

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 8, 2021
VBS Celebration: Journey Together in Faith
With Holy Communion
Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher
and Pr. Jim Greene
Music Provided by: Sparkhouse
and GPR Parish Youth

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: 9:30 a.m. – VBS Program at Rollag
Following services, Pastor Jim is on vacation until 8/18

Monday: 10:30 a.m. – Rollag Seniors – Visit Bergeson Nursery
7:00 p.m. – Youth & Education Meeting

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. – Rollag makes BBQ & Salad Dressing
7:00 p.m. – Worship at Living Grace

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study on the Gospel of John
11:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
7:00–9:00 p.m. – Shower at Rollag for Abby Davis, bride to be of Jordan Bang. Registered at Target & Amazon.
7:30 p.m. – World Famous Gran Auction

Next Sunday: Online Worship available at 7:00 AM
Worship times for 8/15 & 8/29
Gran 8:00 a.m.; Rollag 9:30 a.m.; Park 11:00

August 22 Worship: Parish service at Rollag with Rollag Gospel Trio
at 9:30 – outside, weather and air quality permitting.

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*

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: Jesus Loves Me Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Welcome

Opening Song: He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands!

*He’s got the whole world, In his hands.
He’s got the whole world, In his hands.
He’s got the whole world, In his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands.*

*He’s got the wind and the rain, In his hands.
He’s got the wind and the rain, In his hands.
He’s got the wind and the rain, In his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands.*

*He’s got the itty bitty babies, In his hands.
He’s got the itty bitty babies, In his hands.
He’s got the itty bitty babies, In his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands.*

*He’s got ev’rybody here, In his hands.
He’s got ev’rybody here, In his hands.
He’s got ev’rybody here, In his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands.
He’s got the whole world in his hands.*

Day 1: Opening Our Bibles!

Scripture: Luke 24:32

³² *They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[a] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”*

Meditation Pr. Jim Greene

Day 2: Five a Day to Grow God’s Way

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23 - The Fruit of the Spirit

²²*By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.*

Meditation Pr. Hope Deutscher

Song: All Together!

Jesus walked to the sea, said, "I have news to share. Drop your nets and follow me. Love is ev-ry where." First it was Peter and his brother, Andrew, James and his brother, John, Bar-thol-o-mew.. and Philip too, ... Thad-dae-us and Ju-das heard the song. Simon the Zeal-ot saw the truth and went to tell it. Thomas and Matthew wanted more. So they got in line and just behind, they saw another James walk through the door.

And they were all together All together, disciples standing strong, and they were all togetherAll together.... Singing God's new song.

Then Mary Magdalene joined the crew, Joanna and Susanna, room for me and room for you. Jesus and his followers walked with stars above, fed the hungry, healed the sick, spreading only love.

There was love in ... Peter and his brother, Andrew, James and his brother, John, Bar-thol-o-mew.. and Philip too, ... Thad-dae-us and Ju-das heard the song. Simon the Zeal-ot saw the truth and went to tell it. Thomas and Matthew wanted more. So they got in line and just behind, they saw another James walk through the door.

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Day 3: Come, Be a Disciple!

Scripture: Matthew 4:19

¹⁹"And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

Meditation with Holy Communion

Pr. Jim Greene

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.

Day 4: One God, One World, One Body

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6

Paul writes: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and **gentleness**, with **patience**, bearing with one another in **love**, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Meditation

Pr. Hope Deutscher

Prayers

Dear God, Thank you for our summer and Vacation Bible School, Thank you for all that we have learned this week about Opening our Bibles, eating our five a day fruits...but also taking the fruits of the spirit and applying them to our lives,

Thank you for what we have learned about following Jesus. May we be filled with the Spirit of God in all we do as we love others, are joyful, bring God's peace, be patient with others, be kind, generous, faithful and gentle, with self-control in all we do.

Help us to be Jesus' disciples every day of our faith journey! Amen!

And as we closed out our music time each day – we said this prayer:

Dear God,

We give you thanks for the Bible. *Hold your hands out as if holding a book.*

Give us open ears to hear your Word. *Hold your hands near your ears.*

Give us open eyes to see where we can be disciples.

Hold your hands near your eyes.

Give us open hearts to follow you every day.

Hold your hands over your heart.

As we pray as Jesus taught us, his disciples:

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.

Blessing

As we have gone on a journey exploring our faith this week...

May we continue to be hungry...eating oreos and opening our Bibles – but not getting crumbs in them!

May we enjoy the fresh fruits of summer – nourishing our bodies...and our spirits as we celebrate God's Fruits of the Spirit!

May we all together join the disciples in singing praises to God and inviting you to Come, Follow Me!

May we all join together in remembering that we are one body in Christ, called to pray to God and remember each other in our prayers!

May we always have the curiosity to explore the Bible, wonder to explore nature and joy to celebrate our faith in God. Amen!

Dismissal

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

Song: I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

*I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
down in my heart;
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
And I'm so happy, So very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, So very happy,*

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

*I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passes understanding,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.*

*And I'm so happy, So very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, So very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

*I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart,
down in my heart;*

*I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus,
Down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.*

*And I'm so happy, So very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, So very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!