



RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 26 & 27, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Leader	8:00 & 9:15 AM: Pastor Steve Chellew
Organist	8:00 & 9:15 AM: Robyn Steffens
Scripture Reader	8:00 AM: Pam Nielson 9:15 AM: Geraldine Nielson
Projectionist	8:00 AM: Becky Stocker 9:15 AM: Dave & Andrea Brand
Videographer	9:15 AM: Barb Johnson
Ushers	8:00 AM: Dale Evavold, Brendon Honden Seth Cichoski 9:15 AM: Milford Paulson, Lowell Rasmussen
Altar Guild	Linda Paulson, Shari Michel

5:30 PM MONDAY COFFEE HOUSE WORSHIP

No service on holiday Mondays.

LIVESTREAM If you are not able to attend live worship, please join us at 9:15 a.m. on You Tube (Search for Rushford Lutheran Church) Previous services are also available for viewing

OFFERINGS Offering plates are located at the door. There is no collection during the service. See our church website for electronic options for supporting our mission and ministry.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Sister Luv

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN (Please stand)

Jesus Calms the Storm

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When my heart is filled with fear

Like a stormy sky

Jesus says “be not afraid”

He is at my side

There’s a rock where I can go

Keeps me safe and this I know

Deep within my troubled soul

Jesus calms the storm

When my thoughts are tossed and turned

Like a raging sea

I will listen to His voice

He will comfort me

There’s a rock where I can go

Keeps me safe and this I know

Deep within my troubled soul

Jesus calms the storm

When I feel the shame of sin
Like a crashing wave
My Redeemer rescues me
By His grace I'm saved

There's a rock where I can go
Keeps me safe and this I know
Deep within my troubled soul
Jesus calms the storm

He who rules the wind and waves
Soon will come again
Oh take courage little heart
Every storm will end

There's a rock where I can go
Keeps me safe and this I know
Deep within my troubled soul
Jesus calms the storm

There's a rock where I can go
Keeps me safe and this I know
Deep within my troubled soul
Jesus calms the storm

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: The Lord set His love on you and chose you.

People: Know therefore that the Lord is God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: You are a people holy to the Lord your God.

People: And yet, we confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.

Silence for personal reflection.

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: We have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator.

Pastor: In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness.

People: And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

People: "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?"

Pastor: Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 125 (ESV)

Pastor: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

People: Which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

Pastor: As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

People: So the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

Pastor: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

People: Lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

Pastor: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,

People: And to those who are upright in their hearts!

Pastor: But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers!

People: Peace be upon Israel!

SPECIAL MUSIC (Please be seated)

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OLD TESTAMENT (Be seated)

Joshua 5:9-15 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from Joshua chapter five, verses nine to fifteen.

⁹ And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.” And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² And the manna ceased the day

after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. ¹³ When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” ¹⁴ And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” ¹⁵ And the commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, “Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:28-39 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from Romans chapter eight, verses twenty-eight to thirty-nine.

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand)

Matthew 13:44-52 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please be seated)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Reclaim 227

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

While the hope of endless glory, Fills my heart with joy and love,

Teach me ever to adore thee; May I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by thy help I'm come;

And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for thy courts above.**

TODAY'S MESSAGE

**Conquering Canaan: Whose Side is God On?
Joshua 5:9-15 (ESV)**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**Each petition ends with: Lord, in your mercy,
To which we respond: **Hear our prayer.****

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those
Who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG (Please be seated)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS Pat Volkman, Stacy Johnson, Arlene Wenzel, Angela Lowrie, John Campe, Family of Pat Nelson

PRAYER CONCERNS Please contact Pastor Steve by emailing steve.chellew@gmail.com or calling 507.703.1221. You may also call the church office at 507-864-7152

SEEKING THRIVENT PARTNERS FOR YOUTH PROJECTS: Are you a Thrivent member? If you don't already know, you are likely entitled to funds to help with TWO projects per year. RLC Youth has some upcoming local missions that would greatly benefit from your partnership, including projects at Good Shepherd/Bremmer Suites, Ronald McDonald House, SEMCAC Senior Dining, and more! If you would like to help students serve our community, please contact Kristin at kristinburdey@gmail.com or 507-459-0731.

YOUTH SUMMER-WEEN SKATE at High Roller Skating Center
La Crosse, Friday, 7/31 from 4-8:30. Dress up in full costume for
free admission! Otherwise, \$3/person. Meet at RLC @ 3:15 pm.

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Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” (Joshua 5:13)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 26th

8:00 AM & 9:15 AM Worship Service

Coffee served by Hannah Circle – in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM Adult Bible Study

4:30 PM Junior Youth Group

6:00 OM Youth Group

MONDAY, JULY 27th

5:30 PM Coffee House Worship

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th

9:00 AM Ladies Mission Work

9:00 AM Men's Helping Hands

SUNDAY, August 2nd

8:00 AM & 9:15 AM Worship / Communion

Coffee served by Hannah Circle – in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM Adult Bible Study

