



November 23 – 24, 2024

What's In A Name?

Genesis 14:4-5, 15-16 | Matthew 2:1-4



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

Great Things
Better Hands
Gratitude
I Thank God

CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CHOIR/BRASS: **New Jerusalem**

BRASS: MUSICAL OFFERING

CHOIR/BRASS/ORGAN: **Jesus Shall Reign**

MESSAGE: **Sarah Fike**

Communion (Saturday 5:30 pm)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 8:45am | Contemporary: Sat 5:30pm, Sun 10:30am
Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links at popmn.org

A Journey of Thanksgiving | November 27 | 2:00 – 7:30pm

Explore prayer stations set up around the Sanctuary, designed to help you reflect and give thanks. Pie will be served at 6:00 pm

Praise Choir (Grades K-5) Advent Worship | December 7 – 8
Kids lead worship! Saturday (5:30 pm) and Sunday (10:30 am)

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Submit names for a new Pastor of Family Ministry by December 1
Email FamilyMinistryCallCommittee@popmn.org

2025 Artist Calendars | \$15 each, to benefit FMSC
Available for purchase in the Community Room

Great ADVENTure | Friday, December 13 | 6:00pm
Family ministry Advent celebration! popmn.org/register

Poinsettia Sale | \$20 | popmn.org/register by November 28
Purchase a plant for display at POP in honor of a loved one

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Submit your 2025 statement of intent
online at popmn.org/fall-stewardship. 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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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.

What's in a name?

Names can take on significant meaning. Are you named after someone? Do you know what your name means? Is your name special in some way?

This story in Genesis shows just how important a name can be. You see, God changes Abram's name and Sarai's name to Abraham and Sarah. God does this as a sign of God's covenant and promise with them. Abram and Sarai still do not have children, and so God gives a sign of the covenant by changing their names.

Abraham means father of a multitude or nations which tells us what is to come for him. Sarah means princess or woman of high rank. She is an example of faith in these stories. Later as the story plays out, we learn that each of them live up to their names that God gives them.

REFLECTION:

- How does the covenant reflect God's faithfulness?
- How does the changing of Abram's and Sarai's names impact their identities and destinies?
- How can the promises and covenant of God in this chapter encourage you in your present life situations?