

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church
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Gran-Park-Rollag Parish

3 Churches – 1 Ministry: Energized by God
To celebrate, share & show God's love
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Living Grace Lutheran Church

A worshipping community of the ELCA focused on making known God's love and grace by:
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Sunday, May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday Holy Communion Worship Service

Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene

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

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

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 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.*

Sunday, May 24: 7 PM Paul Tillich Bible Study

Wednesday, May 25: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting; 7 PM Hawley Baccauleaute @ Alliance Church

Sunday, May 30: 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag; 11 AM Park. *We will be recognizing military personnel who have died.*

Wednesday, June 2: 7 PM Youth and Education Committee

Sunday, June 6: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran In-Person Worship (Gran Lutheran will vote on the installation of a Columbarium); 9:30 AM Rollag and Park In-Person Worship

Military Pictures

On Memorial Day weekend (May 30), we want to recognize military personnel who have died. We are collecting names/service information and 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.

Living Grace Worship Services: Living Grace will tentatively return to worship on Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. for worship at The Garrick Theater. We are finalizing the details – but put it on your calendar!

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

Prelude: *Majesty*

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Opening Litany

As Pentecost Children, we have God’s Spirit living in us to recharge us when we feel dry as dead bones and to help us see the options we might not see on our own. May we learn to keep connected to God.

Through the power of your word, O God, you use water to name us. Through your sacrifice Jesus, you use your blood to save us. Through your prayers, Holy Spirit, you make us one!

Forgive us God whenever we forget we are all your children; when we ignore your saving grace; when we sin and hurt one another.

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 love as we are loved!

ALL: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and make us one. Amen.

Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (ELW #395/WOV #684)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Refrain: *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness
Calling and free; ... Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea. ...*

Verse 1: *You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the ocean you called to each thing:*

“A-wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.” Refrain

Verse 2: *You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
And you goaded your people with a law and a land;
And when they were blind-ed with idols and lies,
Then you spoke through your prophets to o-pen their eyes. Refrain*

Verse 3: *You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
Withbold new decisions your people a-rise. Refrain*

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-10; 14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.” ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. . . ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Message

Pr. Jim Greene

Contact Pastor Jim at revjamesgreene18@yahoo.com. if you want a transcript of this sermon.

Children’s Message

Pr. Jim Greene

Hymn: All Are Welcome (ELW #641)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to for-give.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. ...*

Verse 3: *Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and jus-tice meet.
Here the love of God, through Je-sus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place. ...*

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-6, 12-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ... ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Message Pr. Hope Deutscher

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Here at Christ's Table where we celebrate Holy Communion, ALL ARE WELCOME. We lay down our anger against one another, we share peace with one another and then we hear these words and are reminded that Jesus laid down his life for us – the most generous act of love.

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

Let us pray...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.

Senior Recognition Video

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.

Noisy Offering

This month's Noisy Offering is going towards the Clay County Jail Ministry. To find out more, visit this website: <https://www.heartofclay.org/> Please send your Noisy Offerings to GPR Parish 10501 Hwy 32 South, Hawley, MN 56549-8929. We will be collecting Noisy Offering through June 6, 2021.

Hearts of Clay Video

Prayers

Let us pray...We come before you O God in gratitude for all that you have done for us. We pray for the people of God in every land; for those who continually teach the faith; for witnesses who by their example show your steadfast love; for all who are estranged from the church; and for the strength to walk in your ways and observe your command; Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope we bring before you those whose lives are dried up: We pray for those dried up by disappointment, by bitterness, by guilt. We pray for those whose spirit is drained by grief, by hunger, or despair. Come Holy Spirit, fan your flames of love and empowerment, set us on fire for you once again. Bring life to each of our dry bones. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Jesus, you said you had to go away so that the Holy Spirit, the advocate, the counselor would come and it was so. Come once again Holy Spirit as the advocate that we all need, as the counselor we all need, and as the helper we all need. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you poured yourself out on the people of the early church, pour yourself out on us now. You set their tongues on fire with languages so as to speak to one another in ways that could be understood. Set our tongues on fire to speak in different languages and ways. May we work to understand and respect one another's language so others may hear the good news about Jesus. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our communities of faith; for those who worship with us and those who cannot come; for the young and the old; for newcomers and long-familiar faces; for the newly baptized in every land; for those who are seeking to know you;

Into your promises, we entrust all those whose needs are known to us today and those whose needs are only known to you. Gathered together as one, we pray as the Spirit has taught us...

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

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe life into you.

May the Spirit, who came upon Virgin Mary and proclaimed that she would help bring the Messiah into the world – make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And give each of us the spark of energy in proclaiming all that we have seen and witnessed!

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with each of you. Amen.

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 2: *Breathe, oh breath thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith,
as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!