

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, August 1, 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, August 1: 7 AM Online; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag (Outside); 9:30 AM Park

Monday-Thursday, August 2-5: "Journey in Faith" VBS. 5:30 PM Meal; 6-8 PM Programming.

Monday, August 2: 9:30 AM Gran Ruth Circle; 11 AM Donald Luthi Funeral (Wright's Funeral Home)

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

Wednesday, August 4: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting

Sunday, August 8: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag VBS Celebration
Worship Service (Indoor); 11 AM Park

Monday, August 9: Rollag Seniors Visit Bergeson Nursery; 7 PM Youth and Education Committee

Tuesday, August 10: 7 PM Living Grace In-Person Worship

Wednesday, August 11: 7:30 PM Gran Auction

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, 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!

Registration Forms are available online and at churches.

Cost: \$10/person; \$25/family.

- 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.

Sign 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: Open the Eyes of My Heart Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Children's Message Pr. Jim Greene

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy God, your word declares that you have taken away our iniquity, and that you remember our sin no more. But we confess that we often focus on ourselves, our needs. We choose to grumble and be consumed by what we don't have and can't do, that includes ignoring or refusing to see that in and through your love, salvation is offered freely to us through the gift of Jesus Christ.

Together we pause for reflection on our sins...

Holy and Merciful God, some days we let an attitude of scarcity overtake us. We let it define, control and restrict us. We fear scarcity and let idols become shiny, we let our fears and fears of others prevent us from gratitude, graciousness and sharing.

God, you who created each of us, and provide what we need. May we see the world of abundance you created.

Holy God – may we see the abundance over scarcity, transform our hearts, lessen our fears as we see that there is enough for all of us. Praise be to the God of Abundant Love who hears your confessions of sins...and offers you generous forgiveness! Praise to the God of Enough! Amen.

Hymn: *Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer* (ELW 618/LBW 343)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'r-ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.*

Exodus 16: 1-5, 11-16, 35 (The Message Translation)

¹⁻³ On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left Egypt, the whole company of Israel moved on from Elim to the Wilderness of Sin which is between Elim and Sinai. The whole company of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron there in the wilderness. The Israelites said, "Why didn't GOD let us die in comfort in Egypt where we had lamb stew and all the bread we could eat? You've brought us out into this wilderness to starve us to death, the whole company of Israel!"

⁴⁻⁵ GOD said to Moses, "I'm going to rain bread down from the skies for you. The people will go out and gather each day's ration. I'm going to test them to see if they'll live according to my Teaching or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they have gathered, it will turn out to be twice as much as their daily ration."

¹¹⁻¹² GOD spoke to Moses, "I've listened to the complaints of the Israelites. Now tell them: 'At dusk you will eat meat and at dawn you'll eat your fill of bread; and you'll realize that I am GOD, *your* God.'"

¹³⁻¹⁵ That evening quail flew in and covered the camp and in the morning there was a layer of dew all over the camp. When the layer of dew had lifted, there on the wilderness ground was a fine flaky something, fine as frost on the ground. The Israelites took one look and said to one another, *manna* (which means *What is it?*). They had no idea what it was.

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ So Moses told them, "It's the bread GOD has given you to eat. And these are GOD's instructions: 'Gather enough for each person, about two quarts per person; gather enough for everyone in your tent.'"

³⁵ The Israelites ate manna for 40 years until they reached the border into Canaan.

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.

Hymn of the Month: *O Living Bread from Heaven* (ELW #542 / LBW #197)

Verse 1: *O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er-flow!*

Verse 2: *My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
For you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6 (The Message)

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences. You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

Message Pr. Jim Greene

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

Prayers

Ever Patient God, we heard how the people of Israel, freed from 400 years of slavery, whined, murmured, and complained to you how life wasn't comfortable for them. You offered them freedom and they wanted slavery. Help us to see when we worship our comforts instead of looking to you to provide what we need when we need it. Guide us to bring all our concerns to you trusting you can more than take care of our problems. LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Ever present Jesus, as a people we forget we share the same calling you have. To love God, neighbor, and self is the foundation for a life which benefits all. Open our eyes to our self-centered ways which lead to divisions and destruction. Open our hearts to notice we all share the same Spirit. Open our minds as we trust you are doing far more for us than we could do on our own. Guide us ever, great Redeemer, to commit to partner with you and others as we work to make this world a better place. LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Ever guiding Holy Spirit, help us to move from slavery to freedom; from grief to trusting in you; and from separation to a partnership which fills us up and calls us to serve you and each other. Our DNA is a shared DNA. We share the same calling and we are all charged to pour ourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences. Help us to be active in love, grace, and forgiveness. LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Gracious God, encourage us to know the importance of our communal call as we remember how you taught all of 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.

Offering

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

God does not give us the option to each go our own way in our calling, in our serving, or in our taking care of the world and each other. We all share one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. May we all commit ourselves to serving the One who created, redeemed, and continues to pray for us: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Dismissal

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

Hymn: We All Are One in Mission (576 ELW / 755 WOV)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

- Verse 1:** *We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*
- Verse 2:** *We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.*
- Verse 3:** *Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!