

Announcements for the week of August 16, 2026
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, August 23, 2026
Exodus 1:8-2:10, Ps 124, Isa 51:1-6, Ps 138, Rom 12:1-8, Matt 16:13-20

Local and St. Paul’s Happenings:
Today Church Council Meeting
August 23 11am – 1:30pm Pork Chop Dinner - St. John’s Lutheran Church of Hollywood;
 New Germany
Sept 2 Wednesday Evening Church Service, St. Paul’s, Plato
Sept 13 & 20 Speaker Ilona Perunakova at St. Paul’s UCC, Plato during service.
More info coming soon!

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
Peace Villa, Norwood-Young America Doris Schrupp; Apt 303

Greeter: (Please be here 30 minutes before worship):
August 16 Lloyd & Sharon Graupmann
August 23 Louis Grapumann
August 30 Tim & Lisa Lepel

Scripture Readers
August 16 Peg Flusemann
August 23 James Leith

Fellowship Time
August 23 Gregg & Lori Lemke and Tom & Marlo Lepel
Sept 13 Sunday School Kick-Off
Sept 27 Dave & Dawn Prehn, Marjorie Stockman

Altar / Communion
August Patsy Becker
September Dana Englemann

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

Sunday, August 16, 2026
9:00 a.m.



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May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Psalm 67:1-4

August 16, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude Diane Anderson

Ringling 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**

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)
Leader: This is a Sabbath dedication to our God. Let this gathering place be a home for all people.

Congregation: *May God be gracious to us and bless us. May God’s face shine over all the earth’s people.*

Leader: Let all the people praise the God of all nations. Let us give thanks and enjoy the blessings God gives.

Congregation: *May God grant us understanding and courage. May faith grow beyond our doubts.*

Leader: The earth has yielded its blessing. Let all the ends of the earth revere our Creator.

Congregation: *God brings us together in unity of purpose. May our circle grow as we welcome newcomers.*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): How good and pleasant it is, O God, when kindred live together in unity. Draw us now into the community you intend for all your people. Help us to listen and understand, both your word for us and our sharing with one another. Keep us from being misled by popular acclaim and the wisdom of the marketplace. May we not be unobservant guides to one another but rather be fully open to your gifts and obedient to your call. Come to us now with healing and blessing. Amen.

Hymn: **#571 *Trust and Obey***

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): Forgive us, O God, for the sin we recognize in ourselves and the wounds we do not see. Show us how we have hurt one another and grant us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our disobedience to you and keep us from leading others into our sin. We seek your mercy for the times we have willfully offended. Help us to put aside all actions and comments that defile. Cleanse us for new life in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 133 Peg Flusemann
How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Message: **“How Sweet It Is”** Pastor Brosz

Hymn: **#429 *They’ll Know We Are Christians***

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

Prayer Hymn: **#563 *Open My Eyes That I May See***

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

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

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): As you have blessed us, O God, we are eager to share. May we offer more than crumbs from your table. May none be sent away from the blessings you intend for all. We want our offerings to preserve and extend life to your children, here in this place and wherever our influence can reach. What is in the offering plates is only a part of what we dedicate ourselves to do and be that your reign of unity and peace may come. Amen

Response **#816 *“We Give Thee But Thine Own” (Vs.1)***

Hymn: **#431 *Shine, Jesus, Shine***

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell