

Announcements for the week of October 4, 2026
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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, October 11, 2026
Ex 32:1-14; Ps 106:1-6, 19-23; Isa 25:1-9; Ps 23; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14

- Local and St. Paul’s Happenings:**
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| Every Sunday | Sunday School |
| Today | Women’s Guild Meeting |
| Today | Neighbors in Need Offering |
| October 24 | Women’s Fall Gathering; Christ Lutheran Church – Glencoe
8:30 am – Noon – See bulletin board for more info |
| October 24 | Chili & Soup Luncheon – St. John Lutheran Church of Hollywood
11:00 am – 1:00pm |

- 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
The Harbor, Norwood-Young America Doris Schrupp; Apt 303

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

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| Oct 4 | Scott Graupmann |
| Oct 11 | Lyle & Dana Engelmann |
| Oct 18 | Denise Scharpe |
| Oct 25 | Bob & Patsy Becker |

Scripture Readers

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| October 4 | Peg Flusemann |
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Fellowship Time

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| Oct 11 | Denise Scharpe; Orville and Betty Wilkens |
| Oct 25 | Dale & Diane Anderson, Bob and Patsy Becker |

Altar / Communion

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| October | Peg Flusemann |
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St. Paul’s United Church of Christ
Plato, MN

Sunday, October 4, 2026
9:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday



Pastor: Brian Brosz
Organist: Diane Anderson

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Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

October 4, 2026 – World Communion Sunday
Neighbors in Need Sunday (Giving)

Prelude Diane Anderson

Ringling of the Bell

Opening Hymn: #731 “Onward Christian Soldier”
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle, see his banners go! Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before.

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

Time with Younger Disciples

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)
Pastor: The God who frees us invites us to worship. The God of law welcomes our loyal response.
Congregation: The heavens are telling the glory of God. The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.
Pastor: God is present with us, eager to speak to us. Our Creator is here to rest us and to keep us from sin.
Congregation: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. God’s decrees are sure, making wise the simple.
Pastor: We tremble before God, yet are not afraid. We are ready to listen to God’s word.
Congregation: May our awe before God be pure and enduring. May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): O God, our rock and our redeemer, enlighten us today through the ancient witness of your faithful people. Lead us to desire the guidance of your word. Remind us of your ordinances that are true and righteous altogether. May they shape our living and warn us when we are in error. We seek to honor your name, to divest ourselves of idols, to keep this day of rest and worship. Work with us to develop right relationships in our families and with all your children near and far, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn: #401 “The Church’s One Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison): O God, we have no righteousness of our own. We have bent and ignored your law. Your commandments inform us but do not transform. We give lip service

to your law but seek to avoid its implication for our lives. We recognize some of our errors, but many are hidden from us. We devote our energies to accumulating possessions that function as idols in our lives. We depend on them more than we honor you. Save us, we pray, from great transgressions and help us to reorder our days. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Lessons: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Peg Flusemann
Matthew 21: 33-46

Message: “Sweeter Also Than....” Pastor Brosz
Hymn: Psalm 19 (see insert)

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

Hymn: #372 “Our God Reigns”
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): Ruler of all space and time, we want to be faithful stewards in your vineyard. All that we have is yours. Our lives are in your hands. Help us to use well all that we here devote to the work of your church. Help us to manage well, to your honor and glory, all that we retain for ourselves. May we know heaven on earth because you hold first place in our priorities and our daily goal is to serve you. Amen.
Response #816 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Hymn: #730 “Stand Up For Jesus”

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell