

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church
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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,
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Sunday, May 30, 2021

Holy Trinity Sunday and Celebrating Memorial Day Weekend

Holy Communion Worship Service

Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene

With Melissa Seitz, Senior Master Sergeant, Air Force

**Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, Piano; and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute
and Sam Helgeson, Trumpet**

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.*
- *Today, we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday and honor our veterans who died in service.*

Happening This Week:

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

Wednesday, June 2: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting; 7 PM Youth and Education Committee

Thursday, June 3: 7 PM Living Grace Zoom Gathering

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

Outdoor Worship Services:

Starting June 6, Rollag will host outdoor worship services at 9:30 AM. A freewill offering breakfast will be served beginning at 9 AM.

Living Grace Worship Services: Living Grace returns to worship on Tuesday, June 8th at 7 p.m. for worship at The Garrick Theater.

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, June 7: Women’s Book Study – “The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi” by Kathie Lee Gifford*
- *7 PM Monday, July 12: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Prelude: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Opening Litany

On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we are reminded of the confession of the Apostles Creed at the time of a Baptism. Together we confess our faith:

* Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: *Crown Him With Many Crowns (ELW #855 / LBW #170)*

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Crown him with man-y crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.*

Verse 4: *Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Message**Pr. Jim Greene**

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

Children's Message: Trinity Sunday**Pr. Jim Greene****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!*

Gospel: John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Message**Pr. Hope Deutscher**

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Holy Communion

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.

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.

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.

Litany of Freedom – Memorial Day Observation – Melissa Seitz

(From *18 Special Worship Celebrations* by Cynthia E. Cowen)

Introduction:

Since its establishment on May 30, 1868, Memorial Day has been a time set aside to remember those who have died in service to our nation. Wars and military conflicts have been a part of our nation's history and the world's problems. The Civil War, the World Wars, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam and Desert Storm have all left their mark upon our nation.

Our Lord says in Matthew 24:6-8, "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places; all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

God does not cause wars to happen. Self-interest, greed, and other sins enter into the hearts of nations and rulers. The result is conflict. God is grieved when this happens. He mourns the loss of those who fall in battle. Let us now take time to remember those loved ones who have given their lives for the freedoms which we as a nation now enjoy.

Taps Sam Helgeson, Trumpet

Litany of Freedom:

Almighty God, we praise you for the freedom we know in this United States of America.

Remember those who gave their lives that we might keep this freedom.

Precious Lord, comfort all who grieve for those who died serving this country during armed conflicts.

Remember those serving in the armed forces around the world who uphold that freedom.

Great Redeemer, thank you for protecting our troops serving in dangerous war zones.

Remember those still stationed in the territories of unrest.

For your great love and sacrifice, We praise you Lord.

For the comfort we find the knowledge that you are in control of the world, we praise you Lord.

For the end of the war and the reign of peace, we praise you Lord.

For freedom's privilege and blessing, we praise you Lord.

Let us pray, O God, thank you for the sacrifice you gave us in your death and resurrection purchasing for us true freedom from sin and death. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with our nation as we honor those who have died for its freedom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with our president, our Senators and Representatives, those in charge of our military, and all who work to maintain peace in our world, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom and discernment in all policy-making and enable those seeking peace to work together so harmony can come to a world in disorder. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect us and keep us in your care until you come again to restore us to everlasting peace. Until we are united with Jesus on the last day, we pray as he 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; 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 & Sending

God said, "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us?"

And Isaiah said, "Here am I; send me!"

Life-giving God, free us from our fear,

fill us with your love, and send us forth in peace as we say "Here I am, send me!"

Now may 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.

Hymn: *Mine Eyes have seen the glory (Battle Hymn of the Republic) (#890 ELW)*
Pam Aakre, Piano; Sam Helgeson, Trumpet

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

***Every waving flag, hand-covered heart and deeply felt prayer...
asking God to bless America is a declaration of thanks to all those who have served.
"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to God." Philippians 1:3***