

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church
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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:
*Welcoming Everyone, Sharing Jesus' story,
Growing in faith and Serving beyond ourselves.*
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Sunday, March 7, 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

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, March 7: Online Worship Service Available; 9:30 AM Rollag In-Person worship
Wednesday, March 10: 9 AM Staff Meeting; 10 AM Lent Theme Bible Study (Zoom); 7 PM Lent Wednesday Worship (In-person at Rollag and online)
Thursday, March 11: 7 PM GPR Parish Council Meeting
Sunday, March 14: Online Worship Service Available; 9:30 AM Rollag In-Person Worship
Monday, March 15: 7 PM Women's Book Study (Zoom)

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: “Nearer Medley”

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world, but to us it shows God’s saving power! Despite all that God has taught us through the Word, we still act foolishly...because we are weak. In the cross of Christ, we find God’s saving forgiveness and grace. So we come together to confess our sins, trusting in God’s wisdom and strength rather than our own.

Merciful God, without knowing it, we sin against you and others. We are swayed to believe in many other things in this life. Turn us away from violence, falsehood, and selfishness. Forgive us for worshiping anyone or anything except you; keep us faithful. Forgive us for failing to honor all our relationships, especially with those who are closest to us. Help us to speak words of blessing and kindness, rather than words that belittle or destroy. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power. Give us discerning hearts and minds that we may trust in you. Help us to depend on you and save us from willfully ignoring your way.

Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. May your commandments guide us. **Amen.**

Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (ELW #803 / LBW #482)

Pam Aakre, Piano Solo

Children’s Message: Exodus 20:1-17

Pr. Jim Greene

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Message: *The Word of God Saves*

Pr. Hope Deutscher

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

Hymn of Month: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW #712)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need.*

*who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you impart.*

Verse 2: *Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

Verse 3: *As we worship, grant us vision, till our love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear.
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

Gospel: John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

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 online (mobile and online option) or by mail. Visit livinggracehawley.org or gprparish.org for specific information.

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

Hymn: *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660 / LBW 377)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Verse 1: *Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.*

Verse 2: *All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. REFRAIN*

Verse 3: *O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. REFRAIN*

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?)