

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:
*Welcoming Everyone, Sharing Jesus' story,
Growing in faith and Serving beyond ourselves.*
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Sunday, July 11, 2021
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:

Today, Sunday, July 11: 7 AM Online Worship; 9:30 AM Rollag Outdoor Worship Service;
Gran @ 8 AM; Park at 9:30 AM

Monday, July 12: Noon – Rollag Seniors; 5:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting (At Rollag);
7 PM Paul Tillich Bible Study

Tuesday, July 13: 7 PM Living Grace In-Person Worship and Congregational Meeting,
Garrick Theater

Wednesday, July 14: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting

Next Sunday, July 18: 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag (outside); 11 AM Park;
10:30 AM Living Grace hosting Clay County Fair Worship Service

Looking Ahead:

July 21: 1 PM Gran Quilting

July 22: 7 PM GPR Parish Council, followed by Rollag Council

REACH's School Supply and Winter Gear Drive

REACH's school supply and winter gear distribution will be coming up later this summer and fall. We are in need of school supplies, backpacks, snow pants, winter coats, boots, hats, and gloves. Items can be donated at the Thrift Store and the office. If you have any questions about how to donate or questions about the programs please call Steph at 483-3145 or email at familiysupportcoordinator@ruralenrichment.org. Thank you in advance for your help.

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 12: Paul Tillich Bible Study*
- *7 PM Monday, July 19: Women’s Book Study – “The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi” by Kathie Lee Gifford*

INTER-GENERATIONAL Vacation Bible School

August 2–5 5:30 PM Meal; 6-8 PM Program @ Rollag **Theme:** *Journey Together*

This year VBS will be inter-generational, meaning that it will be for the whole family – and for people of all ages! Yes, that means you! You do NOT need to have a youth to be involved in VBS this year! Together, we’ll explore the Bible, the Holy Spirit, being Disciples, our Church, and our World together. Check out our Facebook page, Website (gprparish.org) and bulletins as more details become available! We look forward to seeing you – people of all ages!

Prelude: *Lead On O King Eternal*

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be our Creator, Redeemer and Comforter – who blessed us with all we have and who desires to heal us from our sins.

C: Amen

P: God gave us the plumb line of how to love God, neighbor, and self- and we have chosen to ignore this spiritual blessing and go our own way. Together, we gather to confess our sins, trusting in God’s love.

ALL: We confess how, instead of trusting you, we sought our own solutions; instead of worshipping you we sought the path of least resistance; and instead of leaning on you we sought the quick fix. Guide us to walk hand in hand with you again as you lead the way.

P: Words of Absolution

HYMN – *Holy God We Praise Your Name* (535 LBW / 414 ELW)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all,
We bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heav’n above adore you.
In-finite your vast do-main, everlasting to-your reign.*

Verse 3: *Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.*

Children’s Message

Pr. Jim Greene

Scripture: Amos 7:7-9

⁷This is what God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Message Pr. Jim Greene

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

Hymn of the Month: God Is Here! (WOV 719 and ELW 526)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.*

Verse 2: *Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.*

Ephesians 1:3-14 - Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have **also** obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were **marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit**; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Message Pr. Hope Deutscher

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

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. We bring an offering taken from the gifts you have given us. As we return our financial offerings to you with our thanksgiving, bless them with the power of your love so that they may touch the lives of others and inspire them to join us in giving you thanks and praise in the name of Jesus Christ, the King of glory. **Amen.**

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.

Prayers

Holy Trinity, who sends the Holy Spirit to help us in our praying, open our senses to your creation and our hearts to the needs of others. ...

Glorious God, you created us because you are love. It is your will and our destiny that we live into the full humanity of Jesus Christ so that we can praise you, give voice to creation's joy, and join with all things in heaven and on earth to rejoice in your goodness forever. We give thanks for this calling and privilege. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, yours is the justice that calls power to account. Yours is the love that calls sinners to repent. Yours is the mercy that forgives us and grants us eternal life. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lead us in the truth about the Beloved, and set us free to rejoice with all our might over the great mystery you have revealed: that you are bringing all things into harmony through Jesus Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us faith, hope, and imagination to see your vision of the fullness of time when weapons will be crushed by peace, stomachs will be filled by abundant harvests generously shared, and thirsts quenched by pure rain falling from clean skies; diseases will be healed, minds made clear, and bodies made new, so that all things reveal oneness in Christ. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith – especially those we name in our hearts these days. ... United with them as God's children, may we be assured "that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory." We are yours forever. Empower us by the Spirit to serve Christ in love by sharing your vision and working in the world for which Christ died and rose and prays and is coming to complete in resurrection. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As we are united as one, we come together to pray as Jesus 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

It is time to go out and share God' story and life-giving promises, which have been disclosed in Jesus Christ.

Share the Good News with others by the way you live:

with the words on your lips,
by the deeds of your hands,
with the prayers in your minds,
and through the love in your hearts.

The grace of Christ will redeem you
the enduring love of God will support you,
and the Holy Spirit accompanies you, guiding you this day and ever more. **Amen!**

Dismissal

Go in peace and share the Good News! **As we celebrate, share and show God's Love!**

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807 / LBW 499)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Come, thou fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.*

Verse 3: *Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!