

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church
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To celebrate, share & show God's love
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Welcoming Everyone, Sharing Jesus'

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Sunday, April 26, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Easter Worship Service
Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher, Pr. Jim Greene, Andrea Keene, Pam Aakre

Welcome/Announcements

- *Youth announcements from Andrea Keene:*
 - Zoom Gatherings for Youth:
 - Tuesdays @ 7pm: Bedtime Bible and Prayer Time- All ages
 - Wednesdays @ 12 pm: Virtual lunch w/ Youth Director (7th-12th grade)
 - If you want to join these Zoom Gatherings and have not received an invite, contact Andrea at gpryouthdirector@gmail.com.
- *Women are gathering by Zoom Video Conferencing call Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. for a short bible study and time to support one another. We are sharing the log-in information via email. If interested, please contact Pr. Hope.*
- *Wednesday Mornings we are hosting a Zoom Bible study on the Book of Luke. We'd like to hear from you – are there other educational offerings you'd like us to host on a ZOOM Gathering?*
- *We are available for pastoral care. Please call us if you are in need of care. We encourage all people to check on their neighbors and those isolated during this time.*
- *Be a subscriber to the YouTube channel- or how you best say how they can do this AND what is the benefit we get moving forward.*
- *A word about our service today:*
 - Thanks to the children for being a part of the worship service
 - Virtual Communion each week - so be ready!

Offering (SLIDE)

We appreciate you continuing to support our ministries! You can give through [Tithe.ly online](https://www.tithe.ly) (mobile and online option) or by mail. Visit livinggracehawley.org or gpparish.org for specific information.

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Invocation

We gather as we live – in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer

O God, we sometimes are like the disciples walking along the road unaware that Jesus is right next to them. May we have eyes to see your presence working in us and through us giving us new life. Amen.

Confession & Forgiveness/Thanksgiving for Baptism

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walked with them and opens their eyes when he broke bread with them. Our hearts burn within us when the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us in Holy Communion...and with us in Holy Baptism. During this Easter Season, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism. So this day we remember our baptism...

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you created us in your image
and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.

At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn/Song: Jesus Loves Me!

*Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

Children's Message by Andrea Keene

Psalm 116:1-6; 12-19 (MSG):

¹⁻⁶I love GOD because he listened to me, listened as I begged for mercy. He listened so intently as I laid out my case before him. Death stared me in the face, hell was hard on my heels. Up against it, I didn't know which way to turn; then I called out to GOD for help: "Please, GOD!" I cried out. "Save my life!" GOD is gracious—it is he who makes things right, our most compassionate God. GOD takes the side of the helpless; when I was at the end of my rope, he saved me. What can I give back to GOD for the blessings he's poured out on me? I'll lift high the cup of salvation—a toast to GOD! I'll pray in the name of GOD; I'll complete what I promised GOD I'd do, and I'll do it together with his people. When they arrive at the gates of death, GOD welcomes those who love him. Oh, GOD, here I am, your servant, your faithful servant: set me free for your service! I'm ready to offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and pray in the name of GOD. I'll complete what I promised GOD I'd do, and I'll do it in company with his people, In the place of worship, in GOD's house, in Jerusalem, GOD's city. Hallelujah!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Message by Pastor Hope Deutscher

Words of Institution

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**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.**

Communion

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

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Piano Solo: *Be Thou My Vision*

Receiving of Offering (SLIDE with picture of offering plate)

We give thanks for all who have given online or sent in their financial offerings by mail.

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Uplifted by the promised hope of resurrection and healing, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray that we may have hearts that are burning – that we may be empowered to see you and feel your presence around us...so that we will go tell your story and how we have experienced your love in our lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are experiencing flooding in the Red River Valley, for tornado victims in the southern U-S. It's hard to comprehend how much more trouble can come upon people – we lament with those already struggling with stay at home orders, quarantines and illness. And now are battling floodwaters and rebuilding homes and lives. May all who are affected by these disasters and the relief workers who are helping, some putting their own lives at risk – be protected. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray...for all who call upon your healing name, give rest. As we continue to stay at home protecting the vulnerable from the corona virus, give us strength for the day, energy to accomplish

what needs to be done, giving ourselves space for grace that our to-do lists may not get done. That our emotions may be brimming with tears for no reason, other than that we are tired or anxious or numb with denial. Stay with us, and walk with all those who are hungry, friendless, despairing, anxious, and desiring healing in mind, body and spirit. We especially lift up before you the names we say aloud or silently in our hearts...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our youth... for patience in overcoming new ways of learning from home when they'd rather be in school with their friends, for high school seniors who have given up the precious moments a senior year offers, for the youth who are hungry at home and wish they could go to school for a safe place, may God send helpers into their lives to walk with them.

We pray for our youth ministries within our parish and collaboration...for youth and families waiting for confirmation Sunday, for Sunday School youth who are now learning about God's love from their kitchen table, instead of a Sunday School classroom. May all youth trust that we are walking with them...Guide and inspire learners of all age and ability. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Create in our hearts a yearning to rest in your promise of eternal and resurrected life. Give us thankful hearts for those who have died, even as we look forward to the hope of new life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us....

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; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and 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 the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace...as we know the good news that the risen Christ walks alongside us, may our hearts burn with joy as we experience God's presence among us. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Hymn/Song: Abide With Me

*A-bide with me, fast falls the e-ven-tide.
The dark-ess deep-ens; Lord with me a-bide.
When oth-er help-ers fail and com-forts flee,
help of the help-less, oh, a-bide, with me.*

*I need thy pres-ence ev-'ry pass-ing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt-er's pow'r?
Who like thy-self my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sun-shine, oh, a-bide with me.*