



**May 25-26, 2024**  
**Genesis 12:1-3**



**THRIV'ERA  
MISSIONAL**

As image bearers of the Divine, a sense of mission is woven into our very nature. We thrive as missional people by nurturing the momentum for healing and unity by actively pursuing movements that generate hope and wholeness for all people.

### WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

**Ancient Gates**  
**Let Everything**  
**Goodness of God**

**Message: Paul Gauche**

**Bless God**

May we move with thoughtful purpose toward a deepened sense of identity — that we are spirited, creative, and connected people, called to be present, grateful, generous, and missional with our lives.

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

#### **Thriv'era Sermon Series**

Find study guide resources at [popmn.org/worship/downloads/](http://popmn.org/worship/downloads/)

**Annual Congregation Meeting: June 8-9 during worship**

**Outdoor Worship begins June 1-2**

Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 10:30 am worship will be outside, weather permitting, through August. Bring a lawn chair!

### JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY

**Transition Blog:** [popmn.org/category/transition-blog](http://popmn.org/category/transition-blog)

**Financial Forum: June 2, 10:00 am, Chapel**

Our Finance Director will answer questions about the budget.

**Prince of Peace Campus closed on Memorial Day, May 27**

### JOIN US FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

**Volunteers needed for VBS Family Night Picnic, June 13.**

Contact Dawn at [dridgway@popmn.org](mailto:dridgway@popmn.org) if you can help!

### JOIN US IN GENEROSITY

**Your gift supports mission and ministry.** Thank you!



## Connect With Us

We are here to love God and all people by being the heart, hands and feet of Jesus in the world so that all might know that they are loved. We are an open and affirming church. We value growing a relationship with God and with each other, and showing up for people in need in this community and beyond. **Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church!**



**Connect** with Prince of Peace! Scan here to join our mailing list and find ways to get involved.



Scan here to connect with the Prince of Peace **Children's and Family Ministry** team.



Scan here to make a **prayer request** or to have a member of the Spiritual Care Team contact you.



From Paul Gauche's book "Welcome the Seasons | Thriv'era":

Thriv'era challenges us to move with thoughtful purpose toward a deepened sense of identity— that we are spirited, creative, and connected people called to be present, grateful, generous, and missional with our lives.

Thriv'era is ultimately a journey off the map. It is a daring missional adventure of going to some new place. It's a willingness to leave the familiar past behind and move with purpose toward an unfamiliar future that is, at the same time, risky and rewarding, frightening and exhilarating.

- *Can you recall a daring adventure or journey "off the map" that was both risky and rewarding? How did it feel? How did that experience shape your understanding of yourself and your purpose?*

In this journey of Thriv'era, we've asked important questions about what it means to thrive as individuals and as a community of faith. As with all significant journeys in life, we began with some preparation. We reflected on the turning points, the catalytic moments in our lives that cause us to ask important questions about who we are, what we're doing here, where we're going, and how we'll get there. These are the questions of identity, purpose, vision, and mission. The insights we gained will continue to equip and empower us to respond to God's invitation to move with thoughtful intention toward a rhythmic sense of identity and purpose – that we are spirited, creative, and connected people called to be present, grateful, generous, and missional with our whole lives.

- *Can you recall an event in your life that was a catalytic turning point? How did it affect your personal growth and development? How did that turning point influence your values, priorities, and the direction of your life journey?*

We learned the subtle shift away from the perspective of "taking a breath" toward the far more generative view of "receiving a breath." In this shared experience of breathing the oxygen of the Spirit, we become aware of the call to create healthy and whole environments where we all belong. With this renewed commitment to being more fully aware of the global community, we begin to understand how practicing gratitude sets us free to be generous with our whole selves. And when we make each day a missional response to our call to be image bearers of the Divine, we can begin to reimagine what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in our homes, neighborhoods, communities, cities, states, and beyond.

- *What is the difference between taking a breath and receiving a breath? How could that small shift in thinking change your perspective? How does gratitude set you free? And what does it free you from? How can you, with your particular gifts, contribute to creating healing in your community?*

We've moved through the season of Easter with the assurance that the Holy Spirit breathes in and through us and empowers us to live into this unique series of thriving rhythms that help us bring some good to each moment, something better to each day, and our best to each other as we encounter the world around us.

- *How do you envision incorporating a rhythmic sense of identity and purpose into your daily life? What specific actions can you take to live out a spirited, creative, and connected existence?*

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