



RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 4 & 5, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES / Communion

Worship Leader	8:00 & 9:15 AM: Pastor Steve Chellew
Organist	8:00 & 9:15 AM: Robyn Steffens
Scripture Reader	8:00 AM: Pam Nielsen 9:15 AM: Amelia Oian
Projectionist	8:00 AM: Donny Kjos 9:15 AM: Lisa Chellew
Videographer	9:15 AM: Andrea Brand
Ushers	8:00 AM: Trevor Eide, Claire Shepard 9:15 AM: Corey Feine, Jim LaCroix, Donnie Kjos
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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILESTONE MOMENT (9:15 a.m.)

Fifth Grade First Communion

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN (Please stand)

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Reclaim 14

Accompanied by Ladies Choir & Annika Bakkum-Ekern

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.**

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!

People: Give us life, and we will call upon your name!

Pastor: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!

People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God invites His whole creation to the great feast of His salvation. That we may boldly enter into His gates of mercy, let us lift up our prayer of repentance and faith.

People: Lord God, heavenly Father, with thanksgiving for Your great love and promise of new life, we confess to You all our sins, our waywardness, our neglect of Your call, as well as our failure to be of help to our neighbor and one another.

Pastor: We humbly pray, have mercy on us.

People: Forgive us, renew and cleanse our hearts and minds, and give us true faith in Your promised grace and deliverance.

Pastor: The feast of God's salvation has already begun for you by your Baptism into Christ. Now receive the Lord's abiding forgiveness, faith, strength, and help to live in the certain hope of eternal life in fellowship with Him: I 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 80:8-19 (ESV)

Pastor: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

People: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

Pastor: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

People: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

Pastor: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

People: The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

People: The stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

Pastor: They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

People: But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

Pastor: Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

SPECIAL MUSIC (Please be seated)

Ladies Choir

The Power of the Cross

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OLD TESTAMENT (Please be seated)

Isaiah 5:1-7 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter five, verses one to seven.

¹ Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of

it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from Second Corinthians chapter five, verses one to ten.

¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the

judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand)

Matthew 21:33-46 (ESV)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³³ “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “ ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although

they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please be seated)

O Bread of Life from Heaven

Reclaim 84

**O Bread of life from heav-en,
O Food to pilgrims giv-en,
O Manna from a-bove;
Feed with the bless-ed sweet-ness
Of your di-vine com-plete-ness
The souls that want and need your love.**

**O Fount of grace re-deem-ing,
O Riv-er ev-er stream-ing
From Je-sus' wound-ed side:
Come now, your love be-stow-ing
On thirst-ing souls, and flow-ing
Till all are ful-ly sat-is-fied.**

**We love you, Je-sus, ten-der,
In all your hid-den splen-dor
With-in these means of grace.
Oh, let the veil be riv-en,
And our clear eye in heav-en
Be-hold your glory face to face.**

TODAY'S MESSAGE

At Home With the Lord

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (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. Amen.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25)

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Please be seated)

COMMUNION HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Reclaim 154

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the vic-to-ry a-lone.
Hark! The songs of peace-ful Zi-on
Thunder like a mighty flood;
"Je-sus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sor-row now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith be-lieves, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight re-ceived him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts for-get his prom-ise;
"I am with you ev-er-more"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heav-en,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sin-ful
Flee to you from day to day.
In-ter-ces-sor, friend of sin-ners,
Earth's re-deem-er, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sin-less
Sweep a-cross the crys-tal sea.**

**Alleluia! King e-ter-nal,
Lord, om-nip-o-tent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your foot-stool, heav'n your throne.
As with-in the veil you en-tered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and vic-tim
In the eu-cha-ris-tic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."**

COMMUNION BLESSING (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN (Please be seated) Sent Forth by God's Blessing
Reclaim 58

**Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God, From his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended,
The fruits of this service, In all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action, For God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us,
To work for God's kingdom, And answer his call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,
The tasks of our Ev'ry-day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children, Of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one, In this life that we share.
Then may all the living, With praise and thanksgiving,
Give honor to Christ, And his name that we bear.**

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 Pat Nelson, Claire Olstad, Glen Boynton, Wanda Kopperud, Jim Bernier, Mary Darr, Sarah Meyer, John Brand

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

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

RLCW – Norwegian baking at church – stroll and rosettes on TUES. OCTOBER 6th starting at 9:00 am.

RLCW MEETING W/LUNCHEON will be held October 7th at 1:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Verna Volker Founder and Executive Director of Native Women Run Organization.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST October 11th 8:30 – 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Free Will donation – money goes to support the RLC Youth Group.

RLCW BAKE SALE – Sterling Drug Store Lobby Friday, October 16th from 9:00am – 12:00pm. We will be selling Rosettes, Strull & assorted bakings.

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.

PRAISE TEAM RESUMES: Students in 3rd grade & up are invited to join the RLC Praise Team. Rehearsals are right after Sunday School: 11:15 AM-12:15 PM. Performances are typically on the second Sunday of the month, and include some special occasions and holidays. All ages and abilities are welcome, and older students with experience are encouraged to play an instrument. Contact Kristin with questions!

ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT We are currently working with Moe Pipe Organ company of Wadena, MN, to upgrade and modernize our organ console. Our pipe organ was installed in 1914 and donated to the church by the Julsrud family. It is a Reuter organ with 14 ranks and 825 pipes. Much of the electrical wiring and switching that connects the console (player part) with the organ (pipe part) is original wiring from 1914. The project will update wiring and switching, and convert the organ to a MIDI system. Whereby we will be able to record hymns for playback. Or order digital files to play through our organ. The project is being paid for by funds set aside over the past few decades in our Endowment Fund.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th

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

Coffee served by Miriam Circle – in the Fellowship Hall

8:00 AM RLCW Pie Sale

9:15 AM First Communion

10:15 AM Sunday School & Bible Study

11:15 AM Praise Team

4:30 PM Adult Praise Team

5:15 PM Adult Choir

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5th

5:30 PM Coffee House Worship / Communion

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

9:00 AM Men's Helping Hands

1:30 PM RLCW Meeting w/Lunch

6:00 PM Confirmation Class

SUNDAY, October 11th

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 AM & 9:15 AM Worship

Coffee served by Miriam Circle – in the Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM Adult Bible Study

11:15 AM Praise Team

4:30 PM Junior Youth Group Campfire at Stockers

