

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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Welcoming Everyone, Sharing Jesus' story, Growing in faith and Serving beyond ourselves.
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Sunday, November 7, 2021

All Saints Holy Communion Online Worship Service

Led by Pr. Hope Deutscher and Pr. Jim Greene

Music Provided by: Pam Aakre, Piano, and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute, and Sam Helgeson, Trumpet

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, November 7: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag and Living Grace; 10:30 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Park – *Don't forget Daylight Saving Time Ends*

Monday, November 8: 7 PM Youth and Education Committee

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

Thursday, November 11: 10:30 AM Hawley Ministerial

Saturday, November 13: 10 AM Women's Purse Party

Sunday, November 14: 7 AM Online Worship; 8 AM Gran; 9:30 AM Rollag and Living Grace; 10:30 AM Sunday School; 11 AM Park

Youth:

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

Sundays: 10:30 AM Parish Sunday School at Rollag

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 15 and 29: Women’s Book Study – “The Rock, The Road, and the Rabbi” by Kathie Lee Gifford*
- *7 PM Monday, November 22: Paul Tillich Bible Study*

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

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

God, we live in a world which seems to thrive on looking down on people who are different than us. 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. Please 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 blest with. May we love as we are loved by our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (ELW #424 / LBW #175)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain. Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels’ choir. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Verse 3: *Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, Alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Children’s Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Message

Pr. Jim Greene

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

Hymn: For All The Saints (ELW #422 / LBW #174)

Pam Aakre, Piano

Verse 1: *For all the Saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith before the world
confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Al – le-lu – ia! Al – le-lu-ia!*

Verse 2: *Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord,
Their captain in the well fought fight. ...
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Al – le-lu – ia! Al – le-lu-ia!*

Remembering The Saints

Pastor: We remember, O God...

All: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

Pastor: We remember, O God...

All: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

Pastor: We remember, O God...

All: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

Pastor: We remember, O God...

All: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

Pastor: We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us worship God with joy!¹

The Christian feasts of All Saints and All Souls Day on November 1 and 2 honor the profound legacy of wisdom our ancestors left to us. The stories of our ancestors are woven into the fabric of our very being.

Our beloved ancestors' presence stretches back through the ages. It touches and influences the deep part of each of us today. Their stories and faith give us strength, their courage abides in our hearts, their resilience resonates in our bones, their love abounds in our hearts and souls. May we remember how connected we are to these enduring qualities.

In memory and appreciation we remember those ancestors who influenced and encouraged us to live as our best selves.

We remember those ancestors who left the world with hurts unresolved. We open our deep self you, O God, and pray that any woundedness we've inherited will be healed through your grace and our love-filled hearts.

¹ From Desperate Preacher's website

We bring to mind others beyond our families who enriched our lives, leading us further on our journey of personal transformation.

We honor all those who sacrificed and suffered in order for peace and justice to be furthered.

We give thanks and rejoice for the countless, unnamed people whose lives left a lasting mark of kindness and compassion.

May the remembrance of each of these blessed ancestors, remind us that as the church we are a community, our lives are intertwined. Much of what we are as human beings we owe to other people, who, in small or large ways helped us grow and nurtured us, in life and in the faith.

We are part of the Body of Christ...and this day 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.)

Reading of Names of those who have died this past year:

Gran: Joyce Haug, Curtis Nelson, Rev. Lynn Ronsberg

Park: Harlow Krogen, Diane Krogren, and Grace Hovelsrud

Rollag: Merna Hilde, Erna Bang, Nolan Young, Elva Bergseid, Rachel Lottie
And Linda Olson

Living Grace: Paul Rodke, Donald Luthi

Other: Bill Nelson, Cheri Thompson and Kelly Tufte

Watching for a new heaven, waiting for a new earth, we pray to the Lord, saying,
O Lord our God, have mercy, **and wipe away our tears.**

We pray for the church. Transform this broken body into a communion of saints, a company of the faithful, working for good in your world. O Lord our God, have mercy,
and wipe away our tears.

We pray for the world. Destroy the shroud of death that is spread over the nations. Replace the rule of wealth and war with your realm of justice and peace. O Lord our God, have mercy,
and wipe away our tears.

We pray for this community. Make your home among us; dwell with us in this place. Let it be a city of heavenly peace, a place of refuge for all. O Lord our God, have mercy,
and wipe away our tears.

We pray for loved ones. Soothe those who are suffering; comfort those who mourn. Let us be glad and rejoice in the gift of your salvation. O Lord our God, have mercy,
and wipe away our tears.²

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.

² *Feast on the Word Worship Companion – All Saints Day Prayer*

Hymn: For All The Saints (ELW #422 / LBW #174)

Pam Aakre, Piano

Verse 6: *But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glo – ry pass-es on his way.
Al – le-lu – ia! Al – le-lu-ia!*

Verse 7: *From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,
through gates of pearl stream in the countless host. . . .
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Al – le-lu – ia! Al – le-lu-ia!*

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

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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.

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.

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.

Benediction

May the abundant goodness of God,

the generous mercy of Christ,
and the sustaining power of the Spirit
be with you today and every day
until the coming of God's joyous reign.

Dismissal:

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

Hymn: *Sing to the Lord of Harvest (ELW #694 / LBW #412)*

Pam Aakre, Piano and Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *Sing to the Lord of har-vest your songs of love and praise;
With joy-ful hearts and voic-es your al-le-lu-ias raise;
By him the roll-ing sea-sons in fruit-ful or-der move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joy-ous song of love.*

Verse 2: *God makes the clouds drop fat-ness, the des-erts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in glad-ness, the val-leys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his full-ness, all things with large in-crease,
And crowns the year with good-ness, with plen-ty and with peace.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!