

RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2020

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 AM LED BY DEAN HATLEVIG; SCRIPTURE
READER/ACOLYTE: ADAM LONEY; ORGANIST: SHARY EVAVOLD;
VIDEOGRAPHER: DEAN HATLEVIG; JUNE VITSE; PROJECTIONIST:
LINDA LEA; USHERS: TOM KOPPERUD AND JIM BERNIER; ALTAR
GUILD: SHARI MICHEL, LINDA PAULSON, MICHELE EKERN

9:15 AM LED BY DEAN HATLEVIG; SCRIPTURE
READER/ACOLYTE: AUBREY INGVALSON; ORGANIST: SHARY
EVAVOLD; PROJECTIONIST: SANDY RASMUSSEN; USHERS:
CASEY AND SHANNON INGVALSON AND DENNIE DARR AND
GORDY ELLIOTT; ALTAR GUILD: SHARI MICHEL, LINDA
PAULSON, MICHELE EKERN; PRAISE TEAM SINGS (DIRECTED BY
KRISTIN BURDEY)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 COFFEE HOUSE WORSHIP

5:30 PM LED BY DEAN HATLEVIG; PIANIST: PORTIA LEE;
PROJECTIONIST: EMILY CICHOSKI OR STEVEN BURDEY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN (Please remain standing): "For the Beauty of
the Earth"

Reclaim 18, vs. 1, 4 & 5

For the beau-ty of the earth,
For the beau-ty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
O-ver and a-round us lies:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
This our sac-ri-fice of praise.

For the joy of hu-man love,
Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
Friends on earth and friends a-bove;
For all gen-tle thoughts and mild;
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
This our sac-ri-fice of praise.

For yourself, best gift divine
To the world so freely giv'n;
Agent of God's grand design,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
This our sac-ri-fice of praise.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sin to God our Father, imploring him, in the

name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Leader: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in his name, he gives power to become children of God and bestows on them his Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 23 (ESV)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Leader: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: He leads me beside still waters.

Leader: He restores my soul.

People: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

People: I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise

Team

OLD TESTAMENT (Please be seated) Isaiah 25:6-9 (ESV)

Lector: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, chapter twenty-five, verses six to nine.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE
(ESV)

Philippians 4:4-13

Lector: A reading from Philippians chapter four, verses four to thirteen.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking

of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand)

Matthew 22:1-14 (ESV)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.” ’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those

servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Leader: 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): “Savior, Like A Shepherd”

Reclaim 205

**Sav-ior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleas-ant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

**We are Thine, do Thou be-friend us,
Be the Guard-ian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin de-fend us,
Seek us when we go a-stray:
Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus,
Hear Thy children, when they pray;
Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus,**

Hear Thy children, when they pray;

**Thou hast prom-ised to re-ceive us,
Poor and sin-ful though we be;
Thou hast mer-cy to re-lieve us,
Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus,
Ear-ly let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus,
Ear-ly let us turn to Thee.**

**Ear-ly let us seek Thy fa-vor;
Ear-ly let us do Thy will;
Bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Je-sus, blessed Je-sus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

TODAY'S MESSAGE
Minister

Dean Hatlevig, Lay

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (Please stand)

*Leader: 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.**

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING SONG

Praise

Team

CLOSING HYMN (Monday, 5:30 p.m.):

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Reclaim 49

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Prayer Concerns: If you have prayer concerns, please contact Pastor Steve by emailing stevechellew@gmail.com or calling 507.703.1221 or contact the church office at 864.7152

(rlc@acegroup.cc). **Hospitalized this week:** Luther Myhro

Continued prayers of healing and comfort for: the family of Margaret Sorum, Luther Myhro, Robert Bunke, Norma Jorde, Carolyn and Eldon Jonsgaard, John Hoegh, John Magnuson, Haley Wilkemeyer, Laurie Marcoux, Cherryl 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), Ed Heusinger and Michele Benson Thompson.

Prayers of Celebration: Our Superhero, Jesus!

Operation Christmas Child: Return your green box by TODAY, October 11th. 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!!

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 (With their permission, of course).

ELECTRONIC GIVING: At Rushford Lutheran Church, we use **Vanco Services** for direct payments. Just go to our website www.rushfordlutheran.com and look for the Tab GIVING, click on that. There will appear a box. Click on Sign In/Sign Up at the top right corner of that box. It will walk you through the set

up. OR visit www.vancopayments.com/OnlineGiving to set up your giving account.

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.

KIDS' SUPERHERO WALK TODAY: 10:15-11:00 AM. Please join us for a fun walk showing our faith and spreading our belief that Jesus is the greatest and only SUPERHERO we need. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes.

Confirmation Mentors We are looking for individuals to serve as confirmation mentors for this year's ninth grade class. We will be starting up the mentor program in October of this year. Mentors meet with the student they are paired with a minimum of five times during the year. After confirmation, mentors are asked to continue communicating with and supporting their student through the rest of high school. If you are a member of the church and would like to be placed on the list of mentors that the students can choose from, please contact Pastor Steve. (Please e-mail Pastor with your name and contact info.)

Update on the Building Restorations contract for 2020. We have left to raise \$14,761 by the end of the year. Thank you for your generous donations to our building restoration project!

BLOOD DRIVE: MiEnergy Cooperative is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 2 pm – 6 pm. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the word MiEnergy to schedule an appointment. Power red appointments available at this drive. Free COVID-19 antibody test for all donors.

Holy Communion Pastor Steve is setting aside Mondays from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM for those of you who are still not able to come to live worship and receive Holy Communion, due to personal health risks. Private communion will be administered in his office. You don't need to make an appointment, although that would be greatly appreciated. Please either call the church office, 507.864.7152 or call/text Pastor at 507.703.1221.

Projectionists Needed: *Our church is currently looking for individuals who would be willing to be on a rotation to run the projector at the Sunday morning worship services. If interested, please contact the church office by emailing rlc@acegroup.cc. Also, specify which service you would prefer. Training will be*

provided. 😊

The flowers *on the piano are in memory of Donald Mc Elmury.*

The Salvation Army's Fillmore County Service Unit is seeking a volunteer from the community of Rushford to join its committee. As a member of this committee, this person will assist in providing emergency and supplemental aid to individuals and families throughout the county. Although current members of the service reside throughout much of the county, there is currently no representation from the Rushford

area. The committee has regularly scheduled meetings in Preston, Minn., on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m., with the exception of July and November. For more information on how to join, please contact Pastor Elliott Malm at pastor@mabelfirst.org or 507-493-5293.

Get well wishes for Lupy Myhro should be sent to his son's house: Steve Myhro, 617 22nd Street NE, Rochester, MN 55906.

Homework and Heroes: an 8-week series for youth starting October 14th. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to find a safe place to study, to play, and to pray here at RLC. We will be highlighting the heroes from within our congregation this fall, bringing in a different speaker at 7:30 pm each week to share stories of faith in action, providing our youth with solid role models at an important time in their lives. Meal provided at 6:00, snacks and drinks available throughout, and dessert after the speaker. Multiple spaces will be available for social distancing and different activities. Light supervision provided. Follow the RLC Youth Facebook page for news and updates, and a full schedule of speakers. Contact Kristin Burdey for more information.

CALENDAR:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00 AM Worship service led by Dean Hatlevig (Home Phones: Dial in for worship service); Coffee fellowship following service

9:15 AM Worship service led by Dean Hatlevig, Praise Team sings (Home Phones: Dial in for worship service)

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship; Bible Study led by Becky Stocker in Multi-Purpose Room; Family Education SUPERHERO WALK for all P3-7th grade students. Please wear mask.

11:15 AM Praise Team Practice

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:00 AM Worship Service Posted on Website

1:00 PM Quilting

5:30 PM Coffee House Worship led by Dean Hatlevig

6:30 PM Finance Committee meets

7:00 PM Church Council meets

WEDNESDAY, October 14

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

6:30 PM GriefShare

THURSDAY, October 15

Deadline to submit articles for the November newsletter

9:30 AM Ruth Circle (hosted by Linda Paulson)

1:00 PM Miriam Circle

1:30 PM Hannah Circle

5:30 PM Martha Circle

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 AM Worship service with communion, (Home Phones: Dial in for worship service); Coffee fellowship following service

9:15 AM Worship service with communion (Home Phones: Dial in for worship service)

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship; Bible Study led by Pastor Steve
in Multi-Purpose Room; Family Education Sunday School
in Sanctuary for all P3-7th grade students. Please wear mask.

11:15 AM Praise Team Practice