

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church
In ministry partnership since 2017

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish

3 Churches – 1 Ministry: Energized by God
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:
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Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene

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

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.
- Ashes or Olive Oil for Imposition of Ashes.

We Worship an Amazing God . . .

Every Day - and with the help of the Catechism

7 PM Wednesday Worship Services at Rollag Lutheran Church and Online

We'll hear our confirmation student's faith statements.

CDC Guidelines, masks are required.

Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday:	Deeply Connecting with God (1st Article of Creed)
Feb. 24th:	Following Jesus' example (2nd Article of Creed)
March 3rd:	The inspiration of the Holy Spirit (3 rd Article of the Creed)
March 10:	Loving God AND neighbor as self (10 Commandments)
March 17th:	Savoring Sacred Moments (Sacraments)
March 24th:	Active & humble Communication (Lord's Prayer)
April 1st, Maundy Thursday:	Loving and Forgiving as God does us (Forgiveness and Service)
April 2nd, Good Friday:	Believing in the Unbelievable (Death – is it the end or not?)

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction to the Theme and Tonight's Topic

Pr. Jim Greene

Matthew 7: 1 – 5; 24 – 25

“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. ²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

Luke 9: 46 – 48

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, ⁴⁸and said to them, “Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.”

Meditation: Pr. Jim Greene - *Wake Up!*

Faith Statements: Garret; Dylan; Abigail

Hymn: How Great Thou Art (ELW 856 / LBW 532)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee, how great thou art!
How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!*

Verse 3: *But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die,
I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain***

Psalm 51: 1 – 15 (Read Responsively)

THE CONFESSION

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

THE CLEANSING

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

THE CREATING

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

THE CALLING

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation,
O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Hymn: *Create in me a Clean Heart O God (WOV #732)*

Pam Aakre, Piano

Meditation: Pr. Hope Deutscher

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart". It consists of four staves of music in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right". The second staff continues: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and". The third staff continues: "take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me, Re - store un - to me the". The fourth staff concludes: "joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it." The music ends with a double bar line.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Blessing of ashes

Bless, O God, these ashes and those who receive them. Let them be for us a reminder of our mortality, a call to sincere repentance, and a testimony to your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life. **Amen.**

Imposition of Ashes

As you make the *sign of the cross* with the ashes on your forehead and those of your family, say these words: **Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**

As we make the sign of the cross with ashes on foreheads, we remember that our lives will end. But we also remember the baptismal promise that we belong to God no matter what. The pastor made the same sign of the cross on our forehead with oil at our baptism. It's an invisible cross we wear all the time.

Prayer of Repentance

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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.

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.

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.

Please take and eat/drink as you say these words:

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

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you forever. Amen.

Let us pray...Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

HYMN – Holy God We Praise Your Name (535 LBW / 414 ELW)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Ho-ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all,
We bow be-fore you. All on eath your scep-ter claim,
All in heav'n a-bove a-dore you.*

In-fi-nite your vast do-main, ev-er-last-ing to-your reign.

Verse 4: *Ho-ly Fa-ther, ho-ly Son, Ho-ly Spir-it, three we name you,
Though in es-sence on-ly one; un-di-vid-ed God we claim you and,
a-dor-ing, bend the knee while we own the mys-ter-y.*