

## Announcements for the week of March 15, 2026

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- **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalms 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
- Our Church service is now available to listen to on our website: [platochurch.com](http://platochurch.com)
- When writing out a check for your offering, please add a note in the memo portion regarding where you want the offering to go, for example, General Fund or Building Expenses.
- Church Council Meeting TODAY
- Women's Guild Meeting, April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Lily Order Forms Due March 29<sup>th</sup>
- ***Schedule for Lenten Services Service's all at 7:00 pm***  
March 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational – Glencoe

### Local Events

- First Lutheran Ev. Lutheran Church Glencoe Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner – Sunday, March 22, 2026; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- St. Paul's UCC, Henderson, MN – Spring Brunch & Bucket Raffle; Sunday, March 22, 2026; 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Plato Lion's Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 4, 2026; 10:00 a.m., Plato City Park
- 2B Continued is hiring 2 Teen Mental Health First Aid (TMHFA) Instructors; learn more at: <https://www.2bcontinued.org/employment/>
- March is Food Shelf Month – Remember to bring your donations to the church and set them under the Giving Tree.
- **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 22 – Dale & Diane Anderson

March 29 – Scott & Jean Nelson

### Scripture Reader

Sandra Frederickson

Peg Flusemann

### Fellowship Time

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**

**Communion for April – Dawn Prehn**

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

Sunday, March 15, 2026  
9:00 a.m.



Fourth Sunday of Lent  
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*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. – Psalms 23*

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## **Prelude**

### **Ringling of the Bell**

### **Opening Hymn # 308 – There Is A Redeemer (St.2)**

*Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. 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**

### **Today is One Great Hour of Sharing**

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

**Pastor:** God summons us to wake up and see. Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

**Congregation:** *Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness. We seek to live as children of light.*

**Pastor:** God sees beyond our outward appearance. God knows the intent of our hearts.

**Congregation:** *We are here to find out what is pleasing to God. We want to know what is right and true.*

**Pastor:** God listens to all who worship sincerely. Praise God with openness and obedience.

**Congregation:** *We seek to know and follow God's will. This is a day to do the works of God.*

**Prayer of Invocation (In Unison):** Holy God, we sense your involvement in our lives. Like a shepherd, you watch over us and provide abundantly beyond our needs. You lead us in right paths when we are tempted to go astray. You refresh us with living water that overflows with your generosity. Let your light shine on us now to reveal truth we have not seen and open our eyes to possibilities we may not have realized. May we be receptive to learn from you and from one another. Amen.

### **Installation of Council Members**

### **Hymn: #435 God of Grace and God of Glory**

**Prayer of Confession (in Unison)** Great Shepherd, we thank you for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that you have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to you and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, you prefer people like us and not those who appear, believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. Amen.

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

### ***Psalm 23 – See Insert***

**Gospel Reading:** John 9:1-12

**Reader:** Sandra Frederickson

**Message:** “I See”

**UCC Statement of Faith 1981 Version** (Inside front cover of hymnal)

**Prayer Hymn #323 At The Cross**

**Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**Offering – One Great Hour of Sharing**

**Doxology #815**

### **Offertory Prayer (In Unison)**

Loving God, as you illuminate our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share your love through our tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which you call us. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you, the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with you and serve you wherever we go. Amen.

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

**Closing Hymn #302 Lamb of God**

**Benediction**

**Ringling of the Bell**