

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church

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To celebrate, share & show God's love

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January 9, 2022 Online Holy Communion Worship Service

Led by Pr. Jim Greene and Pr. Hope Deutscher

Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, Organ

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.*

Happening This Week:

Sunday, January 9: 8:15 a.m. – Stewardship Committee; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 a.m. Living Grace and Rollag (Online); 10:30 a.m. – Parish Health Committee restarting; 10:30 a.m. – Parish Sunday School restarts; 11 a.m. Park

Monday, January 10: Noon – Rollag Seniors; 7:00 p.m. – Tillich Zoom Book Study

Wednesday, January 12: 10 a.m. – Bible Study; 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting; 1 p.m. – Barnesville Ministerium; 6 p.m. – Confirmation Meal; 6:45 p.m. – Confirmation Class

Thursday, January 13: 10:30 a.m. – Hawley Ministerium; 6 p.m. – GPR Parish Executive Committee; 7 p.m. – Parish Council

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 17: Women's Book/Bible Study (Zoom)*
- *7 PM Monday, January 10: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Intro to the Service

Hymn: Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

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*Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold,
Warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.*

We are gathered here for a variety of reasons, and so gracious God, we ask that you mold us all together for the good of all.

Accomplish your purpose among us, O God.

Tune our hearts to the voice of your Holy Spirit.

Wake us to be present to you & to all in this shared time together.

For it is you, O Lord, who have gathered us from various places,

And it's you alone who know our hearts and our needs.

Let us care for and deepen our relationship to one another.

God, help us value each other's story as much as we do our own.

L: With this in mind:

Breathe upon our gathering, Spirit of God who created us

Breathe upon our gathering, Spirit of Jesus who taught us to serve

Breathe upon our gathering, Holy Spirit, and help us inspire everyone we meet through our thoughts, words, and deeds.

O Holy Creator, enlarge our minds to create pathways to peace.

O Holy Savior, enlarge our hearts to love others as you love us.

O Holy Counselor, enlarge our spirits to inspire new life now.

L: And all God's children said, **C: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!**

OUR STORY:

Collaboration Story

Repeat Responsive Reading

Children's Message

OUR CREATIVITY:

Repeat Responsive Reading

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 God, 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.

Hymn of the Month: *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Insert

Verse 1: *Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free.
Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Verse 2: *Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth you send so clear;
And while the message sounds in my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Verse 3: *Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with your children thus to share.
Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

OUR SERVICE:

Benefits of Service

Repeat Responsive Reading

Offering

OUR INSPIRATION:

Repeat Responsive Reading

Prayers

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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.

Benediction from Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Hymn: *Blest Be The Tie That Binds* LBW 370

Verse 1: *Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind is like to that above.*

Verse 2: *Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our care.*

Verse 3: *We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens we bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*

Verse 4: *From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.*

Dismissal: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord,
**As we celebrate, share, and show God's love through our creativity,
service, and inspiration to all people.**

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!