

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church

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To celebrate, share & show God's love

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Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022 Online Holy Communion Worship Service

Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene

Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, Organ; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Welcome/Announcements

- Welcome to worship for the GPR Parish and Living Grace Lutheran.
- *A Large print bulletin is available on our websites for you to use during worship.*
- We invite you to subscribe to our YouTube channel – Rollag Lutheran Church.
- *During our service, we have the following supplies reading:*
 - *Bread/crackers and wine/juice available for partaking in Virtual Holy Communion. We have communion kits available if you would like them, they have been blessed by the pastors.*

Happening This Week:

Monday, January 3: 7 PM Women's Book Study (on Zoom)

Wednesday January 5: 10 AM Bible Study (at Rollag); 11 AM Staff Meeting; 6 PM Confirmation; 6:45 PM Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 9: 8:15 AM Rollag Stewardship Committee; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Living Grace and Rollag; 10:30 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Park

Pastoral Care: Pastor Jim Greene and Pastor Hope Deutscher are available for pastoral care. If you or a loved one are hospitalized or ill, we would love to be caring for you. Please call or email us at the numbers above.

Bible and Book Studies:

- *Wednesdays at 10 AM: Bible Study – Gospel of John (In-Person at Rollag with Zoom option upon request)*
- *7 PM Monday, January 3: Women's Book Study – "The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi" by Kathie Lee Gifford*
- *7 PM Monday, January 10: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Prelude

Pam Aakre, Organ

Reading and Message

Pr. Jim Greene

Contact Pastor Jim at revjamesgreene18@yahoo.com. if you want a transcript of this sermon.

Our Call as a Worshipping Community is to make God visible
From Can You Drink the Cup? By Henri Nouwen

Nothing is sweet or easy about community. Community is a fellowship of people who do not hide their joys and sorrows but make them visible to each other as a gesture of hope. In community we say: "Life is full of gains and losses, joys and sorrows, ups and downs – but we do not have to live it alone. We want to drink our cup together, to celebrate the truth that the wounds of our individual lives, which seem intolerable when lived alone, become sources of healing when we live them as part of a fellowship of mutual care."

Community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so insignificant. One piece is bright red, another cold blue or dull green, another warm purple, another sharp yellow, another shining gold. Some look precious, others ordinary. Some look valuable, others worthless. Some look gaudy, others delicate. We can do little with them as individual stones except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When, however, all these little stones are brought together in on big mosaic, portraying the face of Christ, who would question the importance of any one of them? If one of them, even the least spectacular one, is missing, the face is incomplete. Together in one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the glory of God. That's community, a fellowship of little people who together make God visible in the world.

Holy Communion

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in the remembrance of me. The body of Christ, given for you.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in the remembrance of me. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Hymn: *All Are Welcome* (ELW #641)

Pam Aakre, Organ and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to for-give.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. ...*

Verse 2: *Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. ...*

Verse 3: *Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. ...*

Verse 4: *Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen; serve and teach, and live the Word they've
known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger;
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. ...*

Verse 5: *Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. ...*

Offering (SLIDE)

*Thank you for remembering the importance of continuing to tithe your financial gifts.
You can mail your offering to your church or give through Tithe.ly online (mobile and
online option) or by mail. Visit livinggracehawley.org or gprparish.org for specific
information.*

Reading and Message Pr. Hope Deutscher

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sermon.

The Incarnate God: God's yes, became Mary's Yes, Becomes OUR Yes

Gospel: John 1:1-3, 5, 10-14 – The Message translated by Pastor Eugene Peterson

¹⁻² The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word.

The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one.

³⁻⁵ Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing!—
came into being without him.

What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by.

The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out.

⁹⁻¹³ The Life-Light was the real thing:

Every person entering Life he brings into Light.

He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn't even
notice. He came to his own people, but they didn't want him.

But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he
said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves.

These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten.

¹⁴ **The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.**

We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son,
Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

Benediction

Dismissal: May we go in peace and serve the Lord:
As we Celebrate, Share, and Show God's Love!

**Hymn: *Joy to the World* (ELW 267 / LBW 39)
Pam Aakre, Organ and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

Verse 1: *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.*

Verse 2: *Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy!*

Verse 3: *No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

Verse 4: *He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!