

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

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 25, 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:

Sunday, July 25: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag Indoor Worship Service; 9:30 AM Park

Monday, July 26: 7 PM Paul Tillich Book Study (Zoom)

Tuesday, July 27: 7 PM Living Grace In-Person Worship; 8 PM Living Grace Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday, July 28: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting;

Thursday, July 29: 6 PM Luther League Campfire (at Rollag)

Next Sunday, August 1: 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag (Outside); 9:30 AM Park

Monday, August 2: 11 AM Donald Luthi Funeral (Wright's Funeral Home)

Next Tuesday, August 3: 7 PM Living Grace In-Person Worship

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 26: Paul Tillich Bible Study*
- *7 PM Monday, August 16: Women's Book Study – "The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi" by Kathie Lee Gifford*

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.
- VBS Offering - School supplies, backpacks, snow pants, winter coats, boots, hats, and gloves.



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: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Confession Prayer: By Cornelius Plantinga

We pray our confession together:

“Holy God, we belong to you, but we keep trying to belong to ourselves.

Reach out to our confused minds and clear them.

Reach out to our divided hearts and unite them.

Reach out to our selfish intentions and humble them.

We pray our openness to God's healing touch together:

Rock of ages, make us strong and sure.

God of streaming waters make us clean and pure.

God of towering trees and sweeping plains and rolling waves, you who touch our earth with beauty, touch our hearts and make them straight and true- we ask this through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Children's Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

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 4: *Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!*

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Message Pr. Jim Greene

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

Hymn: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW #461)

- Verse 1:** *All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*
- Verse 2:** *All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*
- Verse 3:** *All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come, from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

Gospel: John 6:1-14

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to

get a little.”⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?”

¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.”

¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

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Prayers

Almighty God, make the church a sign of your bountiful compassion and abundant grace as we focus on your Son, Jesus Christ as the bread of life. Sustain us in the knowledge that even though we may feel inadequate in what we bring to Jesus’ table in meeting the needs around us, it is the power of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit working in and among people that the world is transformed so that one day we pray all the hungry will be satisfied. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our hearts the seeds of strife, harsh misunderstandings, fear or desire for revenge. Help us to remember your generosity and guide us to do your will in all that we do so that all the world may be fed with the Bread of Life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, we pray that you will open your hand and satisfy the physical needs of every living thing. We pray for rain to nurture the parched soils, bringing forth food to nourish all of creation. Give us generous hearts so that we may be good stewards of the land and where there is bounty, we may share with generous hearts. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, by your power, our Lord Jesus Christ healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. May all those who are emotionally, physically or spiritually in need of your comfort, know of your life-giving presence in their lives. We especially pray for Grounded in your love, help all who are hurting to welcome every healing as a sign, that though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When we are caught up in the storms of life, come to us, calm our fears, and help us to reach our destinations. Now through the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the love of Christ, as we gather across the world as your church for all generations, let us pray as you taught us:

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

Because a little boy shared his bread and fish, a multitude ate. Let us share what has been given to us.

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

Go now, rooted and grounded in love,
Knowing you are upheld by our God.
May God continue to strengthen you
and carry you out into the splendor of God's kingdom. Amen.

Dismissal

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

Hymn: Sent Forth By God's Blessings (ELW #547/LBW #221)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith con-fessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.*

Verse 2: *With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev-'ry day life we will face – Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving give honor to
Christ and his name that we bear.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!