

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

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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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, May 9, 2021

Sixth 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

Celebrating Mother's Day

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: May 9 – Mother's Day: 7 AM Online Worship Service Available;
9:30 AM Gran and Rollag In-Person Worship; 11 AM Park In-Person Worship

Monday, May 10: 7 PM Paul Tillich Book Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 11: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting; 6:30 PM Third Grade Bible Class

Thursday, May 12: 7 PM Living Grace Leadership Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday: May 16: 7 AM Online Worship Service Available; 9:30 AM Rollag and Gran In-Person Worship; 11 AM Park 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 –Gospel of John (In-Person at Rollag with Zoom option upon request)*
- *7 PM Monday, May 10: Paul Tillich Bible Study*
- *7 PM Monday, May 17: Women's Book Study – "The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi" by Kathie Lee Gifford*

Sunday School: Is being offered online. Weekly we provide videos and activities. Check out the GPR Children, Youth and family Facebook page.

Prelude: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our baptism)

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

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 that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ.

Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love* (ELW #708 / WOV #675)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Verse 1: *Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. REFRAIN*

Verse 3: *These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. REFRAIN*

Children's Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

Based on John 15:9-17

Scripture: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

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

Hymn of the Month: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (ELW 631 / LBW 315)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev-'ry trembling heart.*

Verse 3: *Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. **And his commandments are not burdensome,** ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Message

Pr. Jim Greene

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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.

Mother's Day Video

Music: God Give Us Christian Homes Pam Aakre, Piano

Offering

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

Loving God, before we were born you placed inside us gifts, talents, and abilities which you invited us to use and to bless the world with. To get the most out of what you've blessed us with you've commanded us to take care of the earth and each other and to love and forgive as you have done to us. Help us to appreciate and learn from the story we share with you.
LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Jesus, you showed us how loving one another as God loves us may involve sacrifices and it doesn't have to be burdensome. Use all of our struggles and concerns as teachers to help us invest in what is helpful and to let go of what is not. Help us to use your story to help us to work through our fears. Guide us to use your story to help us better appreciate and value our story. LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Creative Holy Spirit, as you fell upon the people who heard Peter sharing your story, infiltrate our lives. May your gifts of wisdom, insight, and unselfish love help us to use our gifts, talents, and abilities. Remind us to invest in our gifts as we connect and learn from wise

teachers and helpful companions all throughout our lives. LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we give thanks for our Mothers and for all people who have helped us live a meaningful life. May we all love as we have been loved. To this end we ask for God's help as we pray together:

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/Dismissal

As we move through life, may we live with the assurance of God's love; the encouragement of Jesus' abiding presence; and with the wisdom which comes through the Holy Spirit's prayers so we will: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord: As we Celebrate, Share, & Show God's Love.

Hymn – For All the Faithful Women (ELW #419)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *For all the faithful women who served in days of old.*

To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.

To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.

Verse 3: *We sing of busy Martha, who toiled with pot and pan while Mary sat in silence to hear the word again. We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb and found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.*

Verse 4: *Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door. O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise, that faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.*