

# **Gran-Park-Rollag Parish and Living Grace Lutheran Church**

*In ministry partnership since 2017*

## **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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**Sunday, October 24, 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  
Sam Helgeson, Trumpet and the Rollag Gospel Trio**

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

**Monday, October 26:** 7 PM Paul Tillich Book Study

Tuesday, October 26: 9 AM Northside Terrace

**Wednesday, October 27:** 10 AM Bible Study; 11 AM Staff Meeting; 6 PM Confirmation Dinner; 6:45 PM Confirmation Class

**Thursday, October 28:** Newsletter Assembly at GPR

**October 31:** *Noisy Offering – Backpack Program at REACH and Barnesville.* 8 AM Gran, 9:30 AM Rollag, 9:30 AM Living Grace; 10:30 AM Sunday School – music time, followed by Trunk or Treating in the Rollag Parking Lot; 11 AM Park

**Monday, November 1:** 7 PM Women's Book Study

## **Youth:**

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

Sundays: 10:30 AM Parish Sunday School at Rollag

**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, November 1: 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: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Pam Aakre, Piano**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**God, like a loving parent, you give us life then encourage us to spread our wings and go out into the world and make life better for all. Unfortunately, we can become blind to your guidance or don’t want to help the people we don’t like. Forgive us when we build walls instead of bridges; when we work to separate instead of join together; when we condemn instead of forgive. Forgive us for all the fears, doubts, and sins which try to blind us as you help us to be whole and holy for you.**

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 give thanks for how God casts our sins as far as the east is from the west, setting us free to go and be wise care-takers of all we’ve been blessed with. May we love as we are loved by our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. Amen

**Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! ELW #413 / LBW #165***

**Pam Aakre, Piano, Sam Helgeson, Trumpet**

**Verse 1:** *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!*

*Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.*

*Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!*

*God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

**Verse 3:** *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,*

*Though the eye of sinful-ness thy glory may not see,*

*Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,*

*Perfect in pow’r in love and purity.*

**Verse 4:** *Holy, holy holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.*

*Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!*

*God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

**Children’s Message**

**Pr. Jim Greene**

**Mark 10:46–52**

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard

that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, “**Go**; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

**Message Pr. Jim Greene**

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**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.”*

**Scripture: Jeremiah 31:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

**Message Pr. Hope Deutscher**

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**Psalm 126**

*I invite you to see that Verses 1-3 proclaim what God has done in the past, and how the people responded to it.*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

*Verses 4-6 ask God to now do the same, and express trust by declaring that the people will react similarly.*

**<sup>4</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

... In reading Psalm 126...we see that God continues to come to us – and as God’s people come together to worship throughout history – we recall the stories of what God has done, how we respond and how we continue to trust in God’s saving actions.

As we come before God for Holy Communion – we pray this prayer:

*God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.*

*You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.*

*Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.***

## **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.

## **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](http://Tithe.ly) online (mobile and online option) or by mail. Visit [livinggracehawley.org](http://livinggracehawley.org) or [gprparish.org](http://gprparish.org) for specific information.*

## **Prayers**

With reverence for Earth, with concern for those in need and for the whole human family, let us pray to God, saying, God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, O God, for the riches of this day, this season, and this time. Show us always how to better know your gifts and shape them into benefits for the common good. Equip your people in every land and in every church for ministry. May we join with you in gathering all creation into unity in your name for the sake of your mission in the world. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to all who lead nations and hold public office, especially our governor, U.S. senators and representatives, state legislators, and all who run for public office with courage and generosity of spirit. Give them the humility that speaks the truth in love. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach your people in every land to learn about, care about, and pray for the struggles of all humanity and Earth itself. We pray for those in any way, their neighboring countries, all refugees from war, the wounded, medical staff, mothers and fathers caring for children, and for all those who participate in ending violence or work in diplomatic circles. Bring peace to every people. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Feed the hungry, sustain the weary, shelter the homeless, challenge the complacent, love the brokenhearted, and heal the sick. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us our daily bread: what we truly need each day. Make us satisfied with the essentials of life, that as we live in gratitude, your gifts may increase our awareness of the needs of others. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our ancestors whose witness and conviction built up the body of God through the ages. Sustain us with the bread of life that fed them, until we join all the saints around your bountiful table at the end of the ages. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our hopes and pleadings, for great is your faithfulness; we pray in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **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**

As you go from here, walk in the way of the lord: with thanksgiving, with gladness, with insight. Turn to the great high priest with all your needs, and pray for those who have no words today.

May the God who hears our needs and answers the cries of our hearts be with you today and always, a sure and certain strength, throughout all the ages. Amen.

### **Dismissal:**

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

**Hymn: *Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound* (ELW779/LBW 448)**

**Rollag Gospel Trio**

***Thank you for worshipping with us!***