

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

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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, November 1, 2020

All Saint's Sunday Virtual Holy Communion Worship Service
Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher, Pr. Jim Greene, and Andrea Keene
Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. The readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Happening This Week:

Monday, November 2: 7 PM Women's Book Study: *It's Not Supposed to be This Way* by Lysa Terkeurst (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 3: 6 PM Stewardship Committee (Hybrid meeting)

Wednesday, November 4: 9 AM Staff Meeting; 10 AM Bible Study; 6:30 PM Confirmation

Thursday, November 5: 6 PM Worship & Music Committee; 7:30 PM Rollag Council

Welcome/Announcements

- Welcome to worship. We are glad you are joining Living Grace and Gran-Park-Rollag for our All Saint's Worship!
- We invite you to subscribe to our YouTube channel – Rollag Lutheran Church
- 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. Andrea Keene is also available to talk to parents and youth.
- **SMART Team/Worshipping Update:** Our worshipping communities are working on COVID Business Plans to reopen, when it is safe to do so, and when we are prepared to do so following MN Department of Health guidelines.
- **Clay County MN Residents Mobile Mental Health Crisis Response:** Struggling because of the Pandemic? Free walk-in mental health clinic 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesdays (through December 9th). The clinic is online and also at The Village Family Service Center (815 37th Ave. South, Moorhead, MN). Screenings and referrals

available for all ages at no cost thanks to Clay County CARES Funding. For more information call The Village at 701-451-4811.

- **Bible and Book Studies:**
 - *Wednesdays at 10 AM: Luke Joel Study*
 - *First and Third Mondays @ 7 pm (Next one Nov. 2nd): Women's Book Study: It's Not Supposed to be This Way: Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointments leave you shattered by Lysa Terkeurst. Contact Pr. Hope for Zoom log-in details! We will meet the first and third Mondays via Zoom.*
 - *Monday evenings (every 2 weeks): Paul Tillich Bible Study (led by Joe Hass)*
- *Notes about today's service:*
 - **A Large print bulletin** is available on our websites for you to use during worship.
 - *During our service, we provide **Virtual Holy Communion**. Please have some bread/crackers and wine/juice available for partaking in communion.*
 - *During our service this morning, we will be lighting a candle in remembrance of the members of Living Grace, Gran, Park, and Rollag who died in the last year. We invite you to light a **candle at home** as we light candles during the service.*
 - *We are grateful for youth and their participation in our service. Andrea will have a children's sermon in a few minutes.*
 - *Thanks to Pam Aakre and Pr. Hope for providing music.*
 - *Today Pr. Jim message: Have the "Sense" to see we're all in this together!*
 - *Today Pr. Hope's message: You are a blessing to bless to others!*

Prelude: Voluntary on "Lobe don Herran" - Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.
Pam Aakre, Piano

As we light the Christ candle, let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

(LIGHT CHRIST CANDLE)

Hymn of the Month: Praise and Thanksgiving (ELW #689 / LBW #409)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pastor Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Praise and thanks-giving, God, we would of-fer for all things liv-ing,
You have made good; har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the or-chard,
hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.*

Verse 4: *Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple,
free-ly con-fess-ing your gra-cious hand.
Where you are reign-ing, no one will hun-ger;
Your love sus-tain-ing, show-ers the land.*

Call to Worship/Confession & Forgiveness

We gather as we live, in the name of the Triune God who calls us to a feast!

The table is set, and we will come from east and west, from north and south to sit at Christ's table where compassion, love, and grace are poured out like fine wine.

God of grace and glory...as we gather with the communion of all saints in all times and places, we come with our sins, hurts and pains from this broken world.

Make us alive in Christ, who brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Renew us in grace and restore us to living in your holiness – our risen Lord and Savior.

The one who is seated on the throne says to us: "See, I am making all things new!"

A new heaven and earth where the home of God is among God's people, who rejoice in the light of the risen Christ who washes away sin, casts out hate, brings peace and restores innocence to the fallen. Jesus Christ loves you and + by body given for us and his blood shed for us – you are freed from your sins and gathered with all the saints, we live in the promises of eternal life. **Amen.**

Children's Message

Andrea Keene, GPR Youth Director

Scripture: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Message

Pr. Jim Greene

Contact Pastor Jim at revjamesgreene18@yahoo.com. if you want a transcript of this sermon.

Sermon Questions:

- List the names of the people who have been helpful teachers to you and say a prayer of thanks for them.
- What does it mean to know you are a child of God NOW?
- What are some ways you distract yourself from the troubles in your life; in the world?
- What are some of your favorite sights, sounds, smells of: Winter? Spring?
- How does compassion help us to know we're all in this together?
- Which of your 5 senses do you appreciate the most? Do you pay the least amount of attention to?
- How can faith in God be like an open window in spring?

Virtual 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.

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 body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Hymn: *For All the Saints* (ELW #428 / LBW #174)

Verse 1: *For all the Saints who from their la-bors rest,
Who thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed,
Thy name, O-Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
Al – le-lu – ia! Al – le-lu-ia!*

Verse 6: *But then there breaks a yet more glo-rious day:
the saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray;
the King of glo – ry pass-es on his way.
Al – le-lu – ia! Al – le-lu-ia!*

Remembering The Saints

A reading from Revelations: 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

As the Church, we are a community – our lives are intertwined. Much of what we are as human beings we owe to other people. Especially in the Church, most of us have fathers and mothers in the Faith. Sometimes those are our own parents. Sometimes they are people who loved us and were patient with us when we were bratty teenagers. Some were teachers, pastors, youth ministers, Sunday School teachers who in small or large ways helped us grow and nurtured us, in life and in the faith.

We always stand in a larger community than just those who are around us daily. For those who are older, many of those people who shaped our spiritual journey are gone now. We are part of the Body of Christ.

This day we call to mind before you all those who have died:

those who taught us the faith . . .

those who spoke your truth in the face of evil . . .

those who cared for the weak and the suffering . . .

and those whom we loved and cherished the most . . .

We know that their pain has ended and their joy has been made complete.

We truly are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the Church and its people across the centuries that were faithful to God and to us.

On this day that we honor and remember the Saints from Gran-Park-Rollag Living Grace who have died the past year...

Lighting of Candles

(At this time we invite you to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones and friends.)

Gran: Alice Nelson, Maxine Shulstad, DeVonne Walters

Park: Rodger Haugen, Lillian Krogen, Zona Metzger, Irene Olmstead, Merle Sagen, and Marvin Westlund

Rollag: Avella Anderson and Jeff LeRoux

Living Grace: Marjorie Ramstad

All Saint's Video of Remembrance

Faith of Our Fathers, Pam Aakre, Piano

Prayer: O Risen Christ, in joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven. **Amen.**

Receiving of 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.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 You're Blessed "The Beatitudes" (The Message)

¹⁻²When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

³"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

⁴"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

⁵"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

⁶"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

⁷"You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

⁸"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.

⁹"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

¹⁰"You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

¹¹⁻¹²"Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

Contact Pr. Hope Deutscher at hdeutscher@gmail.com if you would like a transcript of the sermon.

Prayers

Let us pray....On this All Saints Sunday, we pray for all those whom Jesus called blessed: for the poor in spirit, for those who mourn, for the humble and meek, for those who thirst and hunger for righteousness, for the pure in heart, for those who show mercy and those who make peace, for those who are persecuted because of Christ. O God, may your blessing be poured out among them...and us. May we find strength for the hardships we endure and joy at the recognition of blessings in our lives and in your creation. Bind up fractures between our brothers and sisters, within the church, society and the world. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly. Make us peacemakers across the nations, ending violence, restoring communities.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, source of all liberty, before whom every earthly ruler must bow and bend the knee, we lay our nation before you as we prepare for an election. Breathe upon us your Spirit of wisdom and discernment. Grant all who seek public office the mind of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life for the freedom of the oppressed. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all goodness, gathered as your church, we give thanks for all that you have blessed us with and that we can share our abundant blessings of time, resources and financial gifts. As we gather these gifts of your abundance, Guide us to continue to steward all that you have given to us to steward. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Covenanting God, in baptism you claim us and show us how to live. Keep us in your care until that day when all creation sings your praise and you lead all your children to the springs of the water of life. May you bless us until that day. We pray as we have been taught by Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord:

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

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.

Hymn: *Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW #423 / WOV #690)

Verse 1: *Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod.
With its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?*

Refrain: *Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;
Gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.*

Verse 3: *Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-'ry bur-dene down;
Grace our spir-its will de-liv-ere, and pro-vide a robe and crown. REFRAIN*

Verse 4: *Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;
Soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace. REFRAIN*