **Eat This Bread**

CHOIR: **I Am the Bread of Life**

**By All Your Saints**

MESSAGE: **Paul Dean**  
**Communion** (all services)

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

**Classic: Sun 8:45am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30pm, Sun 10:30am**

Download sermon resources: [popmn.org/worship/downloads/](http://popmn.org/worship/downloads/)  
Find livestream, Spotify playlist and podcast links at [popmn.org](http://popmn.org)

#### **Trust the Story podcast**

Listen to our podcast on YouTube and Spotify for a deeper dive into each sermon's Biblical text. New episodes drop on Thursdays.

### JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

**Savor the Season | December 12 | 11:30am**

Registration is now open for Life Savors' Scandinavian Luncheon featuring The Grace Notes Trio. Register at [popmn.org](http://popmn.org)

### JOIN US FOR MISSIONS

**Men's Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic: March 1-8, 2025**

Interested in joining? Contact [eelton@popmn.org](mailto:eelton@popmn.org)

#### **Mission Outpost Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Pick up an empty grocery bag and shopping list at the front desk!  
Return your filled grocery bag by Sunday, November 10.

### 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 for more information about **Family Ministry**.



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

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## Trust the Story | Lost in Translation | A Building Project

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.

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Have you heard the story of the Tower of Babel before? How was it told? Did today's sermon change the way you hear it? (If you missed it, find links to the broadcast at [popmn.org](http://popmn.org).)

Do you think God messed with humans' language and scattered them around the world as a punishment for their ingenuity? Or do you think this story is about what happens when humans use technology and power to glorify themselves at the expense and peril of others? What does the first version of the story say about God? What does the second version say about God? Who do you think God is? Which version does your lived experience with God point to?

What does the word "nimrod" mean in popular culture today? Why do you think the name of the warrior in this story has evolved in that way? Does the negative connotation associated with this word enrich the story, or detract?

Throughout history there have been many Nimrods who seek power through ego or destruction. It's easy to point them out. But the question for us is this: when do we act like a Nimrod? When and where in your life are you consolidating power? When is your ego blinding? When do your actions bring pain and hurt? When have you used a new technology to build monuments to yourself? How are you seeking to build monuments with your life in service of God who gives us all strength?

Ask yourself those questions again from a systemic point of view. When are we – as a community, a culture or a nation – consolidating power? When is our collective ego blinding? When do our actions – as a community, a culture or a nation – bring pain and hurt? When have we – as a community, a culture or a nation – used our technology to build monuments to ourselves? Or are we, together, really seeking to combine our lives in a monument of service and love for this world that God constantly re-creates?

Pastor Paul mentions genealogies in his sermon. We are also part of the long genealogies that continue throughout the years since the Bible was written. As part of this extensive family tree, are we following Nimrod's version of power, or God's? Are we using the tools we've created as a means of destruction, or a way of creating life and hope? How is this difference practical and relevant in our world today? What are we building?