

Announcements for the week of March 8, 2026

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- **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, March 15, 2026**
1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- Our Church service is now available to listen to on our website: platochurch.com
- ***Schedule for Lenten Services Service's all at 7:00 pm***
March 11th – St. Paul's – Plato
March 18th – Friedens – Norwood
March 25th – 1st Congregational – Glencoe
- First Lutheran Ev. Lutheran Church Glencoe Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner – Sunday, March 22, 2026; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- St. Paul's UCC Women's Guild Luncheon – Sunday, March 22nd
- Women's Guild Meeting TODAY
- **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 8 - Dave & Dawn Prehn
March 15 – Brian & Julie Graupmann
March 22 – Dale & Diane Anderson
March 29 – Scott & Jean Nelson

Fellowship Time

March 8th - 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 8, 2026
9:00 a.m.



Third Sunday of Lent
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Psalm 95: 1-7 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn # 308 – There Is A Redeemer (v.1)

*There is a Redeemer - Jesus, God's own Son; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son, And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*Passing the Peace

+Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: Come, let us sing a new song to our God. Make a joyful noise to the rock of salvation!

Congregation: *Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving. Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!*

Pastor: God is a great ruler, above all other gods. The depths of the earth are in God's hands.

Congregation: *The highest mountains belong to God. The farthest reaches of the universe are God's own.*

Pastor: O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before God our Maker.

Congregation: *We are the people of God's pasture. Today we will listen to God with open hearts.*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): We come to you, God, because we are thirsty. Our spirits need the refreshing water of your word, just as our bodies need the refreshment of a cool drink. We worship you with joy, for we can already feel the gift of your presence all around us. Now open our ears that we may hear all that you expect of us. Open our lives to your truth and prepare us to follow Jesus in accepting the unacceptable, challenging the conventional, and joining together in a harvest for your realm. Amen.

Hymn: #327 *The Old Rugged Cross*

Prayer of Confession (in Unison) What will you do with us, God? We are never satisfied with our lot. We rebel and complain when things don't go our way. Our hearts chase after things that become gods to us and consume our time, energy, and attention. We spend little time in communion with you and then begin to doubt your presence. You seem far away and unavailable. We create barriers among ourselves that separate us from one another and from you. Send your living water to cleanse us, O God. Empower us to worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Gospel Reading: John 4:1-42

Reader: Jim Leith

Message: “What's Going On Down at the Well”
(The Samaritan Woman & Jesus)

UCC Statement of Faith *1959 Version* (Inside front cover of hymnal)

Prayer Hymn #702 *Fill My Cup Lord* (Insert)

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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

Offering

Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer (In Unison)

Thank you, God, for all the ways we have benefitted from the labor of others. We here offer our best for the sake of brothers and sisters who need the love and encouragement you are eager to share through us. Keep us from being ungrateful as we continue to receive so much more than we stop to realize. When life is difficult, help us to endure and to hope because your love is sure and certain, ours to receive and to give, in Christ's name. Amen.

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

Closing Hymn #384 *Spirit Song*

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell