

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

A worshipping community of the ELCA focused on
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, June 27, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion Worship Service
Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene
Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, Piano; and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute
With 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.*

Happening This Week:

Today, Sunday, June 27: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran In-Person Worship; 9:30 AM Rollag Outdoor Worship Service (Bring your lawn chairs); 9:30 AM Park In-Person Worship
Tuesday, June 29: 7 PM Living Grace In-Person Worship Service, Garrick Theater
Wednesday, June 30: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting
Thursday, July 1: 7 PM Rollag Council Meeting

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, July 5: 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: Lord, I Want to be a Christian

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the one God, the one who created heaven and earth!

C: Amen

P: God, who gave us the universe, desires to forgive us our sins:

ALL: We confess we have wandered away from your life giving presence and have sought our own way. Instead of trusting you, we give into temptation; instead of worshipping you we follow our own path; instead of knocking on your door we search for the easy and softer way. Guide us to walk hand in hand with you again.

P: Words of Absolution

Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#ELW 733, WOV #771) USE 7/05/20)

Verse 1: *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain: *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Verse 2: *Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Verse 3: *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own clear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

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Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-33 (The Message Translation)

²²⁻²⁴ GOD's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness! I'm sticking with GOD (I say it over and over). He's all I've got left.

²⁵⁻²⁷ GOD proves to be good to the man who passionately waits, to the woman who diligently seeks. It's a good thing to quietly hope, quietly hope for help from GOD. It's a good thing when you're young to stick it out through the hard times.

²⁸⁻³⁰ **When life is heavy and hard to take, go off by yourself. Enter the silence.** Bow in prayer. Don't ask questions: Wait for hope to appear. Don't run from trouble. Take it full-face. The "worst" is never the worst.

³¹⁻³³ Why? Because the Master won't ever walk out and fail to return. If he works severely, he also works tenderly. His stockpiles of loyal love are immense. He takes no pleasure in making life hard, in throwing roadblocks in the way.

Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

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

Children's Message Pr. Jim Greene

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8: 7 – 15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. ⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something— ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Message

Pr. Jim Greene

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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.

The body of Christ, given for you.

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 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 online (mobile and online option) or by mail. Visit livinggracehawley.org or gprparish.org for specific information.

Celebrating Father's Day Video

Prayers

Gracious God, we thank you for the universe you've created for our benefit as well as all the wonders which are a part of our day to day experience. Help us to notice all you have done. May we use the gifts we are blessed with in wise and wonderful ways. **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

The writer of Lamentations shares how, even when we are in the midst of our darkest moments, God's faithfulness will always win out. Even though we don't feel it at the time, even wondering if we'll ever feel God's help again, we're reminded how great is God's

faithfulness. May we, whenever we're in any form of despair remember to give it all over to God instead of trying to do it all ourselves. **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer**

The Apostle Paul writes how Jesus's generous act of giving of his body and blood was to help us when we believe we are empty of faith, hope, and love. Lord Jesus, help us to find strength in your selfless acts so our faith, speech, and knowledge- which flows from you- could be shared with an eagerness which encourages others to trust and grow. **Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

Comforting Holy Spirit, we are grateful for your prayers. We now pray for all who are in need- especially those we name in our hearts now . . . Encourage, heal, and bless us all with your life giving help. Show us how to grieve knowing death is not the final word. Build up our faith and hold our hand as we remember how you taught us to pray . . .

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

Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! ELW #413 / LBW #165*

Pam Aakre, Piano, Sam Helgeson, Trumpet

Verse 1: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!*

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Verse 3: *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,*

Though the eye of sinful-ness thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

Perfect in pow'r in love and purity.

Verse 4: *Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty!*

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Thank you for worshipping with us!