

**Announcements for the week of March 29, 2026**

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, April 12, 2026**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalms 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 24:19-31

**Local Events**

- April 9 & 10 – St. Paul’s UCC Garage Sale and Plato City Wide Garage Sales
- April 17 – Crow River Singers Winds & Waves Songs of the Sea Concert 7:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson  
Also April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm (See poster on bulletin board)
- April 22 – Plato Lions Blood Drive
- April 25 – St. John’s Lutheran Church of Hollywood Salad Luncheon 11:00a – 1:00p
- May 1 – St. Paul’s UCC Salad Luncheon; 11:00a – 1:00p  
Quilt Show 10:30a – 1:30p

• **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
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

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

April 5 – Tom & Marlo Lepel

April 12 – Bob & Patsy Becker

April 19 – Wendy Anderson

April 26 – Bob & Leslie Doolittle

**Fellowship Time**

April 5 - Easter Breakfast

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, April 5, 2026  
9:00 a.m.**



**Easter Sunday**

**Pastor: Brian Brosz**

**Organist: Diane Anderson**

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*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. – Psalms 118*

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April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Prelude

Organist: Diane Anderson

Unveiling of the Black Altar Cloths

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Readers: Devin Axt & Jack Graupmann

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn # 367 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

\*Passing the Peace

+Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: Day has dawned and shadows are left behind. The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn.

**Congregation:** *This is the day that our God has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Pastor: God opens to us the gates of righteousness. We enter to give thanks to our God.

**Congregation:** *We give thanks for our God is good. God’s steadfast love endures forever.*

Pastor: Set your mind on things that are above. Look up and welcome Christ’s appearing.

**Congregation:** *We have been raised with Christ. Glory is being revealed to us on this holy day.*

Hymn: #357 “Christ Arose”

**Prayer of Invocation (In Unison):** God of amazing surprises, the story of Easter is ever new. Suddenly we are aware of your presence with us. We had lost touch with you. Our minds were full of worries and distractions, set on things of this earth. Our spirits felt the grip of death. Jesus seemed a legend from the past, not a real person who shared our common lot. But today, you awaken something new within us.

We hear the cry, Christ is risen, and we want to respond. Dry our tears and call your name. We need the good news of Easter. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Reader: James Leith

Message: “Who’s In and Who’s Out?”

Pastor Brosz

Apostles Creed - In Unison (inside cover of hymnal)

Communion Hymns: #458 “We Remember You”

#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):** By your hand, O God, we have been blessed with life, with food, with refreshment, with hope. Day by day you are saving us, healing our brokenness, calling forth our gifts, granting us strength to serve with Christ as a part of your revelation to the world. Thank you, God, for times of resurrection. Thank you for this day of celebration. We dedicate ourselves anew with our offering. Amen.

Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Hymn: #358 “Because He Lives”

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell

*Easter brunch to follow downstairs after service.*