

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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*Welcoming Everyone, Sharing Jesus' story,
Growing in faith and Serving beyond ourselves.*
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Sunday, May 16, 2021

Seventh 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

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.*

Happening This Week:

Sunday, May 16: 7 AM Online Worship Service Available; 8:15 AM Stewardship Committee; 9:30 AM Rollag and Gran In-Person Worship; 11 AM Park In-Person Worship

Monday, May 17: 7 PM Women's Book Study (??); Women of Faith

Tuesday, May 18: 6 PM Worship and Music Committee

Wednesday, May 19: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting

Thursday, May 20: 7 PM Living Grace Fellowship Hour (Zoom); 7 PM Rollag Council

Sunday, May 23: 7 AM Online Worship Service Available; In-Person Worship Times: 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag; 11 AM Park. *We will be honoring our 2021 High School Graduates during our worship services and online.*

Military Pictures

We want to recognize military personnel on Memorial Day weekend (May 30). We are collecting photos of military personnel until May 24th. Please send them to Pr. Hope at hdeutscher@gmail.com

Outdoor Worship Services:

Starting June 6, Rollag will host outdoor worship services at 9:30 AM.

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 17: Women’s Book Study – “The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi” by Kathie Lee Gifford ??*
- *7 PM Monday, May 24: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Prelude: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

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 is Alive! Let Christians Sing!* (ELW #389 / WOV #363)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

Verse 3: *In ev’ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.*

Verse 5: *Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev’ry age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.*

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-6

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. ⁷There are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree. ⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Message**Pr. Jim Greene**

Contact Pastor Jim at revjamesgreene18@yahoo.com. if you want 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 4: *Finish then my new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise!*

Scripture: Acts 1:1-14

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Christ has called us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. So let us give generously to fulfill that call.

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](https://www.tithe.ly) online (mobile and online option) or by mail. Visit [livinggracehawley.org](https://www.livinggracehawley.org) or [gprparish.org](https://www.gprparish.org) for specific information.

Prayers

Lord of life, we do not know the face of the future, any more than your disciples did.

Like them, we have many questions: how to live, how to bear witness.

Like them, we thirst for the spring waters of the Spirit...to inspire us in our living and to give us a heart language in our testimony.

You have been raised in glory that we might rise with dignity,

You live in power that we might live in peace,

You are present everywhere, that we might be fully present in our own lives

Too often, Lord God, we are hesitant in our proclamation; seeking safe and suitable opportunities to speak of our faith.

Too often, Lord God, we are half-hearted in our service; reluctant to stand out from the crowd or to attract criticism.

Too often, Lord God, we live as if dependent wholly on our own resources; relying on our perceived skills and modest insights.

Let us pray for the whole world and everything in it, for there is much need and want, and we, the church, have been called to be Christ's body in our world today.

May we be Christ's body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

We pray for all the people of the world, especially those who live in want and need.

May we be Christ's body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

We pray for the nations of the world, especially their leaders, that they may see, understand, and honor the sovereignty of peace and compassion over their own self-interest.

May we be Christ's body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

We pray for the ill and the abused, and for all those who need protection and care.

May we be Christ's body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

We pray for your church and its leaders. May we all grow in faith and love, and know with surety the inheritance and hope to which you have called us.

May we be Christ's body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Holy, holy, holy God, your power and majesty fill the universe, far above all we see and do, measure and name. Open our hearts and minds to the immanent presence of our Risen, Living and Ascended Lord Jesus Christ. In his name we pray and say 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

Go forth knowing the hope to which God has called you,
the glorious inheritance that you have received,
and God's power that is at work for us
through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (ELW 393 / LBW 157)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

5/11/20

Verse 1: *A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns
through-out the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road be-fore untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Verse 7: *O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*