

Announcements for the week of March 29, 2026

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- **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, April 5, 2026**
Acts 10:34-43; Psalms 118:1-2; Col 3:1-4; John 20 1-18
- Our Church service is now available to listen to on our website: 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.
- Women's Guild Meeting, April 12th
- Easter Lily Order Forms Due TODAY

Local Events

- 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 29 – Scott & Jean Nelson
April 5 – Tom & Marlo Lepel
April 12 – Bob & Patsy Becker
April 19 – Wendy Anderson
April 26 – Bob & Leslie Doolittle

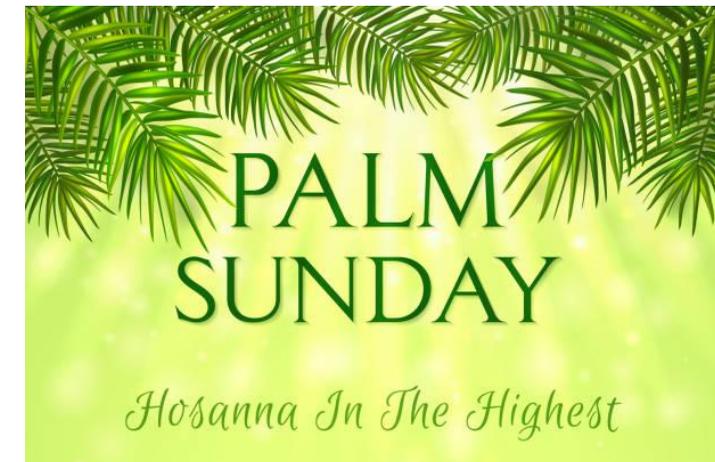
Fellowship Time

April 12 - Tim & Lisa and Tom & Marlo Lepel
April 26 - Dave & Dawn Prehn, Denise Scharpe

Communion for April – Dawn Prehn

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

Sunday, March 29, 2026
9:00 a.m.



Palm Sunday & Confirmation

Pastor: Brian Brosz

Organist: Diane Anderson

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O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." – Psalms 118

Prelude

Diane Anderson

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn # 296 – Hosanna

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Lord we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise; Be exalted, O Lord my God, Hosanna in the highest!

***Passing the Peace**

+Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: This is a day of joyous welcome. Yet joy is tempered by impending doom.

Congregation: *We welcome Christ with waving branches. We wait with Christ through hours of agony.*

Pastor: Our leader comes humbly, riding a donkey. Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Congregation: *Jesus rides into the tumult of our times. People still oppose the way of love.*

Pastor: Yet love prevails in spite of opposition. Give thanks that God's steadfast love endures forever.

Congregation: *Open to us the gates of righteousness. Let us enter in the light God offers.*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): Be gracious to us, O God, in our moments of grief and fear. Be with us as we rejoice in the day you have made. Our times are in your hands, both when we mourn and when we celebrate. Guide our thoughts and actions so we may appreciate the possibilities in every day. We trust in you, O God. Let your face shine on your servants. Amen.

Hymn: #300 All Glory, Laud and Honor

Prayer of Confession: Holy God, we have blamed you when the hosannas die and the parade turns into a mob scene. We heap our doubts on you even though our inaction adds power to those who shout, "Crucify." We rebel against the risks of discipleship. Why raise our voices against the evil we see? One voice simply becomes one more victim. O God, we protest, but we know down deep that the victim of our silence is the way of love, the way of life. Forgive our cowardice, and help us to stand with Christ in a world that has forgotten humility and obedience to you. O God, we want to be faithful. Why does it cost so much? Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Special Music: *"Jesus, Messiah" - Chris Tomlin (See Insert)*

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION: The confirmand shares his Statement of Faith and Memory Verse. Joshua 1:9

Affirmation of Baptism and Confession – See Insert

Prayer of the Confirmand (Family and Friends are invited to gather around Zach as we pray together).

Prayer of the Congregation: We rejoice, O merciful God, with Zach in the gift of the Holy Spirit, and in the Spirit's power to awaken us to new truth and to inspire us to venture into fullness of life. We give to you, thanks that he has been moved to affirm his baptism. Help him to live not for himself but for Christ and those whom Christ loves. Keep him steady and abounding in hope, never giving up, pressing toward the goal of life with you in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presentation: Scott Graupmann – Church Council President

The Lord's Prayer

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

Reader: Peg Flusemann

Message: "Look Who Has Come To My House!"

Prayer Hymn: # 301 "We Will Glorify"...Revelation 5:13

Offering

Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer (In Unison)

May these offerings bring live-changing good news, both to those who give and to all who are reached by the caring ministries of the church. May they help to restore relationships of trust among us and outpourings of generosity that echo your steadfast love around the world. May your saints be raised to new life that cuts through the deceptions of society to bring your new order among us, O God of all times and places. Amen.

Response #816 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Closing Hymn #297 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell