



July 19 – 20, 2025

The Narrows

Numbers 9:14 | Matthew 7:13

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

Ancient Gates (Sunday only)

The King Is In The Room (Saturday only)

This Is Amazing Grace

Build My Life (Sunday only)

Firm Foundation (He Won't) (Saturday only)

Let Everything

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

Born Cry

Abide With Me

MUSICAL OFFERING: **Lord's Prayer**

You Are Mine

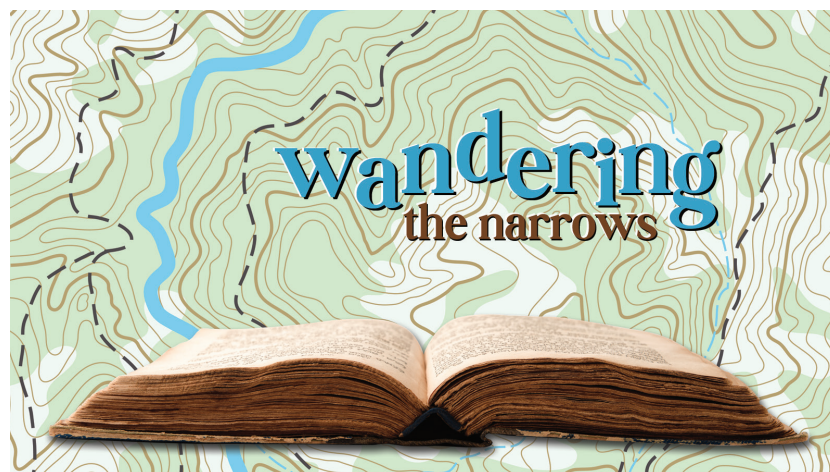
MESSAGE: **Jill Bergman**

Communion: (Saturday 5:30 pm)

Baptisms:

Wyatt James Schulz (Saturday 5:30)

Sofia Harral (Sunday 10:30 am)



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)

Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 10:30 am (outdoors)

If you're planning to attend an outdoor service, bring a lawn chair and watch for weather alerts at popmn.org.

Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org.

Bruce's last day | Sunday | July 27 | 9:00 am

Join us for Bruce Becker's last worship service playing the organ!

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Volunteer for Worship Arts Camp | July 28 – 31 | 9 am – 4 pm

Register to help out with this fun camp at popmn.org/wac

Mission Outpost Backpack Giveaway | \$20 equips a student!

Participate by taking a tag from a School Supply Drive table and returning your donation to the Welcome Desk by the end of July.

Baptism Orientation | July 20 | 11:30 am | 129 Commons

Explore what baptism means for you, and what the process is like at POP. Anyone is welcome! Contact Dawn: dridgway@popmn.org

Looking ahead – Save these dates

Registration for family ministry opens in August!

Rally Sunday festivities will take place on September 14!

The women's ministry fall retreat is November 15 – 16!

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



Welcome to Prince of Peace!

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is an 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.



Connect with Prince of Peace!

Scan here to join our mailing list and find ways to get involved.

Paper copies of this form are available at the Connect Desk.

Leadership
LAUNCH
SERVANT LEADERSHIP
AUGUST 19 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

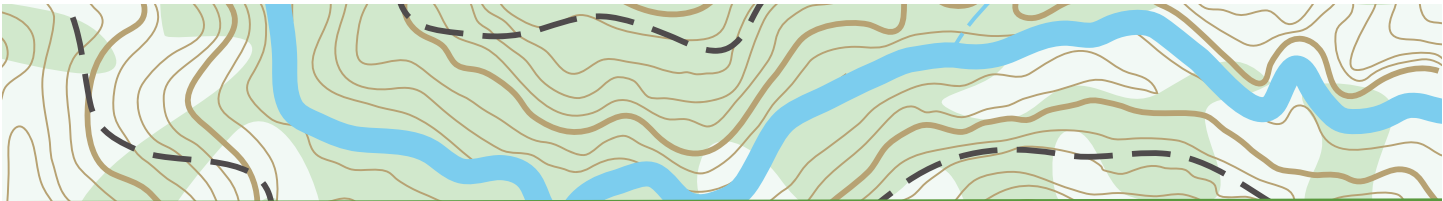
Terri Elton will be the speaker at this inspirational event for all the leaders in the Prince of Peace community. Together we can make a difference!

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REALM – A NEW ONLINE PLATFORM

Realm is an online platform that will help us share information, register for events, simplify online giving, and help us all stay connected. Watch for details about how to create your account!

Contact Amy at akalsow@popmn.org.



Where Do I Belong?

Any alien residing among you who wishes to keep the Passover to the Lord shall do so according to the statute of the Passover and according to its regulation; you shall have one statute for both the resident alien and the native of the land. – Numbers 9:14

Our verse from the book of Numbers today includes instruction on how to wrap a newcomer into an established community. Specifically, the instruction concerned one of the most sacred events of the year for the Israelites, the celebration of the Passover. The first Passover happened when God, through a series of plagues, freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt – a place where they were made to feel like foreigners, like they didn't belong.

The people deeply understood how horrible the experience of being unwelcome in a land not their own made them feel. At the same time, when they remembered the Passover, perhaps they wanted to keep their practices private. The Passover was a painful yet miraculous event. How do you explain that to someone outside the community?

God must have known there would be tension within the community over who should be welcomed at the Passover table. Therefore, God created this rule: anyone living among the Israelites (but who was not an Israelite) should be invited to participate. Everyone, whether they understood the event completely or not, would be invited to the table, to the party, to the worship of God.

When have you felt like you were among your people and you were certain of a place at their table or in their fellowship? Make a list of those wonderful times.

When have you felt like you didn't belong but wanted to? Make a second list of those difficult times.

WHERE I BELONG	WHERE I DO NOT BELONG

What is the determining criteria for belonging? Who invented those criteria?
Are those criteria valid in God's eyes?

Clearly, around God's table, all different types of people can find a place.

Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples mere hours before his own death. Jesus died because certain people decided he did not belong. Jesus died so that we could all find a place to belong with him. Always.

May our deep sense of belonging to Jesus encourage us to invite all people into this fellowship.

