

Announcements for the week of October 18, 2026

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR: Sunday, October 25, 2026

Deut 34:1-12, Ps 90:1-6, 13-17; Lev 19:1-2, 15-18; Ps 1, 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46

Local and St. Paul's Happenings:

Today No Sunday School Due To MEA

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

October 25 St. Peter Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie; Fall Festival 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

October 31 Cleaning of the Church 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Many volunteers needed.

October 31 Remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed, or you will be late for church tomorrow

November 1 Congregation Meeting – After Service

November 1 Women's Guild Brunch – After Service

November 15 Women's Guild Meeting

- **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):

Oct 18 Denise Scharpe

Oct 25 Bob & Patsy Becker

Nov 1 Tim & Lisa Lepel

Scripture Readers

October 18 James Leith

Fellowship Time

Oct 25 Dale & Diane Anderson, Bob and Patsy Becker

Nov 8 Phyllis Coleman, John & Ann Graupmann

Altar / Communion

November Sandra Frederickson

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

Sunday, October 18, 2026
9:00 a.m.



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⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Psalm 96: 1-5

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Diane Anderson

Opening Hymn: #731 “Onward Christian Soldiers”

*Passing God's Peace

+Announcements – Joys – Concerns

Proclamation of Praise (Responsively)

Congregation: God is more than we can ever imagine. We sense God's presence as we meditate.

Pastor: We gather in awe to bring out songs of praise. The Creator of all things has given us life.

Congregation: We are amazed by the wonders around us. We feel God's presence as we sing together.

Pastor: We are summoned by One who is just and merciful. The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond.

Congregation: How amazing that God chooses us as messengers. We know God is with us as we work for justice.

Prayer of Invocation (In Unison): Appear to us here, God of all worlds, for we need your assurance and blessing. We seek the strength to do what is right and just. We long to see you, even though we sense that a god we could see would be only a tiny part of you whose Spirit fills all time and space. We want you to have a face like ours, so we find your face in Jesus, and occasionally in one another. We want to be certain that our decisions and actions are right, but often it is only long afterwards that we realize you were with us. O God, we want to be open to all you are revealing to us now. Amen.

Hymn: #640 *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

Awesome God, how puny is our cleverness before the magnitude of your reality! How fleeting are our days measured against the far reaches of eternity! Yet we set our limited knowledge and restricted purposes against your will for us and presume to direct our own affairs and those of the whole world. O God, we are trapped in our pretensions. Turn us from our need for proof to extravagant praise. Turn us inside out so our self-interest becomes concern for all your neglected children. Suppress in us the sinful ways we find so difficult to manage on our own, that we may joyously render to you all that is already yours. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Time with Younger Disciples

Scripture Lessons: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:1-14

James Leith

Message: “Who Do We Belong To?”

Pastor Brosz

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

Prayer Hymn: #597 *“Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated”*

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering (as you have given upon entering or as you leave)

Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer (In Unison): O God, we sense that you are calling us to manage well all the things that belong to you. The empires of this world have no claim on the resources you have provided except as they are used for the common good. The offerings we receive as a church are not for our private benefit or to buy services for ourselves. Thus, we here dedicate the gifts you have provided in our money and our abilities and our time to extend a helping hand and joyous welcome to every people on the face of the earth. May our efforts find favor with you. Amen.

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

Hymn: #605 “Living for Jesus”

Benediction

Ringling of the Bell