

Announcements for the week of April 26, 2026

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Sunday, May 3, 2026

Acts 7:55-60; Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Local Events

- May 1 – St. Paul’s UCC Salad Luncheon; 11:00a – 1:00p
Quilt Show 10:30a – 1:30p

*** Cemetery Clean Up Day**

Cemetery clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd, weather permitting, with Saturday, May 9th as a back-up date. Please remove any items that may be of value prior. Volunteers are welcome on cleanup day, and a sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

• **Our Members Living in Long Term Care:**

(Please keep them in your prayers. Addresses are posted on the bulletin board.)

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| 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 |

Please be here 30 minutes before worship:

April 26 – Bob & Leslie Doolittle
 May 3 - John & Ann Graupmann
 May 10 - James Leith & Paul Good
 May 17 - VeeAnn Wood
 May 24 - Scott Graupmann
 May 31 - Sandra Frederickson & Rich Milota

Scripture Reader

Fellowship Time

April 26 - Dave & Dawn Prehn, Denise Scharpe
 May 10 - Marjorie Stockmann, Orville & Betty Wilkens
 May 24 - Dale & Diane Anderson, Chris Siverhus & Peg Flusemann

Altar / Communion

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| May | Dawn Prehn |
| June | Marjorie Stockman |
| July | Diane Anderson |

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

**Sunday, April 26, 2026
9:00 a.m.**



Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Pastor: Brian Brosz
Organist: Diane Anderson**

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

– Psalms 23

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Organist: Diane Anderson

Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn # 372 **“Our God Reigns”**

*How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him, who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness. Our God reigns, our God
reigns! Our God reigns, our God reigns! Our God reigns, our God reigns!*

*Passing the Peace

+Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Pastor: How awesome to gather before God! We are here to celebrate with wide-eyed wonder.

Congregation: *The God of all worlds is with us. Praise God for this season of Easter.*

Pastor: Praise God for all the signs of new life. Praise God for all we can do together.

Congregation: *Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus. Praise God for all who share that ministry today.*

Pastor: Christ came to offer us abundant life. We are here today to reclaim that gift.

Congregation: *We gather in the name of Jesus Christ. We want to follow in the steps of Jesus.*

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): Let us hear your voice today, O Shepherd. Call our names and claim us as your own. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Comfort those who suffer pain and loss. Assure all who are afraid. Lead us in right paths

for your name's sake. We have known your goodness and mercy in so many times and places. We open ourselves now to receive these gifts again. Unlock within us the barriers that keep us from recognizing and appreciating all the evidence of your love that surrounds us. Amen.

Hymn: #688 **“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us trust you beyond these limits. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

Reader:

Message:

“What Is This Abundant Life?”

Pastor Brosz

Recorded Music: **“Gentle Shepherd”** – by Bill & Gloria Gaither

Prayer Hymn: #79 **“My Jesus, I Love Thee”**

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 the abundant life we enjoy, not in the things we possess but in the relationships you offer, and the opportunities for sharing that you provide. May all that we here dedicate to you be distributed in ways that meet human need and offer praise to you. Extend our outreach beyond our vision, that we may live in awe and wonder before you, marveling before your goodness and mercy. Amen.

Response: #816 **“We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

Hymn: #690 **“He Leadeth Me”**

Benediction

Ringing of the Bell