

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church
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To celebrate, share & show God's love*
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Growing in faith and Serving beyond ourselves.*
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Sunday, May 10, 2020 - 5th Sunday of Easter Worship Service – Celebrating Mother's Day
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Welcome/Announcements

- *We have a variety of ways we are connecting with people – continuing Bible Studies and Book Studies on Zoom. Check out our Facebook page and Newsletter for details.*
- *Check out the GPR Newsletter for a variety of articles of interest.*
- 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!
 - Today we begin an 8 week walking and wellness journey using The Road to Emmaus Handout provided by Portico Health Benefits. Pastor Hope will share more about this at the end of the service. To download your copy of the Handout visit our websites (livinggracehawley.org or gprparish.org) – we have a link to Portico's webpage.
 - Today is Mother's Day – we celebrate our mothers with some pictures that people submitted! Thank you for helping us celebrate our moms!
- We Pray you enjoy these services- moving forward like to continue doing them. We'd like to continue this ministry – and right now it is through volunteers and with the volunteer's phone that we are able to produce a quality service. To continue this ministry when we return to in-person worship, we will need to purchase high definition equipment, proper music/copyright licenses, etc. We ask you to prayerfully consider and give to the technology needs of providing online worship services, which have been watched by individuals and families at home and by residents in local nursing homes.

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 gprparish.org for specific information.

Welcome

Receiving of Offering

Thank you for remembering the importance of continuing to Tithe your financial gifts. You can mail your offering to your church or visit our webpages to send it online using Tithely.

Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!* (ELW 369 / LBW 103)

*Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day!
All on earth with an-gels say;
Raise your joys and tri-umphs high;
Sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re-ply.*

*Love's re-deem-ing work is done,
Fought the fight, the bat-tle won.
Lo! The sun's e-clipse is o'er.
Lo! He sets in blood no more.*

Thanksgiving for Baptism (from Sundays and Seasons)

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. 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.**

We celebrate Mother's Day with a Special Video Tribute

Special Music: *God, Give Us Christian Homes* Pam Aakre, Piano

Children's Message by Andrea Keene, GPR Youth Director

Scripture: Psalm 31:1-8 - *Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies*

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

⁶You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

⁷I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities,

⁸and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.

John 14:1-6 – *Jesus the Way to the Father*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Hymn: *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* (ELW 774 / WOV 780)

*Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;
Lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.*

*What a fel-low-ship, what a joy divine;
Lean-ing, on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
Lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.*

*Lean-ing, lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms;
Lean-ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.*

Prayers

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. May we keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly...Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, receive the offering gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord – that in all we do – how we care for the earth, spend our time, care for our bodies and give generously of our resources – we may be humble in heart and sharing abundantly. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for rain and sun in proper measure, for farmers and ranchers and all who work the earth to provide abundant food. May the supply chains of food be in balance so that those who are hungry, may be fed. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick and in need, and for any who are oppressed by wounds of the soul; Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As a community, we take time to pause and give thanks for the gift of mothers. We celebrate and give thanks, each of us, for our mother. We celebrate and give thanks, each of us, for those who have been as mothers to us; our aunts and pseudo-aunts, big sisters, friends, mentors and teachers; the women who have nurtured, taught, encouraged, shaped us with love.

We pray for the many strengths of women, their gifts of peace-making, nurture, education, entrepreneurship, healing, wisdom, creativity, endurance, collaboration, physicality – and so much more, we are grateful.

We lament, for those who are not mothers and want to be, for those who are mothers of children who have died, for those whose mothers have died...we lament as a community....

We are children of God! Again and again, God welcomes us home, as a mother welcomes her children. God celebrates us, and delights in watching and helping us grow. May we give thanks for the role of Mothers in our lives...

As we say the Lord's Prayer today, we reflect on what our mother's have given to us...hear the Lord's Prayer, with new ears –

DEAR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

You give me a glimpse of heaven in those special tender moments of motherhood.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME, THY KINGDOM COME.

Help me as I strive to create a corner of your kingdom right here with harmony in our home.

THY WILL BE DONE (ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN).

Let all I do be an inspiration for my children to follow me.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD;

Keep me ever thankful for the warmth that makes each loaf rise, and aware for the love that keeps warmth in our homes.

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,

Forgive me, Lord. Forgive me, children...Through all the years, through all the tears. I'm deeply sorry for the many times I may have hurt you...I did not mean to...I'm even sorrier for the many times I may not have let you know how much I love you.

AS WE FORGIVE OTHERS;

Lifting the love displayed wordlessly by an unselfish act...forgetting the trivial hurts.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,

From all that awaits as we venture into the world beyond our fence.

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

Protect the children so precious while I await their safe return.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,

Make me worthy of it...a better mother, more loving and more lovable.

AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY,

The joy of knowing You love me, a mother, because I am your child...as I love my children because I am their mother.

FOREVER (AND EVER).

Thank you for the miracles that made me both your child and their mother.

AMEN.

Road to Emmaus: Emotional Well-being By Pastor Hope Deutscher

We continue on the Portico Health Road to Emmaus Walking and Wellness 8 week journey. Last week – we focused on our physical well-being – getting rest and physical exercise, eating well and taking care of ourselves.

This week – we look internally at our emotional well-being. As I read this scripture from Luke, I want you to put yourself in the story...you are a disciple walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, your feet are tired. The events of the last few days have you filled with emotions.

We read from Luke 24:17-23:

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.

Pastor Hope: The disciples felt a number of emotions – grief, depression, fear, anger and stress as they are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus – they thought they had no leadership and their future was uncertain. How we navigate difficult times can make a significant difference in our ability to be well. These days especially – it's important for us to find ways to support one another, share our feelings – the true feelings...not just saying it will be okay but what fears are you experiencing, what anxiety is bubbling up, what sadness and grief are experiencing of losing the routine of normalcy...

and having a gut feeling that when we return to moving around it will be a new normal...we will lose some of our ways of doing and being. But we are also gaining some beautiful ways of staying in touch and caring for one another.

This week, as you take a walk or two...I invite you to think about what emotions are inside you – what are you sharing and what are you holding in? Where do you feel God's presence? ... They say laughter is the best medicine. One counselor recently said laughter is like that canary in the coal mine. Is it missing from your life, when you used to be the jokester.

May we find ways to name our emotions, to be present and supportive of one another ...and to find joy and laughter around us.

Benediction

May Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.

May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.

May God, who raised Christ from the dead,
keep you forevermore. **Alleluia!**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending

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: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (ELW 836 / LBW 551)

*Joy-ful, joy-ful we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love!
Hearts un-fold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun a-bove.
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.
Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.*