

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

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Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Worship Service

Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene

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

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

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.
 - Bowl of Water: We are celebrating our Baptism during worship; we invite you to have a bowl of water nearby during worship.

Happening This Week:

Sunday, April 18: Online Worship Service Available; 9:30 AM Rollag In-Person Worship; 9:30 AM Park In-Person; 11 AM Gran In-Person Worship; After Rollag Worship, Confirmation Students Finish Making Stoles

Monday, April 19: 7 PM Women's Book Study – The Rock, The Road and The Rabbi (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 21: 9 AM Staff Meeting; 10 AM Bible Study; 6:30 PM Confirmation Pictures at Rollag

Sunday, April 25, 2021: Online Worship Service Available; 9:30 AM Rollag In-Person Worship; 9:30 AM Park In-Person; 11 AM Gran 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*
- *7 PM Monday, April 19: Women's Book Study – "The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi" by Kathie Lee Gifford*
- *7 PM Monday, April 26: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Sunday School: Is being offered online. Weekly we provide 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: *The Day of Resurrection*

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Affirmation of Baptism

As Easter people, we remember a promise made over us and by us during the Baptismal Service that we will "Hear the word of God" and let it infiltrate our lives. We know everyone has a story but we don't remember how God wants to live through our story, like oxygen in our lungs, and give us life. We thank you, risen Christ, for your word which gives water the power to name us, claim us, and make us whole.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams which revive our souls, like healing words of forgiveness.

May we hear your word and know we are your children now. May we hear your word and know you suffered, died, and rose again to give us life. May we hear your word and live a meaningful life.

Make us one, risen Jesus, Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be give all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* (ELW 373 / LBW 130)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.*

Verse 2: *Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.*

Verse 4: *Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?*

Children's Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this:

when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Message

Pr. Jim Greene

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Hymn of the Month: *We Walk By Faith* (ELW 635)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

- Verse 1:** We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, Who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
- Verse 2:** We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- Verse 3:** *Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*
- Verse 4:** *That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-49

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

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Virtual 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.

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

Offering

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. As Jesus gave himself fully for us and then appeared to the disciples bringing peace, so let us now bring wholeness and healing to others through our tithes and gifts.

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

Wise and wonderful God, you created each of us as people who are better when we work together. May we learn to seek to know and follow your will. May we do all we can to build up all our brothers and sisters in real and helpful ways. May we find serving you with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind is the foundation for a meaningful life. Remind us you are always in our lives to provide healthy and helpful thoughts, words, and actions.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Risen and life giving Jesus, you continue to appear in our lives to provide us the guidance and peace we cannot find on our own. You are not a ghost, nor some nice story without substance. Be a living, breathing, and real presence in our lives. Show us the way- and help us when we forget to trust in you. May we follow your example as we seek to help and be of service to all. **LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Holy Spirit, you are the bringer of peace Jesus promised to us. May we follow where you lead as you give us the vision to see the good in the world and the vigor to confront and defeat the sin in the world. Fill our lives with your prayers, wisdom, and grace as we work together as your family. **LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER**

People of God, we are called in our Baptism to hear the word of God and to let it infiltrate our lives as God's faithful people. May we do our part of be helpful as we receive the peace you offer us through the prayer Jesus 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

As we move through the disagreements which are a part of our lives, help us to see the wisdom and power of WE instead of the suffering caused by US versus THEM insanity. God be our guide; Jesus be our example; and Holy Spirit be a inspiring Counselor as we learn to:

Dismissal

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

As we Celebrate, Share, and Show God's Love

Hymn: *Where Charity and Love Prevail* (LBW 126 / ELW359)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.*

Verse 2: *With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.*

Verse 4: *Let strife among us be unknown; let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek; be his our only peace.*