

## Announcements for the week of March 1, 2026

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- **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42
- Our Church service is now available to listen to on our website: [platochurch.com](http://platochurch.com)
- ***Schedule for Lenten Services Service's all at 7:00 pm***  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – St. John's – Bongards  
March 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Paul's – Plato  
March 18<sup>th</sup> – Friedens – Norwood  
March 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational – Glencoe
- First Lutheran Ev. Lutheran Church Glencoe Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner – Sunday, March 22, 2026; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Women's Guild Luncheon – Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Women's Guild Meeting for March has been moved to March 8th
- **Our Members Living in Long Term Care:** (Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board.)  
Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson: Olive Pinske and Dennis Scharpe.  
The Haven in Norwood Young America: Mavis Schuette.  
Broadwell Senior Living, Plymouth: Jim Jensen, Apt 2  
Orchard Estates: Donna Schmidt, Room 115  
Cokato Manor: Orville Schrupp, Rm 151  
Auburn Home, Chaska: Vee Ann Wood Rm. 311

### **Please be here 30 minutes before worship:**

March 1 - Mike & Elaine Graupmann  
March 8 - Dave & Dawn Prehn  
March 15 – Brian & Julie Graupmann  
March 22 – Dale & Diane Anderson  
March 29 – Scott & Jean Nelson

### **Fellowship Time**

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Lloyd & Sharon and Louis Graupmann  
March 22 - Mike & Elaine Graupmann & Gregg & Lori Lemke  
April 12 - Tim & Lisa and Tom & Marlo Lepel  
April 26 - Dave & Dawn Prehn, Denise Scharpe

**Communion for March -Marlo Lepel**

# St. Paul's United Church of Christ Plato, MN

Sunday, March 1, 2026  
9:00 a.m.



Second Sunday of Lent  
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*Psalm 121 - Assurance of God's Protection - I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.*

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### **Opening Hymn # 391 – There's A Sweet Sweet Spirit in This Place**

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we'll know that we  
have been revived, when we shall leave this place.*

**\*Passing the Peace**

**+Announcements – Joys – Concerns**

### **Call to Worship (Responsively)**

**Pastor:** People of God, where do we put our trust? Where do we find wholeness and meanings?

**Congregation:** *We lift up our eyes to the hills. Our help comes from the Creator of heaven and earth.*

**Pastor:** We are sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah. We trust in God, who neither slumbers nor sleeps.

**Congregation:** *We are followers of Jesus, who proclaimed God's realm. We are born of the Spirit, born from above.*

**Pastor:** Our lives are a gift from God, who loves us. By the grace of God, we are born anew each day.

**Congregation:** *God loved the world in the gift of Jesus Christ. Through faith in Christ, we receive eternal life.*

**Prayer of Invocation (In Unison):** Let the winds of the Spirit blow in our midst today, loving God. Let us hear the sound and feel the power. Open our hearts in new ways to the promise of your healing grace so we may be a blessing to one another and your world. We need courage to face the challenges and struggles of life. We seek reassurance that you will be with us in our going out and our coming in. Strengthen our faith to withstand the trials and temptations that lead us away from a faithful journey with Christ. Amen.

**Hymn #295** “*Tell Me the Story of Jesus*”

**Prayer of Confession (in Unison)** O God, we confess that we have been far more ready to say we believe than to trust you to lead us to new ventures of faithfulness. We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us. We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to

follow in footsteps that lead to a cross. In the midst of life as we know it here, how can we catch glimpses of eternity? Save us, we pray, from our timidity, and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. Amen.

### ***Assurance of Pardon***

**Scriptures:** John 3:1-17

**Reader:** Peg Flusemann

**Song:** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son and who ever will believe in him will not perish, but have an everlasting life.*

**Message:** “**Believe!**”

**Apostle's Creed** (Inside front cover of hymnal)

**Communion Hymn #460** “*Let Us Break Bread Together*”

**Service of Communion** – Words of institution, consecration and invitation to the table. We share in Christ's communion.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)** The bread has been broken, the cup has been poured, the meal has been shared. Gracious God, we give thanks for bread for the journey, for your wisdom guiding us along the way. May there be friends to share the road as we dare to dream of creation renewed, and hope in the promise of justice for all. Amen.

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave)**

**Doxology #815**

**Offertory Prayer (In Unison)**

Thank you, God, for glimpses of eternity in the daily experiences of live. We are grateful for encounters that lift the horizons of our vision. We rejoice in the teaching and care you have provided to us. Bless now the gifts we return to you for the programs and outreach of the church. We want to share our faith with the world. We pray for trustful relationships among all your children. We rejoice together in the saving ministry of Jesus that inspires us to give our best. Amen.

**Response #816** “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*”

**Closing Hymn #343** “*Amazing Grace*”

**Benediction**

**Ringing of the Bell**