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RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 23 & 24, 2020

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 WORSHIP SERVICES**

**8:00 AM** LED BY PASTOR STEVE CHELLEW; SCRIPTURE READER: LETITIA KOPPERUD; ORGANIST: SHARY EVAVOLD; PROJECTIONIST: LISA CHELLEW; VIDEOGRAPHER: DEAN HATLEVIG; USHERS: LUTHER MYHRO AND DALE EVAVOLD; ALTAR GUILD: JENNIFER HANSON, KENDRA EIDE, DEB HOLM; SPECIAL MUSIC: LADIES CHORUS

**9:30 AM** LED BY PASTOR STEVE CHELLEW; SCRIPTURE READER: SHARI MICHEL; ORGANIST: SHARY EVAVOLD; PROJECTIONIST: SANDY RASMUSSEN; USHERS: JOHN PETERSEN AND DALE RASMUSSEN; ALTAR GUILD: JENNIFER HANSON, KENDRA EIDE, DEB HOLM; SPECIAL MUSIC: LADIES CHORUS

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24 COFFEE HOUSE WORSHIP**

**5:30 PM** LED BY PASTOR STEVE CHELLEW; PIANIST: SHARY EVAVOLD; PROJECTIONIST: EMILY CICHOSKI

PRESERVICE MUSIC : “Down To The River To Pray”  
Ladies Chorus

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN (Please remain standing): “Thy Holy Wings”  
Reclaim 76

**Thy ho-ly wings O Sav-ior,  
Spread gent-ly o-ver me  
And let me rest se-cure-ly  
Through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and por-tion,  
My rock and hid-ing place,  
And let my ev-'ry mo-ment  
Be lived with-in thy grace.**

**Oh, let me nes-tle near thee,  
With-in thy down-y breast  
Where I will find sweet com-fort  
And peace with-in thy nest.  
Oh, close thy wings a-round me  
And keep me safe-ly there,  
For I am but a new-born  
And need thy ten-der care.**

**This day I ask, dear Jesus,  
Hold me in thy embrace,  
Enfold me in the promise  
Of love for all my days.**

Direct me, teach me always  
Of how much I've been giv'n,  
Receive my prayer and keep me,  
A gift of God from heav'n.

Come close and hover near me,  
As I receive my name.  
Help me remember always  
The love with which it came.  
Inscribe it in the heavens  
Into the Book of Life.  
So someday we may gather  
And walk the fields of light.

Oh, wash me in the wa-ters  
Of No-ah's cleansing flood!  
Give me a will-ing spir-it,  
A heart both clean and good.  
Oh, take in-to thy keep-ing  
Thy child-ren great and small,  
And while we sweet-ly slum-ber,  
En-fold us one and all.

#### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.*

**People: Gracious God, with contrition and repentance, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity.**

*Pastor: Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.*

**People: Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

*Pastor: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, 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 138 (ESV)

*Pastor: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;*

**People: Before the gods I sing your praise;**

*Pastor: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,*

**People: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

*Pastor: On the day I called, you answered me;*

**People: My strength of soul you increased.**

*Pastor: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,*

**People: For they have heard the words of your mouth,**

*Pastor: And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,*

**People: For great is the glory of the Lord.**

*Pastor: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,*

**People: But the haughty he knows from afar.**

*People: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;*

**Pastor: You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.**

*People: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.*

**Pastor: Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

OLD TESTAMENT (Be seated)

Genesis 22:1-18 (ESV)

*Lector: A reading from Genesis, chapter twenty-two, verses one to eighteen.*

<sup>1</sup> After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” <sup>2</sup> He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the

burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. <sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup> But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." <sup>15</sup> And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you

have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

*Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand)  
(ESV)

Matthew 16:13-20

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then

he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found"

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**In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.**

Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home,  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*TODAY'S MESSAGE: Faith Matters: Sacrifice  
Genesis 22:1-18 (ESV)*

OFFERING

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.***

## LORD'S PRAYER

## 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 HYMN (Please be seated): "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Sung by Ladies Choir

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**Prayer Concerns:** If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Steve by emailing [stevechellew@gmail.com](mailto:stevechellew@gmail.com) or calling 507.703.1221 or contact the church office at 864.7152 ([rlc@acegroup.cc](mailto:rlc@acegroup.cc)). **Hospitalized this week:**

**Continued prayers of healing and comfort for:** Samantha and Elijah Monson, Carolyn Jonsgaard, John Magnuson, Mark Reisetter, Haley Wilkemeyer, Laurie Marcoux, Judy Brand, Cheryl and Donny Kjos, Bill Jeffers, John Kinneberg, Pastor David Steffenson, Mike Feine, Mike Wick, Deborah Bybee-Newly, Renee Moran, Tony Hallum, Pastor Sylvia and Pastor Julio, Sarah Feirer, Curt Paulson, Jr. (military deployment) and Michele Benson Thompson.

**Prayers of Celebration:** Our 17 students that will be confirming their faith at the 2 PM Family Service Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Operation Christmas Child** We are asking RLC members that would like to participate to drop off items to pack into the shoe boxes this fall or you can fill your own box and drop off at the church. Items that are needed: combs, hairbrushes, band aids, new youth t-shirts, socks & underwear, hair bows, sunglasses and especially small interactive toys such as yoyo's, jump ropes, travel games, slinky, small hand size balls, small toy cars/trucks/boats, etc. Anything a child from ages 2 – 14 would enjoy receiving. If you aren't able to go shopping for items, monetary donations are gladly accepted since we will need to include \$9.00 per shoebox to cover shipping costs. Thank you for all your support in this project.

**E-mail Your E-mail** We know you are already getting this e-mail, but please think of a fellow member or a family member of RLC that are not yet receiving the news. Please send their email to [rlc@acegroup.cc](mailto:rlc@acegroup.cc) (With their permission, of course).

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building improvements, memorial giving, Easter or lent. You can set your offering or contribution to be a one time, weekly, biweekly, monthly, etc. With these challenging times of “social distancing”, this is a great option to submit your offerings and contribution to your church. It is fast and easy.

**OFFERINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS AND MEMORIALS** can always be mailed to Rushford Lutheran Church, PO Box 399, Rushford, MN 55971 if electronic giving is not an option for you.

**The church office** is open to the public from 8 AM – Noon Monday thru Thursday. There is now a black locked box located outside the Secretary’s Office for your convenience to securely drop things off when the office is not open.

**Update on the Building Restorations contract for 2020.** To date, we have paid \$22,101 out of the \$74,000 due for the 2020 Building Restorations project. Currently, we have \$22,372 saved. Jerome is scheduled to arrive in mid-September. We have left to raise \$29,527 by the end of the year. Thank you for your generous donations to our building restoration project!

**Confirmation Service.** Due to space limitations, the Confirmation Service on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. is open to families only.

**The flowers on the piano** are in honor of our students confirming their faith in front of their families and God at the private service to begin at 2:00 PM today (Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**Rebecca Stocker will begin leading a GriefShare** program on Wednesdays September 9 through December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30

PM at Rushford Lutheran Church. The cost is \$15 (scholarships are available). Space will be limited so to pre-register contact Rebecca at 507.923.9051. Glen Kopperud will be assisting with the program.

**The Mayo Clinic Hospice Bereavement Programs for Fall 2020**, including Adult Grief Support Groups and Healing Adventures Youth Grief Camp are canceled due to COVID-19 guidelines.

**Family Education Rally Sunday will be Sunday, September 13.** Look for more details in the near future.

**Parents and students meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes** will be held Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. A letter will be mailed soon.

**Fifth Grade communion classes** will begin Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Students must have a parent participate with them. Class begins at 5:30 p.m.

## **CALENDAR:**

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

8:00 AM           Worship service (Home Phones: Dial in for worship service)

9:00 AM           Bible Study led by Rebecca Stocker in Multi-Purpose Room

9:30 AM           Worship service (Home Phones: Dial in for worship service)

1:00 PM Confirmation Class Pictures  
2:00 PM Affirmation of Faith/Confirmation  
Service Family Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

10:00 AM Worship Service Posted on Website  
5:30 PM Coffee House Worship

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Men's Helping Hands, Ladies Prayer Shawl

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 AM Worship service with communion  
(Home Phones: Dial in for worship service)  
9:00 AM Bible Study led by Rebecca Stocker  
in Multi-Purpose Room  
9:30 AM Worship service with communion  
(Home Phones: Dial in for worship service)  
10:30 AM Private Baptism