

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church
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Gran-Park-Rollag Parish

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To celebrate, share & show God's love
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Living Grace Lutheran Church

A worshipping community of the ELCA focused on
making known God's love and grace by:
*Welcoming Everyone, Sharing Jesus' story,
Growing in faith and Serving beyond ourselves.*
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Sunday, February 14, 2021

Transfiguration Sunday Virtual Holy Communion Worship Service

Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene

Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, and 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:

Sunday, February 14: Online Worship Service Available;

Rollag In-Person worship and Annual Meeting are Canceled due to the cold this weekend. It will be held NEXT Sunday, February 21st.

Monday, February 15: 7 PM Women's Book Study (on Zoom) - *It's Not Supposed to be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments leave you shattered* by Lysa Terkeurst

Wednesday, February 17: 9 AM Staff Meeting; 10 AM Ephesians Bible Study (Zoom); 7 PM Ash Wednesday Worship (In-person at Rollag and on YouTube)

Sunday, February 21: Online Worship Service Available; 9:30 AM Rollag In-Person Worship followed by Rollag Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 25 (TENTATIVE): 6:30 PM Rollag Audit Committee; 7 PM Rollag Council Meeting; 7:45 PM Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, February 21: Online Worship Service Available; Rollag In-Person Worship, followed by Annual Meeting. Youth Bake Sale will also be held.

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 (Studying Ephesians)*

- *First and Third Mondays @ 7 pm (February 15 and March 1) Women's Book Study: It's Not Supposed to be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments leave you shattered by Lysa Terkeurst. Contact Pr. Hope for Zoom log-in details!*
- *7 PM Monday February 22: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Sunday School: Is not being held in person but we do offer online Sunday School through videos and activities. Check out the GPR Children, Youth and family Facebook page. We are looking for volunteers to help us. Please call the pastors if you are interested in helping!

Lent starts Feb 17th: We will have In-Person services at 7 pm at Rollag Lutheran. NO MEAL will be served this year. As well, online Wednesday evening worship will be provided. Both services will include students and their faith statements.

Prelude: *Come Thou Almighty King*

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Children of the same loving God- we can fall into the trap of expecting our faith journey to have many mountain top experiences so that we'll believe God is real. We can fall short by thinking who we are or what we do isn't important - we'll let others do all the work. Sadly, we can also believe we're too damaged to be of any good to others and we give up. God created everyone and wants all of us to connect with God and to help others.

God, we have a variety of thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes which can block our understanding of how much you love us and want to work through us. We confess and lay at your feet every thought, word, or action which has not been helpful to you, to ourselves, and to others and ask you'd thoroughly cleanse us inside and out. Help us to let go of any confusion or doubt about how much you love us, sacrificed for us, and continually pray for us. Help us to be free to see how you walk with and sit beside us now.

Children of the same loving God- it is God's intention from the beginning we be close to God and with each other. Just as God spoke to Adam and Eve, God speaks to us through our prayers, worship, scripture readings, quiet times, and when we appreciate nature. May we come to appreciate the same amazing power of God which keeps the earth revolving around the sun is also working inside our lives and through our actions. May we trust in this love to transform us into helpful and encouraged people.

Hymn: *Let the Whole Creation Cry* (876 ELW / LBW 242)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our Almighty King!"
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.*

Verse 2: *Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song;
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"*

Psalms 50:1-6 (Read responsively)

¹The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

³Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

⁴**He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶**The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

Message: Pr. Jim Greene

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

Virtual 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.

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 body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Offering

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.

Hymn of Month: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Pam Aakre, Piano

Children's Message

Based on Mark 9:2-9

Pr. Jim Greene

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “**This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!**” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Message: Pr. Hope Deutscher

Contact Pastor Hope at hdeutscher@gmail.com. if you want a transcript of this sermon.

Prayers

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's creation.

We pray for the body of Christ...Open our hearts in faith, enlighten our minds with knowledge, and strengthen us to proclaim the gospel. May we be open to the transformational experiences in our own lives – from the mountaintop ones to those that happen in the silence and in the lowest moments of our lives. May we continue to be reminded that you are present with us in all times and places. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Light, Bring peace to every nation. Illuminate our neighbors' need so that we will see their needs and respond. Speak to those who look for glimmers of hope, especially refugees, immigrants, and others who are displaced or exiled from their home country. May they be guided by your love and find refuge and safety. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are you, Holy One. You are the strength of the sick and suffering, the lonely and forgotten, the fearful and despairing. Shine the healing light of your presence on them. We especially pray for those we name aloud on our lips or silently in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, make us ready for the day when this world is transfigured, transformed, and made new — when all things will shine in the dazzling light of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Now go and tell the good news: the Lord of life and light is with us;
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Amen.

The very face of God shines upon you with beauty, blessing, and peace. Alleluia!
Go in peace as we celebrate, share and show God's love and light in our lives!

Hymn: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (WOV 649 / ELW 815)

Refrain: *In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike,
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart; Lord Jesus.*

Verse 1: *I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.*

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Verse 2: *I want to see...the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of
righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.*

Verse 3: *I'm looking for...the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have
run...with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.*

Refrain: *In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike,
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart; Lord Jesus.*