

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

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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, October 3, 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, 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

Monday, October 4: 9:30 AM Gran Ruth Circle; 2 PM Worship and Music Committee; 7:30 PM Youth and Education Committee

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

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

Sunday, October 10: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag; 9:30 AM Living Grace; 10:30 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Park

Youth:

Sundays: 10:30 AM Parish Sunday School at Rollag

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

If you are not feeling well or are quarantined, please stay home.

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, October 11: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Prelude: *How Majestic is Your Name* Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome/Announcements

- Today we celebrate 1st Communion with our 5th Grade students, parents, sponsors, and congregation.
- GPR Newsletter should be received by now- or soon. READ
- To help prepare our hearts, mind, and soul for worship
- Be ready for Holy Communion

Confession and Forgiveness

God, even though you created the heaven and the earth - we can sometimes wonder, “where are you?” Forgive us for we are blind to the blessings that are inside us and all around us. Forgive us for feeling superior to you and to others. Forgive us for feeling inferior to others and to you. 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 learn to trust how we are loved by our Creator, Redeemer, and Counselor.

Children’s Message

Pr. Jim Greene

Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation* (ELW # 796 / LBW #507)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

- Verse 1:** *How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*
- Verse 2:** *“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design;
Upheld by my righteous, om-nip-o-tent hand.”*
- Verse 3:** *“When through fi-ry trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient shall be your supply
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”*
- Verse 4:** *“throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov-‘reign eternal, unchange-able lvoe;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”*

Psalm 8

¹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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: As We Gather At Your Table (ELW #522)

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.*

Verse 2: *Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.*

Gospel: Luke 22:7, 14-20 (The Message Translation)

⁷The Day of Unleavened Bread came, the day the Passover lamb was butchered. ...

¹⁴⁻¹⁶When it was time, he [Jesus] sat down, all the apostles with him, and said, "You've no idea how much I have looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you before I enter my time of suffering. It's the last one I'll eat until we all eat it together in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷⁻¹⁸Taking the cup, he blessed it, then said, "Take this and pass it among you. As for me, I'll not drink wine again until the kingdom of God arrives."

¹⁹Taking bread, he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, given for you. Eat it in my memory."

²⁰He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant written in my blood, blood poured out for you."

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](https://www.tithe.ly) online (mobile and online option) or by mail. Visit [livinggracehawley.org](https://www.livinggracehawley.org) or [gprparish.org](https://www.gprparish.org) for specific information.

Prayers

Wondrous God of infinite love and boundless compassion
Mark our hearts with the seal of your handiwork
Create within us the joy of being in your presence.
Stitch into our souls the desire to serve, the power to heal,
and the capacity to love deeply and genuinely.
Mold us into reservoirs of hope, that we might pour out your bountiful blessings upon all of your people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May we see in each other your light, your love and you. May it not matter our differences, our names, our languages, our looks, and our way of doing things. May what matter today and everyday be that we are one in you.

As we have taken in the body and blood of Jesus unite us in the community of saints who know your love and proclaim your Son with fervor and grace to a broken and hurting world. *As we pray may we call to mind our brothers and sisters who are unable to be with us today whether in body or spirit.* May you bring comfort to those who are grieving, lonely, heartbroken, ill or broken of spirit. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fed at your table, may we join with you in shining your light into the world. Use us to feed the hungry, clothe the ones who need clothes, give a cup of water to those who are thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and those in prison. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As your people who have been fed, let us go now to feed the world.
As those who have been given hope, bring hope in place of despair.
And always remember may we remember that the Bread of Life is with us always.
Thanks be to the One who hosts the banquet – and has 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

Closing Prayer:

Blessings Upon You *adapted from a prayer by Margaret A. Davidson*

Blessings upon you, upon those you love
and those you shall never know.

Blessings upon your steps
and upon the vision of your eyes.

Blessings upon you in all circumstances;
joy and sorrow, for wisdom rests in them,

twin experiences with different faces.
Blessings be upon what lies before you,
the challenges and decisions,
the pain and the relief.
Blessings upon you, my friends in Christ.

Dismissal:

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

Hymn: What Feast of Love (ELW 487/WOV 701)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven,
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna is given!*

Thank you for worshipping with us!