

Announcements for the week of August 2, 2026
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, August 9, 2026
Gen 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps 105;1-6, 16-22, 45b; Kings 19:9-18, Ps 85:8-13; Rom 10:5-15; Matt 14:22-33

- Local and St. Paul’s Happenings:**
- August 7: 11a-1p Gaylord United Church of Christ Pie and Ice Cream Social
- August 14 11am – 1pm Chicken Chow Mein Dinner; Church of Peace, Norwood
- 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):

- August 2- Tom & Marlo Lepel
August 9- Mark & Lois Wilkens
August 16 Lloyd & Sharon Graupmann
August 23 Louis Grapumann
August 30 Tim & Lisa Lepel

Scripture Readers
Peg Flusemann

- Fellowship Time**
August 9- Mike & Elaine Graupmann and Tim & Lisa Lepel
August 23- Gregg & Lori Lemke and Tom & Marlo Lepel

- Altar / Communion**
August Patsy Becker
September Dana Englemann

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

Sunday, August 2, 2026
9:00 a.m.



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Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #8 “Come, Thou Almighty King (vs1)
Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise. Father all glorious, o’er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

*Passing God’s Peace +Announcements – Joys – Concerns
Special Music: The Goodness of God (sung by Jenn Johnson)

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)
Leader: Come into the presence of God to be fed. Come to call on God, who is eager to answer.
Congregation: We gather to seek God’s face. Let our eyes see all that is right and true.
Leader: Incline your ears to hear all God would teach. Seek to experience God’s steadfast love.
Congregation: We are here to receive God’s blessing. God is our refuge in a frightening world.
Leader: God is near to all who call and seek. Come to praise God and receive a blessing.
Congregation: Open all our senses to pay close attention, O God. We want to renew our covenant with the living God.

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): We are in awe before you, O God, for you have provided for us in rich abundance. The earth is full of your provisions. There is beauty all around us from the work of your hands. You have surrounded us with people who care about us with the love of Christ. Help us, O God, to count our blessings. Point us beyond our cries and complaints that we might realize our capacity to act in your name for the sake of others. As we wrestle with issues of faith and trust, help us to risk our false security for the venture of feeding others in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: #778 Sweet By and By

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): God of justice and righteousness, whose compassion for humankind was expressed so vividly in Jesus of Nazareth, we bring to you our sorrow and anguish that we have not followed faithfully in the footsteps of Christ. Unkindness and deceit are all around us, and we have sometimes joined in their destructive ways. We waste resources you have entrusted to us. We cause others to stumble and fall. Take away our wickedness, O God, and restore your covenant among us, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: Matthew 14:13-21 Peg Flusemann
Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Message: “Leftovers” Pastor Brosz

The Apostles Creed (found in the front cover of the hymnal)

Communion Hymn: #459 “We Remember You”
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): Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs. You quench our thirst and alleviate our hungers when we turn to you. You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the opportunity to help others. May our offerings proclaim your goodness and mercy. May they be devoted to extending the beloved community of your people. Keep our words and actions attuned to your will, that we may offer to all what they need from your hand. Amen
Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (Vs.1)

Hymn: #779 I’ll Fly Away

Benediction

Ringing of the Bell