

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

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3 Churches – 1 Ministry: Energized by God  
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**Living Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 Wednesday Lenten Worship Service**  
**Active and Humble Communications: The Lord's Prayer**  
**Led by Pr. Jim Greene and Pr. Hope Deutscher**  
**Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute;**  
**and Vocalist John Schenck**

**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.**

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| <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<br>(Forgiveness and Service)          |
| <b>April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Good Friday:</b>     | Believing in the Unbelievable (Death – is it the end or not?)             |

**Hymn: Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright (ELW 745 / LBW 438)**

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

- Verse 1: *Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with reverence and with fear.  
Though dust and ashes in your sight, we may, we must draw near.*
- Verse 2: *We perish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us power to pray.  
and when to meet you we prepare, Lord, meet us on our way.*
- Verse 3: *Give deep humility; the sense of godly sorrow give;  
a strong desire, with confidence, to hear your voice and live;*
- Verse 5: *Give these, and then your will be done; thus strengthened with all might,  
we, through your Spirit and your Son, shall pray, and pray aright.*

## Welcome and Announcements

- As always, a big thank you to our Confirmation Students and the sharing of their faith statements.
- Also, we are grateful for the gifts of music and song as shared by Pam; Pastor Hope; & John Schenck.
- Again, we ask you be prepared to participate with us in Holy Communion.
- *OFFERING: Each year we give our total offering to a worthy cause - this year we're giving it to the REACH Backpack program and we'd love it if you could help. If you'd like to help, make a check out to the GPR Parish and in the memo either put Lenten Offering or REACH Backpack.*

## Introduction to the Theme and Tonight's Topic

**Pr. Jim Greene**

Our Theme for this Lenten Season is "We worship an Amazing God . . . Everyday with the help of the Catechism. Tonight's topic and focus is on the Lord's Prayer.

Most of us don't realize everything we think, say, and do is prayer. What the Lord's Prayer helps us to do is lift us out of the worries, cares, and fears of life into a better way of seeing, responding, and understanding God has us. Prayer helps us have a clearer sense of who God is; how God helps; and what God wants for us.

Tonight we will share in the Lord's Prayer but I ask you to join with me in sharing the Serenity Prayer as a companion to the Lord's Prayer:

*God, grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And the wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world  
As it is, not as I would have it.  
Trusting that God will make all things right  
If I surrender to God's will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
And supremely happy with God  
Forever and ever in the next. Amen!*

## Scriptures:

### Matthew 6: 5 - 8

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup>"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

### Matthew 6: 27 - 36

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if

God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

### **Luke 11: 1 - 4**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

### **Meditation with Holy Communion**

**Pr. Jim Greene**

#### **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.

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

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

**Faith Statements:** Ella and Greta

### **Scripture: Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Meditation**

**Pr. Hope Deutscher**

#### **Lord’s Prayer Litany (based on Matthew 6: 9-13, Luke 11: 2-4)**

In humble awe we pray. O God, through Jesus’ sacrifice you have restored us as your forgiven children. In God’s name we pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,**

Help us to know you through your inspired Word and to live by it.

**Hallowed be thy name.**

We pray for your vision of justice and mercy to be made real in our world. May your Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts, use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

**Thy kingdom come.**

Make us eager to carry out you will and to conform our will to yours.

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

We pray for your vision of enough sustenance, warmth, and healing for all of your children. Merciful Lord, you provide all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

We pray for the grace to let go of that which is death dealing as we embrace your vision for life, that we might follow you safely through the obstacle course. Continue to erase our sins, and help us gladly to forgive and to do good to those who wrong us.

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

We know the devil seeks to destroy our souls and the world lures us to the desires of our flesh. Guard us from the poison of misbelief and the trap of unrepented sin.

**Lead us not into temptation.**

Keep safe our bodies and souls, our property and honor, and above all send the Holy Spirit to preserve our faith in Christ which leads to life everlasting.

**But deliver us from evil.**

We give thanks for your presence in this life and beyond. For all these petitions we look to you, O Lord.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

We worship you from whom all blessings flow.

**and the glory forever and ever.**

Relying on Jesus, who taught us how to pray – even when we struggle with it, try too hard, not hard enough, fall asleep or can't find the words – we have been given the Lord's Prayer – as a model and for us to pray with confidence that all may be done in and through God. So we confidently say: **Amen. It shall be so. Amen.**

**Offering**

During our Wednesday Lent Worship services we are collecting money for the REACH Backpack Program. Please see details below about the REACH Backpack program and how you can help!

**Benediction**

May God guide us in our prayers...

bold in asking,

thankful in receiving,

tireless in seeking,

and joyful in finding,

that we may always proclaim God's coming kingdom

and do God's will on earth as in heaven. Amen.

**Dismissal:** Go in peace as you celebrate, share, show and grow in God's love! Amen.

**Hymn / Special Music: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

**John Schenck, Vocalist; Pam Aakre, Piano**



**Help Feed our Hungry Youth...**

**REACH BackPack Program feeds  
225 youth/week at a cost of \$900/week.**

**GPR Parish and Living Grace Lutheran  
Wednesday Evening Lent Offerings will  
support the REACH BackPack Program.**

The REACH BackPack Program provides food for the weekend for qualified youth in the Hawley, Ulen-Hitterdal, Norman County East, Norman County West, Ada-Borup, and Glyndon School Districts.

**Make checks out to:  
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10501 MN-32 S,  
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