



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Love God. Love People.

October 25 – 26, 2025

Trust

Ruth 2:20 – 3:3 | 1 Peter 1:21-25

BENEVOLENT



MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

House of the Lord | Washed By the Water
Trust In God
Your Word
Battle Belongs | Praise

CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
CHOIR: You Are Mine
BRASS: Musical Offering
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

MESSAGE: **Jill Bergman**

Communion (Saturday 5:30 pm)

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Classic: Sun 9:00 am (sanctuary)
Contemporary: Sat 5:30 pm (chapel) | Sun 10:30 am (sanctuary)
Resources, livestreams, playlists and podcast links: popmn.org.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Mission Outpost Thanksgiving Drive | Through November 14
Donate Cub gift cards (\$25 increments) so families can shop for their Thanksgiving meal. Bring donations to the Welcome Desk.

Pastor's Book Club | Mondays | 1:30 pm | Chapel (new location)
Join Pastor Sarah Fike to discuss *American Idolatry* by Andrew L. Whitehead beginning October 27.

POP Culture | Wednesdays | 5:30 – 6:45 pm | 200 BC
Explore the Bible, strengthen relationships, and practice living into the culture of Jesus. Come every week, or drop in when you can!

Repurposed Adults | Sundays in October | Between Services
Learn about this group for empty-nesters, retirees and those taking care of aging parents. Visit our table in the community room.

First Communion Orientation | November 1 | 4:00 pm | POP
Learn about the significance and logistics of Communion at POP.

Celebration of Light with Santa Lucia | December 9 | 11:00 am
Join Life Savors, a ministry group fostering connection for seniors, for a Scandinavian luncheon and entertainment from the American Swedish Institute's fiddling group, Spelmanslag. \$25 per person. Space is limited! popmn.org/register

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



We offer sympathy and support to the family and friends of **Michael Jacobson** as they grieve his death.

Upcoming Celebration of Life Services:
Robert Hoff (October 28)
Dennis Anderson (November 7)
Kenneth Wuori (November 29)
Sharon Norrbom (December 12)

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

We are an open and affirming community, here to love God and all people.



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.

**LAST WEEKEND
TO RSVP!**

ALL CONGREGATION DINNER
Sunday, November 2 | 5:30 pm
Sanctuary

RSVP by October 26 at
popmn.org/give/preserve-open-plant/





Trust the Story | Benevolent | Trust

Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. – 1 Peter 1:21

Think of a time when trusting was imperative to moving forward. Maybe you had to trust that someone's strong arms would catch you when you leaped. Maybe you had to trust that the bridge would hold as you crossed it. Maybe you had to trust that the other driver wasn't going to swerve into your lane.

As much as we strive to control our own lives, much of our living experience depends on other people and other factors. If we don't trust some of these elements to work, our lives will grind to a halt. We might pull back from taking the leap, or stepping forward on the path, or even getting in a car. The truth that our lives can be impacted by forces outside our control might make us feel angry, scared, and powerless. Those feelings might cause us to stop enjoying life.

On the other hand, we ask other people to trust us every day. We give advice that we believe will be helpful. We encourage others to follow our lead. We drive our cars assuming everyone else on the road thinks we're going to make good decisions. Discovering that someone else doesn't trust us might make us feel hurt, frustrated, and defeated. Not being trusted may also rob us of an enjoyable life.

Trust is the basis of our relationships, society, and living experience. Trust in each other held Naomi and Ruth together and kept them moving forward. Trust in Boaz gave the women the courage to take risks. In whom do we trust when we must move forward and take risks?

Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). Jesus came to show us what it means to be a trustworthy shepherd and brother and Savior. Even if everything else in our lives falls apart, we have a solid foundation that will catch us and hold us and give us life.

The truth is that we don't control other people, events, or even ourselves much of the time. Even as we wish everyone followed rules, we are all fallible – every person and every thing will eventually fail. The only one who is completely trustworthy, and so trustworthy as to overshadow everything else that we know, is Jesus. We can trust the love of Jesus because he showed us that he would go to every extent to protect us, guide us, and save us. If we can trust Jesus, what else do we really need?

Today, let's give all of our insecurities to Jesus. Let's tell him what scares us and makes us feel powerless. Let's tell him how we have been wounded and where we are still bleeding. Ask Jesus to give us courage to move forward based on the fact that he is trustworthy. May Jesus make us trustworthy as we bear his image in a world desperately searching for something to believe in.

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. – John 10:9-10