



50 YEAR CELEBRATION
September 20, 2026

Led by Praise | Nehemiah 9:6

MESSAGE: Merv Thompson

CLASSIC | SUN, 9:00 am

All Creatures Of Our God And King
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Piano, Choir, Flutes: Comfort Now My People
Lead On Good Shepherd

CONTEMPORARY | SUNDAY, 10:30 am

Baptism: Theodore De Jesus Garcia
Praise
Same God
Goodness of God
Lead On Good Shepherd

Check your inbox for your
REALM CONNECT INVITATION!

You'll receive it according to this schedule:

Week of September 14	Last Names A-E
Week of September 21	Last Names F-J
Week of September 28	Last Names K-O
Week of October 5	Last Names P-T
Week of October 12	Last Names U-Z

Find video tutorials to help navigate your new profile at popmn.org/about/realm or email realm@popmn.org.

Welcome to Prince of Peace!

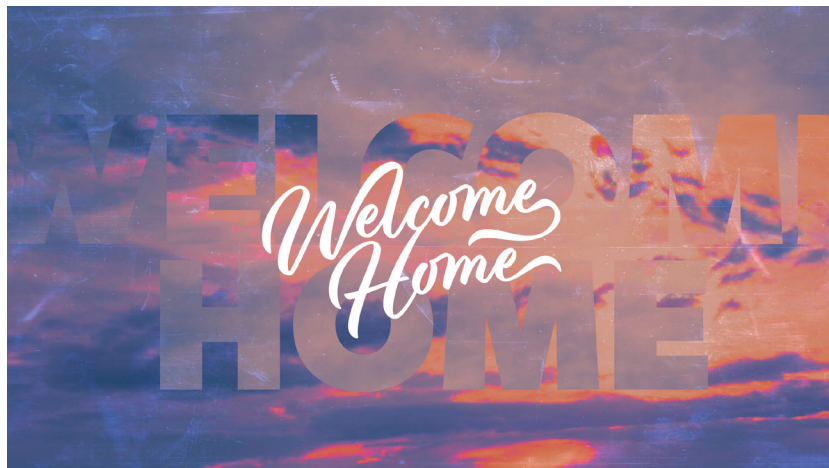
We are an open and affirming community, here to love God and all people.



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 | Sundays 9:00 am

Contemporary | Saturdays 5:30 pm | Sundays 10:30 am

Family | Wednesdays 7:00 pm

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

Night of Worship | September 26 | 7:00 pm

Worship through songs, guided prayer and responsive readings. Learn the contemporary worship songs for the months ahead!

Woodbury Chorus & Orchestra Concert | October 11 | 4:00 pm

Enjoy "Music for the Soul," a free concert of familiar choral and orchestral music. A free-will offering will benefit Mission Outpost!

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

Register for Family Ministry – Programs begin this week!

Register at popmn.org/children OR popmn.org/students

Golf Benefit | September 20 | 3:00 pm | Birnamwood

Fundraiser for Family Ministry sponsorships! popmn.org/register

Golf Benefit Silent Auction | Open through September 27

Support Family Ministry youth sponsorships by bidding on fun experiences and gift items: popmn.org/register

Applewood Orchard | September 26 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Join us for family fun and fellowship: popmn.org/register

Pillars | Weekly Bible Study | Begins September 29/30

Tuesdays at 6:30 am | Wednesdays at 12:30 pm

Ask questions, wonder, discover and grow together in faith.

New Member Orientation | October 11 & 18 | 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

New to POP? Let's get to know one another! popmn.org/register

Grief Support Group | 10-week series | Mondays | 6:00 pm

Join a supportive community on your grief journey.

Prince of Peace Christmas Concert | Presented December 18-19

Join the Christmas choir! Rehearsals begin October 25.

Register and learn more at popmn.org/worship/worship-arts

POP Gear | T-shirts \$15 | Mugs \$10

Share the Message: Love God. Love People. Items are available at the Connect Desk. We accept cash or credit cards.

JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

Thank you for your gifts for mission and ministry!



HISTORY OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST 28 YEARS | 1963-1991

by Merv Thompson | with Handt and Kathy Hanson

“The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.” – Winston Churchill

Most historians agree that writing history immediately after the analyzed events is not the best way to understand them. Only after sufficient time has elapsed are we able to understand the wide sweep of the past. Only after 25 or 50 years – or more – can we see trends and patterns and nuances.

In terms of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, so much of what has been forgotten or underappreciated suddenly comes to the fore when we examine it again, much later. We will try to accurately remember the earliest days of this congregation, and how God orchestrated a constant refrain of transformational moments.

So, back to the beginning. How can we best describe the first quarter century of Prince of Peace?

- A congregation which grew from 0 to 10,000 members, the largest church in the American Lutheran Church at the time of the formation of the ELCA in 1988.
- A congregation which grew from 0 to 3,000 in average worship attendance.
- A congregation that made a transformational move from a 4.5 acre site on the corner of Nicollet Avenue and Burnsville Crosstown to an 120 acre site called The Ridges.
- A congregation which began in a primarily rural county of 7,500, but reinvented itself to minister in a metropolis of some 260,000 residents.
- A congregation which faced the shift to declining religious affiliation by offering an experiment in a changing church.
- A congregation which transitioned from 16th century classical music to 20th century contemporary Christian music.
- A congregation which responded to the “God is Dead” assertion by declaring in word and deed that “Jesus is alive, and we are his people.”

Find a digital copy of Merv Thompson’s book at popmn.org/worship/sermon-downloads/ (Vision Sunday)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRAY WITH SOMEONE?

PRAYER MINISTERS are available to pray with you after worship on Sundays in the lounge through the doors at the back of the sanctuary.

If you would like to submit a prayer request at any time, email prayer@popmn.org.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *as of September 16*

PRAYERS OF HEALING:

Ruth Jacobson | Craig Larson | Sally Nebel
Bruce Reichow | Marlene Robertson

PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT:

The family and friends of John Lundberg
The family and friends of Peter Tysdal
The family and friends of Barb Wakefield

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES:

Meredythe Hazlett – September 21
John Lundberg – September 23
Audrey Peterson – November 2