



# PRINCE OF PEACE

Love God. Love People.

November 15 – 16, 2025

**Steadfast**  
Psalm 57:5-11



## MUSIC THIS WEEKEND

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

Great Things  
Your Word  
Goodness of God  
Praise

**Please welcome members of the National Lutheran Choir (NLC) to our classic service!**

**CLASSIC | SUN 9:00 am**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
NLC / CELEBRATION / PRAISE CHOIRS:  
Jesus Loves Me  
NLC / CELEBRATION CHOIR: I Choose Love  
NLC CHAMBER CHOIR: John 3:16

MESSAGE: **Rory Philstrom**

**Communion** (Saturday 5:30 pm)

**Baptism** (Saturday 5:30 pm): Aurora Franklin

Upcoming Celebration of Life Services:

**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.

## 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](http://popmn.org).

## JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

**Beer Church | November 16 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm | Ineffable Brewing**

We'll enjoy live music by **Russ Parrish**, share stories, and talk about faith without losing our minds or sense of humor.

**Poinsettia Orders Due November 26 | [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)**

Purchase a poinsettia in memory, honor or thanksgiving of a loved one to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas — \$20 per plant.

**Gift Tree Ministry | Through November 30**

Pick up a donation envelope featuring several organizations we support from one of the trees on campus, and return it to the Welcome Desk or offering plate with your desired donation.

**Dinner Church | November 26 | 6:00 pm**

Save the date for Thanksgiving Dinner Church — a time to gather in community, share a meal, and worship around the table.

**It's important to register for this event!** [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)

**Celebration of Light with Santa Lucia | December 9 | 11:00 am**

Seniors – Don't miss this Scandinavian luncheon!

\$25 per person. Space is limited. [popmn.org/register](http://popmn.org/register)

**New Small Groups based on shared interests**

These groups will be a great way to connect with others and grow in your faith. Visit [popmn.org/smallgroups](http://popmn.org/smallgroups) or contact Pastor Sarah Fike at [sfike@popmn.org](mailto:sfike@popmn.org).

## JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

**Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!**



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

You can still submit your statement of intent for both the capital campaign and the annual stewardship appeal here:

[popmn.org/give/preserve-open-plant/](http://popmn.org/give/preserve-open-plant/)



## Chesed

Some words lose something when we try to translate them. *Hygge*—that Danish sense of cozy togetherness—comes close to “comfort,” but not quite. *Fika*—a Swedish coffee ritual—means more than a break; it’s about presence and shared pause. And *mono no aware* in Japanese—the tender sadness of knowing that nothing lasts forever—has no English equivalent at all.

Scripture faces the same challenge. In Psalm 57, David cries out twice, “Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.” Between those refrains runs an overworked English word: steadfast.

In Hebrew, two words stand behind it.

In verse 7 it’s *na-chon*, meaning ready, upright, in position. It’s a heart prepared—like David’s prayer, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right (*nachon*) spirit within me.” It’s being aligned and available for God’s movement.

In verse 10 it’s *chesed*, meaning loving-kindness, mercy, covenant faithfulness. It’s love that shows up and holds fast. Love that does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

We see *chesed* in Ruth clinging to Naomi, in Boaz extending mercy, in God’s unbroken promise to Abraham, David, and generation after generation. It’s love that shows up on the side of the road when the car breaks down and you don’t know how to fix it, but some strangers show up who do. *Chesed* is when you’re loved in a way you can’t love yourself.

When we say, “God’s steadfast love endures forever,” we are naming something that English can barely hold—a love that is both ready and relentless, upright and unfailing. It is mercy without measure. It is freedom without condition. It is Jesus, arms outstretched, saying, “My dear child, if you are to stay alive, remember that I love you.”

And that love is meant to move through us. As Jane Tomaine writes in *St. Benedict’s Toolbox*, “When we practice hospitality, we become co-creators with God in making a more loving and equitable world.” Hospitality is *chesed* in motion: love embodied, tables opened, hands extended, hearts made ready, a welcome that others cannot offer to themselves. When we make room for others, strangers, neighbors, even those who test our patience, we join God in repairing what’s broken.

### REFLECTION AND INVITATION:

- Where have you experienced *chesed*—love that held you when you couldn’t hold yourself?
  - How might you practice steadfast hospitality this week—in your home, workplace, or church?
  - What might it mean for you to “be in position” (*nachon*) for love to flow through you?
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