

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church
In ministry partnership since 2017

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

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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 18, 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 18: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag Indoor Worship Service; 11 AM Park and 10:30 AM Living Grace hosts Clay County Fair Worship Service with musical guests The Rollag Gospel Trio

Monday, July 19: 6 PM Youth and Education Committee; 7 PM Women's Book Study: The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi (Zoom);

Tuesday, July 20: 7 PM Living Grace In-Person Worship

Wednesday, July 21: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting; 1 PM Gran Ladies Quilting; 7 PM VBS Planning Meeting (at Rollag)

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

Next Sunday, July 25: 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag (inside); 9:30 AM Park;

Next Tuesday, July 27: 7 PM Living Grace In-Person Worship

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 19: Women’s Book Study – “The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi” by Kathie Lee Gifford
- 7 PM Monday, July 26: Paul Tillich Bible Study

INTER-GENERATIONAL Vacation Bible School

(Ages: Birth to Jesus!)

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! Together, we’ll explore the Bible, the Holy Spirit, being Disciples, our Church, and our World together.

- Registration Forms are available online and at churches. (Due 7/30/21) Cost: \$10/person; \$25/family.
- Sign up to help prepare a meal! Sign up sheet at Rollag. Contact Pr. Hope for details!
- We are accepting financial donations to help buy VBS supplies. If you are interested, please make checks payable to GPR Parish with VBS in the memo line.



Sing up to Help at Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion!

We need volunteers to help make food or serve food at Rollag’s Food Booth at WMSTR (Sept 3-6)! Sign up today ONLINE – visit www.gprparish.org/wmstr/

Prelude: Medley: Have No Fear Little Flock/Sheep May Safely Graze
Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while. God calls us to quiet and rest, even as we continue to be Christ’s disciples in our life and in our communities.

Holy God, we want to be the sheep of your pasture. Care for us, feed us, and lead us.

Strengthened by your presence, raise us to tend to those who fear and dismay so that our lives may reflect our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, confident in God’s love for us.

God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction. Even when I am walking through Death Valley, you are by my side with your Shepherd’s crook, making me feel secure. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. But you serve a six-course

dinner in front of my enemies and revive my drooping head, my cup brims with blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. Amen.

As a called and ordained minister in Christ, I remind you that you have been restored to the grace of God. Therefore let us share a sign of peace with one another, for this congregation is the feast that God has prepared for us.

Children's Message Pr. Jim Greene

HYMN – *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654/LBW 369)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

Verse 2: *Elect from ev-'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses with ev-'ry grace endued.*

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-8

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD.
²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

⁷Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the LORD, when it shall no longer be said, "As the LORD lives who brought the people of Israel up out of the land of Egypt," ⁸but "As the LORD lives who brought out and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the land of the north and out of all the lands where he had driven them." Then they shall live in their own land.

Message Pr. Jim Greene

Contact Pastor Jim at revjamesgreene18@yahoo.com. if you want 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.

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 3: Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken; Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to be believe and to adore.

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Message Pr. Hope Deutscher

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Prayers HOPE

Let us bring before our Compassionate God, our Redeeming Savior and Holy Spirit, our prayers...

Jesus, out of your compassion for us, you invite us to come away with you to a place of rest and quiet. Help us to say yes and then to be able to come away with you and when we don't...remind us when it is time to come away with you for quiet and rest. Lord in your mercy, Have compassion for us.

Lord, out of your compassion you care for those who are harassed, helpless, and lost. Sometimes we feel that way ourselves. Sometimes we are called to help those who are in need. In your compassion teach us to follow you, to trust you, to love you and to love as you love. Lord feed us who are hungry; heal us where we need healing – whether it be physically, emotionally, or spiritually. Lord in your mercy, Have compassion for us.

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy. Lord in your mercy, have compassion for us.

Spirit of God, help us to see your presence burning in our hearts and the hearts of others; grant that we may be united in a fellowship of love and prayer; give us the courage to respond to the needs of the world, give us the stamina to follow you, to be your hands and heart in the world; enable us to witness to the works of the Triune God.

Lord in your mercy, Have compassion for us as we join together in praying as you have 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.

Offering

Christ has called us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. So let us give generously to fulfill that call. As we return our financial offerings to you O God 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.

Benediction

Dismissal

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

Hymn: All People that On Earth Do Dwell (ELW #883/LBW #245)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; come ye before him and rejoice.*

Verse 3: *Oh, enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto; praise,
laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.*

Verse 5: *To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from us and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!