

**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**

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**Sunday, February 28, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Lent Virtual Holy Communion Worship Service**

**Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene**

**Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute  
with Vocalist John Schenck**

**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 28:** Online Worship Service Available; 9:30 AM Rollag In-Person worship

**Monday, March 1:** Women's Book Study (Zoom)

**Tuesday, March 2:** 9 AM Staff Meeting; 7 PM Youth Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, March 3:** 9 AM Staff Meeting; 10 AM Lent Theme Bible Study (Zoom); 7 PM Lent Wednesday Worship (In-person at Rollag and online)

**Sunday, March 7:** Online Worship Service Available; 9:30 AM Rollag In-Person Worship

**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 Lent Theme)*
- *First and Third Mondays @ 7 pm (March 1 and 15) 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, March 8: 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!

**Prelude: *Here I am Lord* Pam Aakre, Piano**

## **Welcome**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

We welcome you God and we give you thanks for all you have created.

We welcome you Jesus and we give you thanks for your service and sacrifice.

We welcome you Holy Spirit and we give you thanks for how you help us handle life in real and meaningful ways.

We all welcome you and ask for your wisdom and guidance.

**Forgive us for thinking we know how life is supposed to go - worshipping our thoughts, words, and actions more than we do you.**

**Forgive us for judging, condemning, and excluding others - believing they don't deserve the time of day or your love.**

**Forgives us for believing and acting as if we have to handle life all on our own because you don't help us as fast as we'd like or in the way we believe we must be helped.**

**Cleanse us, heal us, and help us trust you are always working to inspire all our thoughts, words, and actions for the good of all.**

Beloved of God, we are created to be of support and help of one another. May we learn to notice and let go of our unhealthy and unhelpful ways as we live in the forgiveness God has given us.

Beloved of Jesus, we are called to put on Jesus' example of love, mercy, and forgiveness so we might encourage all to live free of sins stain.

Beloved of the Holy Spirit, by the power and persistence of the Holy Spirit's prayers we are thoroughly forgiven of all our sins in the name of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Hymn: *Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling* (LBW #381)**

**Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

**Verse 1:** *Hark the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?"  
Loud and long the master calls you; rich reward he offers free.  
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me?"*

**Verse 4:** *Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"  
while the multitudes are dying and the master calls for you.  
Take the task he gives you gladly; let his work your pleasure be.  
Answer quickly when he calls you, "Here am I, send me, send me!"*

### **Psalm 22:19-31 (Read Responsively AND Responsibly)**

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! O my help, come quickly to my aid!

<sup>20</sup>**Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!**

<sup>21</sup>Save me from the mouth of the lion! From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

<sup>22</sup>**I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**<sup>24</sup>For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**<sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, <sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that the Lord has done it.**

**Message: Pr. Jim Greene**

Contact Pastor Jim at [revjamesgreene18@yahoo.com](mailto:revjamesgreene18@yahoo.com). if you want a transcript of this sermon.

**Hymn of Month Special Music: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*  
John Schenck, Vocalist; Pam Aakre, Piano**

**Children's Message**

**Pr. Hope Deutscher**

**Gospel: Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.<sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

**Message: *The Word of God Calls* Pr. Hope Deutscher**

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**Virtual Communion (HOPE)**

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**

*Because we believe that in Jesus Christ, God's time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God*

*has come near, we respond in tangible ways. By doing acts of justice and compassion and by sharing our resources, we bear witness to the good news of the gospel. The offering is received in gratitude to God.*

*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](http://Tithe.ly) online (mobile and online option) or by mail. Visit [livinggracehawley.org](http://livinggracehawley.org) or [gprparish.org](http://gprparish.org) for specific information.*

### **Prayers**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. God, every day you fulfill the promise to encourage, guide, and love us. Forgive us when we forget about you or feel we are unworthy of your help. Open our minds to the fact that, while we may not understand what is happening or why, you are always walking with us. Give our nation's leaders wisdom; encourage all who strive to protect us; inspire the ones working to keep us healthy and sane as we all learn to work together as your family. LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Jesus, when we act like Peter and want to take the easier, softer way through life, remind us how we're better when we all work together. In the midst of our struggles we can offer each other our strength. While the cross we take up may not be made of wood, it's a weight you are willing to help us carry. Be with all who are grieving, suffering with illness or disease, and who feel anger, doubt, and fear which doesn't seem to want to go away. LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Holy Spirit, encourage our spirits to understand the power of trusting in God in the here and now instead of trying to live in the past or the future. Open our eyes to see your faithful presence; open our hearts to feel your encouragement; open our minds to learn how scripture, prayer, and worship helps us to fully live in the midst of all we don't understand. LORD IN YOUR MERCY, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Triune God, bless, guide, and direct us as we remember how you taught us to pray:

### **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**

May God touch our minds and fill us with wisdom  
May Jesus touch our hearts and fill us with serving  
May the Holy Spirit fill our spirits with energy AND  
May Father, Son, and Holy Spirit fill us with Peace.  
Go in Peace and Serve the Lord      As we Celebrate, Share, and Show God's Love.

### **Hymn: Let us Ever Walk With Jesus (ELW #802 / LBW #487)**

**Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

**Verse 1:**      *Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
   through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.  
   Onward in his footsteps treading, trav-ellers here, our home above,*

*Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.*

**Verse 4:** *Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head, we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall also be in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.*

## **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.***

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