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RUSHFORD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 19 & 20, 2020

**SUNDAY, JULY 19 WORSHIP SERVICES**

**8:00 AM** LED BY PASTOR STEVE CHELLEW; SCRIPTURE READER: VICKI NELSON; ORGANIST: SHARY EVAVOLD; PROJECTIONIST: LISA CHELLEW; VIDEOGRAPHER: JEREMY TESCH; USHERS: MEN'S CLUB; ALTAR GUILD: ALISON KJOS & DONNA BOYUM

**9:30 AM** LED BY PASTOR STEVE CHELLEW; SCRIPTURE READER: SHARI MICHEL; ORGANIST: SHARY EVAVOLD; PROJECTIONIST: SANDY RASMUSSEN; USHERS: MEN'S CLUB; ALTAR GUILD: ALISON KJOS & DONNA BOYUM

**MONDAY, JULY 20 COFFEE HOUSE WORSHIP**

**5:30 PM** LED BY PASTOR STEVE CHELLEW; PIANIST: PORTIA LEE

PRESERVICE: "Amazing Grace"  
Family

Performed by The Darr

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

OPENING HYMN (Please stand): "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
Reclaim 211

**Great is thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father;  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions,  
They fail not;  
As thou hast been,  
Thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and  
Spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars  
In their courses above,  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness,  
To thy great faithfulness,  
Mercy, and love.**

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a  
Peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine,  
With ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

#### **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: In the beginning was the Word,*

**People: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

*Pastor: In the Word was life,*

**People: And the life was the light of all people.**

*Pastor: The Word became flesh and lived among us,*

**People: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

*Pastor: Gracious God,*

**People: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all of your sins through Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.*

**People: Amen.**

### RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 119:57–64

(ESV)

*Pastor: The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.*

**People: I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.**

*Pastor: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;*

**People: I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.**

*Pastor: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.*

**People: At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules.**

*Pastor: I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.*

**People: The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!**

OLD TESTAMENT (Please be seated)      Genesis 18:1-15  
(ESV)

*Lector: A reading from Genesis, chapter eighteen, verses one to fifteen.*

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to

Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL (Please stand)  
43 (ESV)

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-

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

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

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’ ’ ”

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Won't Let Me Down" Performed by The Darr Family

**TODAY'S MESSAGE: Faith Matters: No Laughing Matter  
Genesis 18:1-15 (ESV)**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

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.***

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 INSTITUTION

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

*Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

#### 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

HOLY COMMUNION (Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"  
(Instrumental)

Performed by The

Darr Family

COMMUNION BLESSING (Please stand)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Pastor: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

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): "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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My Je-sus, I love thee,  
I know thou art mine,  
For thee all the fol-lies  
Of sin I re-sign;  
My gra-cious Re-deemer,  
My Sav-ior art thou;  
If ev-er I loved thee,  
My Je-sus, 'tis now.

I love thee, be-cause  
Thou hast first lov-ed me,  
And pur-chased my par-don  
On Cal-va-ry's tree;  
I love thee for wear-ing  
The thorns on thy brow;  
If ev-er I loved thee,  
My Je-sus, 'tis now.  
I'll love thee in life;  
I will love thee in death,  
And praise thee as long  
As thou lendest me breath.  
And say when the death-dew  
Lies cold on my brow,  
If ev-er I loved thee,  
My Je-sus, 'tis now.

**In man-sions of glo-ry  
And end-less de-light,  
I'll ev-er a-dore thee  
In heav-en so bright;  
I'll sing with the glit-ter-ing  
Crown on my brow;  
If ev-er I loved thee,  
My Je-sus, 'tis now.**

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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:** the family of Audrey Peterson; the family of Bill Michel; Mark Reisetter, Haley Wilkemeyer, Laurie Marcoux, David Anderson, Judy Brand, Cherryl and Donny Kjos, 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 worship service will be posted** on You Tube and our website by 10 AM on Mondays.

***Deadline for the August newsletter is Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon.***

**Operation Christmas Child** will be here before we know it and we are asking RLC members that would like to participate again to drop off items to pack into the shoe boxes this fall. Items such as: pencils, crayons, glue sticks, pencil & large erasers, pencil sharpeners, ivory soap, combs, hairbrush, toothbrush, reusable small cups, bowls & plates, new t-shirts, socks & underwear, hair bows, sunglasses, small interactive toys, etc. Anything a child from ages 2 – 14 would enjoy receiving. Last year we were able to fill 180 shoe boxes and hopefully we can do as many or more this year. 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.

**RLCW All Occasion Cards** are now \$7 a box in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise marked).

**July is OPEN YOUR HEART month at Rushford Food Shelf.** They would be grateful for any monetary donations for the Hunger Solutions match. Donations can be mailed to: Rushford Food Shelf, PO Box 549, Rushford 55971. Information about this annual fundraiser can be found at [oyh.org](http://oyh.org).

**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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the top right corner of that box. It will walk you through the set up. OR visit [www.vancopayments.com/OnlineGiving](http://www.vancopayments.com/OnlineGiving) to set up your giving account. You can also download the free app “Give+” on your smart phone, search for Rushford Lutheran Church and follow the set up. You may choose to give to the general fund, missions, 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** will be open to the public from 8 AM – Noon Monday thru Thursday. We will be practicing social distancing, so please do not be offended with restrictions. There is now a black lock box located outside the Secretary’s Office for your convenience to securely drop things off when the office is not open.

**MiEnergy Cooperative is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive** at 31110 Cooperative Way, Rushford on July 21 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Appointments only, no walk-ins. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter MiEnergy to schedule an appointment. Free antibody testing for all of donations for a limited time. Contact the Red Cross for details.

**The Good Shepherd Foundation is sponsoring its 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Good Shepherd Golf Classic Tournament** to benefit residents and children of the Good Shepherd Community. It will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Ferndale Golf Course in Rushford. Join us as part of a three-person, women’s, men’s or mixed golf team or as a sponsor. All donations of cash, gift cards or merchandise is

greatly appreciated. All money donated will help pay for a new Nurse Call Light System for the Good Shepherd Nursing Home. Call Leanne at 507.864.7714 for more information. The Good Shepherd Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, donations may be tax deductible.

**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 \$17,909 saved for Jerome (that's enough to make the payment of \$14,734 that is due when he arrives – good news)! Jerome is now scheduled to arrive in August. Another \$14,734 is due upon completion of the project. The remainder of \$22,101 is due when the final statement is received (hopefully around Christmas).

#### **CALENDAR:**

##### SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:00 AM           Worship service with communion;  
Darr Family provides music (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;  
Darr Family provides music (Home Phones: Dial in  
for worship service)

##### MONDAY, JULY 20 – Deadline submission for August newsletter

10:00 AM         Worship Service Posted on Website

5:30 PM           Coffee House Worship

##### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

##### SUNDAY, JULY 26

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  
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