

Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church

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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, September 19, 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, September 19: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran; 8:15 AM Rollag Stewardship Committee; 9:30 AM Rollag; 10:30 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Park

Monday, September 20: 7 PM Women's Book Study (Zoom)

Tuesday, September 21: 7 PM Living Grace Worship

Wednesday, September 22: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting; 1 PM Gran Quilting; 6:30 PM 6-8th Grade Acolyte Training; 7 PM Confirmation Orientation

Thursday, September 23: 7 PM Rollag Council

Friday, September 24: GPR Parish Newsletter articles due.

NEXT Sunday, September 26: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag; 10:30 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Park

Youth and Parents:

- Wednesday, September 22: 6:30 p.m. Acolyte Training; 7 p.m. Confirmation Orientation. No meal this week for Confirmation.
- Rally Sunday last Week: Not here- Bible will be in the office or classroom
- We're paying close attention to Covid Practices in the Schools and we encourage people to be smart and take care of yourself and each other.

Newsletter Articles for the GPR Parish are due this Friday, September 24!

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, September 20: Women’s Book Study – “The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi” by Kathie Lee Gifford*
- *7 PM Monday, September 27: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Prelude: *I Love Your Kingdom Lord* Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God, we turn to you today and ask for your forgiveness, guidance, and healing touch. We offer up to you all of our thoughts, words, and actions from this last week and invite you to take them all. Help us to learn from our sins and mistakes. Inspire us to build on how we were mindful of you. Encourage us to hold on to your hand and to always walk close to you.

Children of a Loving God. God created the world and you and I to be loving partners. Notice how God is within us to help us. Jesus came to show us the importance of sacrifice- may we learn to better serve God and each other. The Holy Spirit reminds us to work on our interior life. Let the Holy Spirit teach us to listen and to pray and to know our sins are forgiven in the name of our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. Amen

Children’s Sermon Pr. Hope Deutscher

Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Hymn: *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast* #516 ELW / #234 LBW

Pam Aakre, Piano, Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Al-might-y God, your word is cast like seed in-to the ground;
Now let the dew of heav’n de-scend and righ-teous fruits a-bound.*

Verse 2: *Let not the sly sa-tan-ic foe this ho-ly seed re-move,
But give it root in ev-ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.*

Verse 3: *Let not the world’s de-ceit-ful cares the ris-ing plant de-story,
But let it yield a hun-dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.*

Verse 4: *So when the pre-cious seed is sown, life-giv-ing grace be-stow,
That all whose souls the truth re-ceive its sav-ing pow’r may know.*

Scripture: James 4:1-3; 7-8

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. . . . ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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: All Are Welcome (ELW 641)**Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute**

Verse 1: *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe-ly live,
A place where saints and chil-dren tell how hearts learn to for-give.
Built of hopes and dreams and vi-sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end di-vi-sions:
All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place. ...*

Verse 3: *Let us build a house where love is found in wa-ter, wine and wheat;
A ban-quet hall on ho-ly ground where peace and jus-tice meet.
Here the love of God, through Je-sus, is re-vealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
All are wel-come, all are wel-come, all are wel-come in this place. ...*

Gospel: Mark 9:33-37

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Message Pr. Hope Deutscher

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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.

Prayers

God of understanding, through the Word read and proclaimed, and through Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate, you give us the direction we need and show us that there is nowhere else to go but to you with our joys and our concerns.

We pray for our children who have been called the first in God's heart and kingdom but there are times we do not welcome, love, hear, or speak to them. May we welcome all children into not only your kingdom, but your church and in all places of this world.

We pray for our world that too often follows the advice of wickedness that leads to war, to violence, to conflict between ethnicities, to fear.We pray for relationships that are broken by conflicts and dispute, by murder and deceit, and that cannot find a way back to restoration and healing. God of justice and mercy, heal the wounded hearts, restore the brokenness of the world, and to lead us to everlasting peace as we pray 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.

Benediction

Go out into the world endeavoring to be the last of all and the servant of all.
Welcome the children, for in doing so, you welcome Jesus.

May God give you the gifts needed to be a capable servant.

May Jesus Christ, who welcomes everyone, give you the loving heart of a child so that you can welcome others unconditionally.

May the Holy Spirit, give us unselfish and generous hearts, to heal relationships and to live in peace.

Dismissal:

May we go in peace and serve the Lord: **As we Celebrate, Share, and Show God's Love!**

Hymn: Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW 781/ LBW 474) Vs. 1, 2, 4

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Verse 1: *Chil-dren of the heav'n'ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-som gath-er;
Nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e'er was giv-en.*

Verse 2: *God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho-ly courts they flour-ish.
From all e-vil things he spares them, in his might-y arms he bears them.*

Verse 4: *Though he giv-eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for-sak-eth,
His the lov-ing pur-pose sole-ly to pre-serve them pure and ho-ly.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!