

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, September 26, 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

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

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

Tuesday, September 28: 7 PM Living Grace Worship

Wednesday, September 29: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting; 6 PM Confirmation Dinner; 6:45 PM Confirmation

Sunday, October 3 – First Communion: 8 AM Gran; 8 AM Rollag; 9:30 AM Rollag (First Communion); 10:30 AM Sunday School; 9:30 AM Living Grace Worship; 11 am Park

Tuesday, October 5: 7 PM Women's Book Study "The Rock, The Road and The Rabbi"

Youth:

Sundays: 10:30 AM Parish Sunday School at Rollag

Wednesdays: 6 PM Confirmation Dinner; 6:45 PM Confirmation

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, October 5: 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: *Here I am Lord, Send Me* Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome/Announcements

GPR Newsletter is being assembled and will be sent on Thursday, 9/30

Next Sunday we will celebrate 1st Communion in our Parish. Please pray for our Students and their families.

Take a couple deep, slow breaths, let everything but our relationship with God slip away for a bit.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth - all that is seen and unseen and blessed us with taking care of everything including ourselves and each other. We gather today to re-commit ourselves to being care-takers of life. Help us Lord, to be mindful of the blessings we’ve been given. Guide us Lord, whenever we get off track to help us find the way. Forgive us Lord, when we’ve purposely harmed ourselves or others. Show us the way.

Children of a Loving God, may we learn to notice and let go of every thought, word, or action which puts walls between us and others. May we learn to notice and appreciate the many ways God blesses us. May we give thanks for how God casts our sins as far as the east is from the west, setting us free to be wise care-takers of all we’ve been blest with. May we trust this is true as we stay close to our Creator, Redeemer, and Counselor.

Children’s Message Pr. Jim Greene

Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus (ELW #742 / LBW #439)*

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev-‘ry-thing to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear --
all because we do not carry ev-‘ry-thing to God in prayer.*

Verse 2: *Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev-‘ry weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.*

Scripture: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will

save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. **(See 1 Kings 17 - 18)** ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712 /LBW 423)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Hymn of Month: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW #712)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need.
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose ev-'ry gift which you impart.*

Verse 2: *Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

Verse 3: *As we worship, grant us vision, till our love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear.
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

Gospel: Mark 9:38-41

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

Message Pr. Hope Deutscher

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Offering

Today and every day, living in the name of Christ, we see signs of God's grace and abundance. Now, we take a few moments to give freely of what we have been given, as a witness to God's actions in the world.

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

Scripture promises us that the prayers of God's people are powerful and effective. In this hope, we call on God's name, saying: Pour out your healing grace, O Lord; **send forth your Spirit to save us.**

God of unquenchable fire and overflowing grace, cast out the demons that oppress us; take away the things that make us stumble. Lead us into your realm of life and season us with your peace. **Send forth your Spirit to save us.**

For those who are sick and suffering...**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord.**

For those who are burdened by sin...**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord.**

For the earth, groaning for peace...**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord.**

For nations, crumbling in conflict...**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord.**

For neighbors, divided by fear...**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord.**

For the church, longing for renewal...**Pour out your healing grace, O Lord.**

Send forth your Spirit to save us.

God of new life, raise us up in the power of the risen Lord so that we may lift our hearts again in songs of thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ our Savior who taught 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.

Benediction

Let the name of Christ be the word you speak,
the grace you show, and the love you share. **Amen.**

May the spirit of the Lord rest upon you,
the word of the Lord live within you,
and the glory of the Lord shine around you,
this day and always. **Amen!**

Dismissal:

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

Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807 / LBW 499)

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Verse 1: *Come, thou fount of ev-'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.*

Verse 3: *Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!