



PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

August 30 – 31, 2025

Heart

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 | Luke 10:25-29

MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

The King Is In The Room

Battle Belongs

Way Maker

Great Things (Saturday 5:30 pm)

Washed By The Water (Sunday 10:30 pm)

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Lord Jesus, Think On Me

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

For the Fruit of All Creation

MESSAGE: **Rory Philstrom**

Communion: (Saturday 5:30 pm)

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

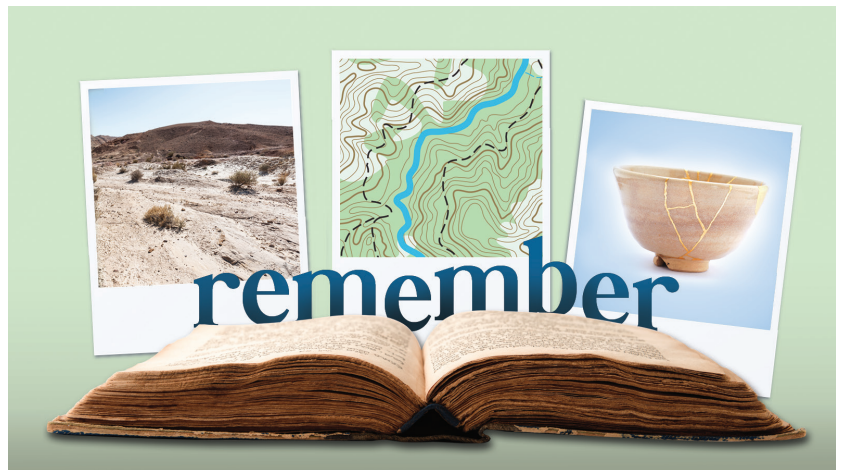
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is an open and affirming church, here to love God and all people. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond.



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

Welcome to the last weekend of outdoor worship this season!

Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)

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

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

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

We are looking for stories about generosity and ministry

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry | September 3 | 1:30 pm

Create something meaningful together, one stitch at a time!

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.

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.

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.

Trail Church | September 27 | Mendota Trail – North End

Join Pastor Rory for this easy hike at a casual, conversational pace, followed by snacks and community. Trail Church is a safe space for kids, families and all humans! popmn.org/ministries/engagement

Mission Outpost most needed items:

Linens, sheets, towels, rugs, shower curtains, flour, sugar and oil.

Place items in the donation bins around campus. Thank you!

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 | Heart

Love Comes by Listening

The Hebrew word for “hear” is *Shema*, a word that means more than letting sound waves vibrate through your eardrums. It means to hear in such a way that you are changed. To hear intelligently. To listen with your whole self.

Paul Tillich once said, “The first duty of love is to listen.” That’s a challenging word, because real listening takes more than just our ears. It takes our hearts. And it takes time. I once heard someone say, “One of the ways to spell love is T-I-M-E.”

Most of us are better at talking than listening. We want to be heard, we want our point to be understood, we want to get our message across. But love calls us to something harder, riskier, and more vulnerable: to truly listen to our neighbor.

And here’s the part that may feel the hardest: to truly listen means we listen long enough that we discover something we don’t like. Keep listening even then. That’s what makes listening an act of love. Anyone can nod along when someone else is saying things we already agree with. But to stay at the table when our assumptions are challenged, when our comfort is rattled, when the other person’s story makes us uneasy – that’s where love begins to grow.

Jesus shows us this in the story of the Good Samaritan. The priest and the Levite heard the cries of the man in the ditch, but they didn’t listen. They passed by on the other side, protecting their assumptions, guarding their comfort zones. But the Samaritan stopped. He allowed the man’s pain to reach his heart. Listening moved him to compassion, and compassion moved him to love.

What about you? Who in your life is waiting to be listened to? Is it a spouse or a child who feels overlooked? A friend who is carrying grief? A neighbor who sees the world differently than you do? A person across the political or cultural divide?

Love comes by listening. And listening is an act of trust, trust that God might speak through someone else’s story, even when it unsettles us. Maybe especially when it unsettles us.

What’s the difference between hearing and listening in your life right now?

Who is someone in your life that you find difficult to listen to—or who challenges your assumptions? What would it look like to listen to them as an act of love?

In the Good Samaritan story, the priest and Levite heard but didn’t listen, while the Samaritan allowed himself to be moved. Where in your life might God be calling you to stop, listen, and respond?

How might the invitation to “listen to the point where you discover something you don’t like – and then keep listening,” challenge you? How might God stretch your love through that practice?