

March 29 – 30, 2025

The Reveal Exodus 20:1-8, Luke 9:28-36

### MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

Washed By The Water
Graves Into Gardens
Rest On Us
Praise

CLASSIC | SUN 8:45 am

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
Here I Am Lord
PIANO: Musical Offering
On Eagles' Wings

MESSAGE: **Sarah Fike Communion** (Saturday 5:30 pm)

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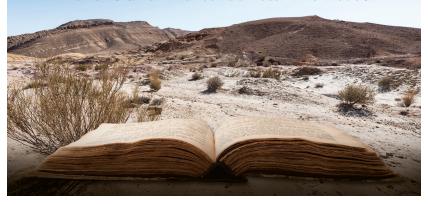
We are and open and affirming church, here to love God and all people. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond. Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church!



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# In and Out of the Wilderness: The Reveal



### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

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

### Holy Week at POP:

Palm Sunday | 5:30 pm – Chapel | 8:45 & 10:30 am – Sanctuary Maundy Thursday | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary | Live-streamed Good Friday | Prayer Walk | 3:00 – 7:00 pm | Sanctuary Easter Saturday | 5:30 pm | Sanctuary Easter Sunday Sunrise | 7:00 am | Chapel | Holy Communion Easter Sunday | 8:45 & 10:30 am | Sanctuary | Live-streamed

### JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

**Board of Directors Applications due March 31** 

We're accepting Board applications: popmn.org/leadership

EGGstravaganza | Saturday, April 12 | 10:00 am

Egg hunt, crafts and a pancake brunch! popmn.org/register

Help Prepare for EGGstravaganza | Tuesday, April 8 | 10:00 am Stuff eggs and decorate! Contact Jeanne: jkalsow@popmn.org

### JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Visit with the Legacy Committee after worship Stop by and learn about legacy and estate planning

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What feelings do the ten commandments evoke for you? Have these words been weaponized, or used as a helpful guide in your life? Or something in between?

The Israelites were slaves in Egypt for generations. Those who left Egypt after the plagues had never known another way of life. Any of their ancestors who'd experienced freedom had already been dead for 100 years. The ways of slavery were ingrained deeply in their minds and their bodies. The decades that the Israelites spend wandering in the wilderness after their escape from Egypt can be interpreted as God's attempt to teach them how to be free.

How do you honor God, how do you care for each other, and how do you build a community that is fair and just – even counter-cultural – when slavery is all you can remember or imagine?

How can the Israelites learn to live together in a better way than the Egyptian model that oppressed them? How do they learn to not become like their oppressors?

Where do they find the imagination to dream up a whole new way of being?

The first two commandments are about honoring God, about not making idols or using God's name in vain.

How is putting God first a new way of living for the Israelites? How does refusing all idols – golden statues, power, money, greed and other things we still worship today – lead to fair, just and counter-cultural living?

Could using God's name in vain be as much about weaponizing religion as it is about swearing? Can you think of any widespread pain caused by religious leaders acting "in God's name"?

Are these commandments about obedience, or is it about re-orienting your heart? What is the difference?

Commandments 4-10 are about how we treat each other.

Are these rules about exercising control, or about living into freedom?

Are these commandments about morality or shalom – an ongoing, intentional expression of wholeness and mutual thriving? For example, is it enough to not steal anything? Or does that commandment actually tell us to honor and protect our neighbors and their property?

What changes when we actively support, protect, and pour compassion into the families, lives, relationships, possessions and reputations of everyone in our community?

The third commandment is about sabbath, or rest. The story in Luke 9:28-36 is about a miraculous moment on a mountaintop. Jesus is bathed in a white light as long-dead prophets appear around him. And the disciples almost miss the whole thing because they're weighed down with sleep.

Why is rest a commandment? Is this about legislating and defining what work is and what it isn't? Do you think refraining from all activity actually sinful?

Or is this about rejuvenation, about taking your need for rest seriously enough to prioritize it one day each week, so you can show up to the other six as your best self?