

Announcements for the week of July 26, 2026

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, August 2, 2026

Gen 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15; Isa 55:1-5; Ps 145:8-9, 14-21; Rom 9:1-5; Matt 14:13-21

Local and St. Paul's Happenings:

Today: 3:30pm – 6:30pm St. Peter Lutheran Church of Lester Prairie
Ice Cream Social & Country Store. Hot dogs, Pork Burgers, and all the fixins’

August 7: 11a-1p Gaylord United Church of Christ Pie and Ice Cream Social

Sept 13 & 20 Speaker Ilona Perunakova at St. Paul's UCC, Plato during service.
More info coming soon!

Every Thursday: 3pm – 6pm Glencoe Area Farmers Market. Glencoe City Center parking lot.

- **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 228

Orchard Estates: Donna Schmidt, Room 115

Cokato Manor: Orville Schrupp, Rm 151

Greeter: (Please be here 30 minutes before worship):

July 26- Bob & Leslie Doolittle

August 2- Tom & Marlo Lepel

August 9- Mark & Lois Wilkens

Scripture Readers

July 26 James Leith

Fellowship Time

July 26- Gary & Dale Graupmann and Louis Graupmann

August 9- Mike & Elaine Graupmann and Tim & Lisa Lepel

Altar / Communion

July Diane Anderson

August Patsy Becker

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

Sunday, July 26, 2026
9:00 a.m.



Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

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O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. See the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. ~ Psalms 105:1-11

July 26, 2026 Nineth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #655 “Sanctuary”
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary,for You. (repeat)*

*Passing God’s Peace +Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)

Leader: Let us call on our God and give thanks. Let hearts rejoice as we sing God’s praise.
Congregation: *Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life. Let all the people tell of God’s wonderful works.*
Leader: Let us open ourselves continually to God’s presence. Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.
Congregation: *Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness. The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.*
Leader: Who can separate us from the love of God? Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?
Congregation: *Nothing can separate us from God’s love. We can face all things, knowing God’s care.*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): Meet us here, holy God, to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits. Plant your Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing, inviting ways from the sake of all your creatures. May we find in these moments of worship, the assurance we need to live triumphantly in the face of loss, discouragement, and suffering. Lead us, by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust you and your will for us. We believe that whatever happens, you can bring some good from it. Show us, O God, the good you intend. Amen.

Hymn: #548 “As The Deer”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): You know us, God, better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage. You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. We give thanks for Christ’s intercession for us. We rejoice as the Spirit gives voice to all we cannot express. Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: *Matthew 13:24-30* **Reader:** James Leith
²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "
Matthew 13:36-43
³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears ₁ listen!

Message: “The Kingdom of God” Pastor Brosz

UCC Statement of Faith - 1981 (found in the front cover of the hymnal)

Prayer Hymn: #539 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave) Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): The gift of your realm is precious to us, O God. It is worth our greatest efforts and our caring sacrifice. As we search for the best in life, we also want to share our faith discoveries, with friends and neighbors. We do that personally and with our giving. May our outreach proclaim to all that nothing can separate us from your love. We give you thanks that you have entrusted to us all that we are privileged to share. Amen.

Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Hymn: #577 “In Times Like These”

Benediction Ringing of the Bell