



PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

August 16 – 17, 2025

Worship

Deuteronomy 5:6-8 | Matthew 4:8-10

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

Praise

Lord I Need You

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

This is Amazing Grace

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Give Me Jesus

PIANO: Musical Offering

God of Grace and God of Glory

MESSAGE: Paul Dean

Communion: (Saturday 5:30 pm)

Baptism:

Penelope Elle Nahan (Sunday 10:30)

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

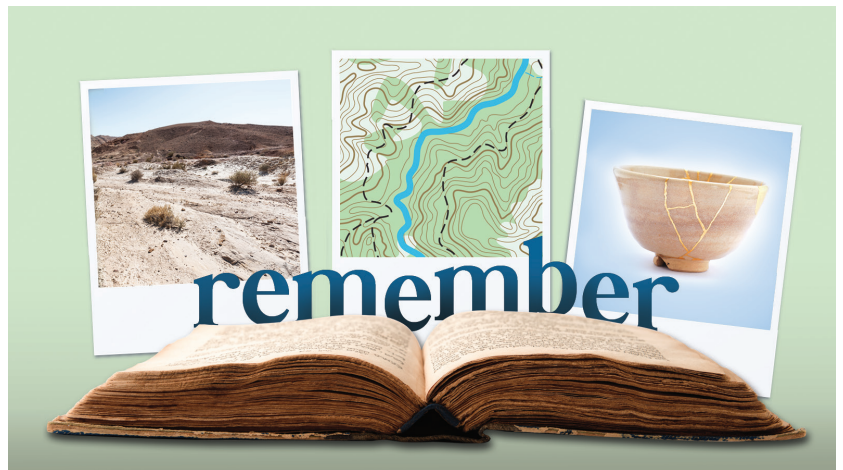
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is an open and affirming church, here to love God and all people. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond.



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.



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.

Rally Sunday | September 14 | 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Join us for breakfast, a ministry fair, family fun zone, and a Mission Outpost food drive before and after worship!

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Trail Church: a POP-up ministry | August 23 | 9:00 am

Lebanon Hills | Jensen Lake Trailhead | 1350 Carriage Hills Drive

Meet Pastor Rory for an easy 45-minute hike, plus conversation, community, a devotion and snacks. For all ages and backgrounds!

Prayer Shawl ministry | August 20 | 2:00 pm | Room 200E

Do you love to crochet or knit? Attend this kick-off meeting to get involved with this ministry! No experience necessary.

There are a few spots available for CDLC Preschool

There is limited space left in our nationally accredited, faith-based preschool! Register: cdlcpreschool.org or kswanson@popmn.org

We are looking for stories about generosity and ministry

How has POP impacted your family? Contact jklein@popmn.org.

Life Savors coffee hours resume in September

Join the new pastors for coffee! Details coming soon.

Women's Retreat | November 15–16 | popmn.org/register

Enjoy a weekend away at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



THIS TUESDAY NIGHT! | AUGUST 19 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Leadership
LAUNCH
SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Are you currently serving in our community, or would you like to start? This event is for you! Guest speaker Terri Elton will inspire you as we begin a new season of serving at POP.

Contact eelton@popmn.org



Trust the Story | Remember | **Worship**

Who do we worship?

Why do you think rules exist? Did you have lots of rules in your house growing up? What kinds of rules were they? Did they seem arbitrary at the time? Do they seem arbitrary now, with hindsight, or can you see that they served a purpose?

The story of the ten commandments comes as the Israelites are on their very long journey through the desert wilderness after being enslaved in Egypt for generations. Even deep in their bones, they probably don't have a memory of what it feels like to be free. They have to re-learn how to order their new society in a way that is compassionate and fair, and keeps God at the center. They need to learn how to avoid becoming like the Egypt that they just escaped.

The first four commandments are about the peoples' relationship to God, and the last six are about the peoples' relationship with each other. In this week's text, we read the first two, about not having other gods before the one God, and about not worshiping idols. But of course the Israelites have already made their golden calf, because they're human and they need to worship something tangible. (If we're all made in God's image, is there a tangible reminder of God near us all the time? Is this a reminder to look to each other?)

Who or what do we as a culture worship today? Think of fame, celebrities, athletes, political leaders, doctrine, ideals, empire, social media, our own possessions or status. Do any of these things come first in our culture, distracting us from important needs and issues in our communities? Do they distract us from our vocation or calling? In what ways?

Now think about just yourself. What are you worshiping? Use this space to write down the three things that distract your heart and mind from the bigger picture.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Do these things have a way of breaking you out of shalom – which is an active participation in mutual thriving? With that in mind, do you think that these commandments are arbitrary, or are they boundaries set to help you live more fully into shalom? Do you think these commandments are a punishment, a test, a gift, or are they something else?

Does this scripture give us a glimpse into the heart of Jesus in Matthew 4? Why does Jesus reject “all the kingdoms of the world”? What would accepting that offer have cost him? Is desiring kingdoms the kind of idolatry God had in mind? How does that get in the way of shalom?

