



RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 25 & 26, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship Leader	8:00 & 9:15 AM: Pastor Steve Chellew
Organist	8:00 & 9:15 AM: Shary Evavold
Scripture Reader	8:00 AM: Mark Reisetter 9:15 AM: Abby Stocker
Projectionist	8:00 AM: Becky Stocker 9:15 AM: Dave & Andrea Brand
Videographer	9:15 AM: Jeremy Tesch
Ushers	8:00 AM: Dale Evavold, Brendon Honden, Seth Cichoski 9:15 AM: Milford Paulson, Lowell Rasmussen
Altar Guild	Donna Boyum, Alison Kjos

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

RLC Adult Praise!

How Firm A Foundation
Version by Fernando Ortega

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN (Please remain standing)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Reclaim 169

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe,
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat-ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

INVOCATION

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

Pastor: "Be still, and know that I am God.

People: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord, You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

People: All creation is sustained by Your Word and made to serve Your holy purposes.

Pastor: And yet, we can ignore or defy Your Word and fail to pursue Your purposes.

People: Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin, and we seek Your freedom.

Pastor: For our sins of thought, word, and deed, for our action and inaction, for our inborn sinfulness and failures of faith, we beg for mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

People: I am Yours; save me.

(Pause for silent reflection)

Pastor: Jesus speaks, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples." The blood of Christ is put forward as our full pardon and payment, that repentant sinners might receive the righteousness of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ 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 46 (ESV)

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

Pastor: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Pastor: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

Pastor: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

People: “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!”

Pastor: The Lord of hosts is with us;

People: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

SPECIAL MUSIC (Please be seated)

RLC Adult Praise!

Gratitude

Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe

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FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from Revelation chapter fourteen, verses six to seven.

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from Second Corinthians chapter eight, verses one to fifteen.

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. ⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. ⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you

know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand)

John 8:31-36 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Lutheran Book of Worship, 423
Lead by RLC Adult Praise!

Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice
Bore the weight of hu-man need,
Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
Worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
We, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship
Not of voice a-lone, but heart;
Con-se-crating to your pur-pose
Ev-'ry gift which you impart.

Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less;
Still the hun-gry cry for bread;
Still the cap-tives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spir-it send your pow-er
To our world to make it whole.

As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion,
Till your love's re-veal-ing light
In its height and depth and great-ness
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
Mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens
Your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
Stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice,
Your a-bun-dant life to share.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

The Grace of Generosity

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 (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 (Isaiah 43:1, ESV)

Pastor: But now thus says the Lord,
He who created you, O Jacob,
He who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.”

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN (Please be seated)

Go, My Children

Reclaim 53

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping. I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river,
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
Here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

OFFERING

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS Pat Volkman, Stacy Johnson, Arlene Wenzel, Angela Lowrie, Family of Ken Kingsley, Claire Olstad, Sarah Meyer, John Brand, Donna Boyum, Corrine Hill

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND Still living in their homes: Marilyn & Keith Connaughty, Nina Austin, Dorothy Magaard.

BLOOMS OF BLESSINGS: RCL Youth and Root River Floral are teaming up to provide beautiful fall flowers to our friends at Good Shepherd. A plant can be purchased for \$10.00 to be delivered by students on Nov. 8th. Sales will run from Oct. 11th – Oct. 25th. Thank you for your support.

RLCW QUILT SALES begins on SUNDAY, OCT. 25th. We have a nice selection of baby quilts plus other sizes. All proceeds help to support our RLCW.

OCTOBER IS SOAP MONTH. Baskets will be placed at the two entrances to collect requested soaps for the Food Shelf. They have a need for LAUNDRY AND DISH SOAP.

2026-2027 School Year Student Leadership Committee will meet on Sunday, October 25th.

WOULD YOU LOVE to walk alongside our middle and high school students as they grow in faith? The youth committee would love to have you! Help to plan and facilitate regular youth group meetings throughout the year, as well as special events like conferences, mission trips, and service projects. Please contact Kristin for more information at kristinburdey@gmail.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD starts in October. If interested there will be shoeboxes throughout the church to take home and fill, or you can dropoff items at church. Items needed are: "WOW" items such as new yoyos, cars, trucks, travel games, jump ropes, dolls, etc. Anything that a child would enjoy playing with that will fit in a shoebox. Your donated items will be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: RLC Youth will be conducting a Christmas Wreath fundraiser this month! We are going to be selling the same great holiday products that the Cub Scouts normally sell, as there are no Scouts in town this year. What a great way to support awesome teenagers and get decked out for Christmas at the same time! Ordering information will be available soon-talk to Kristin for more details!

2026 CHRISTMAS IN FILLMORE COUNTY. This program began more than 30 years ago with one family and now serves approximately 175 families, 470 children. Once again RLC will be having tags on our Christmas giving tree with children in need. Thanks to RLC we have helped make this program possible.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, October 25th

8:00 AM & 9:15 AM Worship

Coffee served by Miriam Circle – in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

11:15 AM Praise Team

4:00 PM Adult Choir

4:30 PM Junior Youth Group

5:00 PM Student Leadership Meeting

6:00 Youth Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26th

5:30 PM Coffee House Worship

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th

9:00 AM Ladies Mission Work

9:00 AM Men's Helping Hands

6:00 PM Confirmation Class

SUNDAY, November 1st

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

Coffee served by Miriam Circle – in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

11:15 AM Praise Team

4:30 PM Adult Praise Team

5:15 PM Adult Choir

