

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, October 17, 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 17: 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag (New Member Sunday); 9:30 Living Grace; 10:30 Sunday School; 11 Park

Monday, October 18: 7 PM Women's Book Study

Wednesday, October 20: 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting; MEA Weekend – No Confirmation

Friday, October 22: GPR Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, October 24: 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag (NO Sunday School); 9:30 AM Living Grace; 11 AM Park

October 31: *Noisy Offering – Backpack Program at REACH and Barnesville.*

Youth:

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

Sundays: 10:30 AM Parish Sunday School at Rollag

Oct. 17: 10:30 AM Sunday School

Oct. 24: No Sunday School

Oct. 31: Sunday School will include a Trunk or Treat Event

Kids are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume! Adults/families/churches are invited to bring a "trunk" and host handing out candy. If you would like to donate candy or goodies, please leave them at Rollag Church outside the Parish Office or contact Pr. Hope.
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 18: Women’s Book Study – “The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi” by Kathie Lee Gifford*
- *7 PM Monday, October 25: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

Prelude: *On Eagles Wings* Pam Aakre, Piano

Welcome

Today, for the 1st time in over a year, we welcome new members to the parish/collaboration. One of realities of a faith life is we don’t join a building, we join the body of Christ in ways which encourage the faith life of each other through worship, service, personal growth, and community action.

Confession and Forgiveness

God, when you created Adam & Eve, you commanded them to be fruitful and to multiply. That command was about more than just to have babies- it was to also build up the family of God. It was to encourage everyone to know of your creative, redeeming and comforting power. Forgive us when we build walls instead of bridges; when we work to separate instead of join together; when we condemn instead of forgive. Show us how to be family again.

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 Comforter.

Hymn: *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* (ELW 802 / LBW 487)

Pam Aakre, Piano, Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, trav-’lers here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.*

Verse 4: *Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.*

Children’s Message Pr. Hope Deutscher

Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.
¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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 of the Month: *How Firm A Foundation* Pam Aakre, Solo

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ... ⁴³whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Message Pr. Hope Deutscher

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Offering

God is ever faithful and has blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have, with love and thanksgiving.

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

In the days of his flesh, Jesus prayed, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death. Now enthroned in heaven, Jesus hears our prayers, our cries, our tears, offering salvation to all who trust in him.

As we dwell in the shelter of the Lord, we pray for all who are persecuted and oppressed... may we join in helping them find justice, freedom and peace – as we say to the Lord you are: **“Lord, you are my refuge, my rock in whom I trust.”**

With all who humbly serve being the last and the least, instead of the greatest – we pray for humbleness, faithfulness, patience, and love...

As we trust that God rescues us from hidden traps, shields us from deadly hazards. God’s outstretched arms protect you – under them you’re perfectly safe; his arms fend off all harm as we say **“Lord, you are my refuge, my rock in whom I trust.”**

With all who are afflicted with sickness or sorrow we pray for healing, comfort, and hope... God says, “If you’ll hold on to me for dear life, I’ll help you when you are in trouble, giving you the best of care, as you know and trust me.” Call upon God, who will be at your side in bad times...and in good times...God says, “I’ll give you a long life, give you a long drink of salvation” as we say, **“Lord, you are my refuge, my rock in whom I trust.”**

With all who work for the good of the Gran-Park-Rollag and Living Grace communities, we pray for vision, strength, and joy in our ministries, worship and outreach as we trust in our Lord, who will raise us up on eagle’s wings, bear us on the breath of dawn and make us to shine like the sun...and holds us in the palm of his hand.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ, the source of our eternal salvation and our great high priest 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

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

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

Hymn: *Jesu, Jesu, Fill us With Your Love (ELW #708 / WOV #675) (Vs. 1, 2)*

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Refrain: *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

Verse 1: *Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. REFRAIN*

Verse 2: *Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
Neighbors are nearby and far away. REFRAIN*

Thank you for worshipping with us!