



PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

August 23 – 24, 2025

Relationship

Deuteronomy 5:16-21 | Mark 10:17-27

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

House Of The Lord

Stand In Your Love

His Mercy Is More

The King Is In The Room

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

We Are Called

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

Take My Life, That I May Be

I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light

MESSAGE: Paul Dean

Communion: (Saturday 5:30 pm)

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

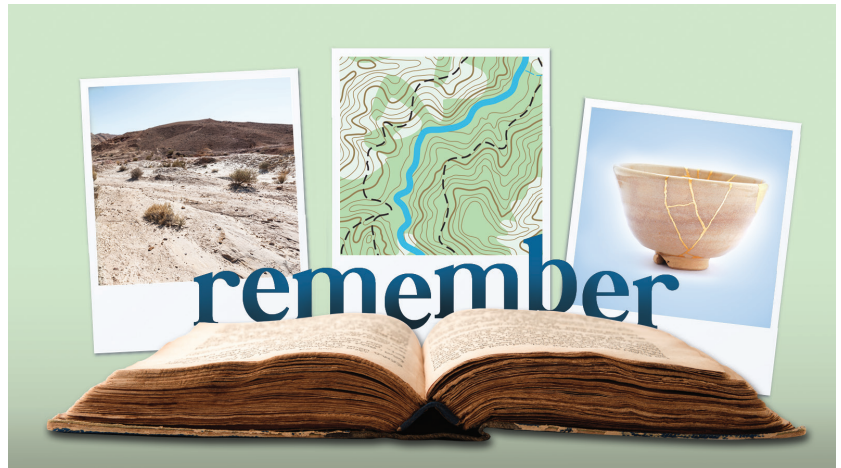
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is an open and affirming church, here to love God and all people. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond.



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)

The last outdoor services of the season are next weekend!

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.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Fire Muster Parade | Saturday, September 6 | 11:00 am

Walk with us in the parade! We'll have music from Russ and candy to hand out. If you'd like to join us, contact mjkot@popmn.org.

August Prayer Walks | popmn.org/ministries/engagement

People of all ages and backgrounds are invited to step out into the neighborhood for 30-minute prayer walks with Pastor Rory! Check the website for additional dates and times.

Life Savors Coffee Hours | Community Room

Get to know the new pastors at these special coffee hours.

Meet Pastor Rory Philstrom: Thursday, September 11, 10:00 am.

Meet Pastor Jill Bergman: Thursday, September 25, 10:00 am.

We are looking for stories about generosity and ministry

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

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

Enjoy a weekend away at the Mount Olivet Retreat Center.

Estate Planning | September 16 | 6:00 – 7:30 pm | 200E

Seniors: This workshop will give you practical tools for building a secure, tax-efficient estate plan. Contact ksnyder@popmn.org.

POP offices will be closed on Labor Day | September 1

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



RALLY SUNDAY

September 14 | before and after Sunday worship services

WE'RE KICKING OFF A BRAND NEW SEASON!

Join us for breakfast, a family fun zone, a ministry fair, and a Mission Outpost food drive.



Trust the Story | Remember | Relationship

Why is relationship so important?

We've already looked at the first four commandments, which address our relationship with God. This week we'll look at the last six commandments, which address our relationships with one another.

Why do you think God devotes more than half the commandments to our relationships with one another? Does this tell us anything about what God values?

The commandments listed in today's reading are about honoring your father and mother, and prohibiting murder, adultery, theft, false testimony, and coveting.

Does this look like a random list of rules, or rational guidelines for living in community? Do you think this list is too severe, or too lenient? What is God after with this list?

How does your life stack up against this list? If we are just looking at baseline obedience, can you keep at least most of these commandments? Which ones are a struggle?

Think back to the discussion about the word "shalom" from previous weeks. We often equate that word with "peace," – essentially the absence of conflict – but the Hebrew word actually encompasses much more. It's about a sense of mutual thriving into the future. It's not just an absence of conflict but a presence of compassion, support and loving-kindness. Shalom is an active, forward-moving kind of word.

Consider these commandments the same way: active, forward-moving ideas that encompass compassion, support and loving-kindness.

What if, instead of simply refraining from murder, "thou shall not kill" encompasses intentional service and care? We don't kill our neighbors, of course. But how would it feel to be called to support them, take care of them, and make sure they have what they need to thrive?

What changes if these commandments mean that we are called to actively protect and save our neighbors' livelihoods and possessions? What would that look like? What does it mean to advocate for our neighbors' families and support them? Is there a way to understand these commandments as more than a list of requirements – as an expansive invitation and calling to radical hospitality?

What does it mean to love your neighbor in today's world? How many of your neighbors do you know? Do we live in a culture or community in which neighbors regularly pitch in to help each other? Why, or why not? Is there a way that today's text can draw us into more hospitality and relationship?

