

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:
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Sunday, November 15, 2020
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

Happening This Week:

Monday, November 16: 7 PM Women's Book Study: *It's Not Supposed to be This Way* by Lysa Terkeurst (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 18: 9 AM Staff Meeting; 10 AM Bible Study; 7 PM Confirmation – Meet at Walmart for Giving Tree Shopping

Welcome/Announcements

- Welcome to worship for the GPR Parish and Living Grace Lutheran. We are glad you are here as we worship from Gran Lutheran Church in rural Hawley, MN.
- 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. 16th): 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.*
 - *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.*

Prelude: *Let All Things Now Living* 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 3: *Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's guid-ing
Teach us to share... one with an-oth-er, so that, re-joic-ing with us,
All oth-ers may know your care.*

Confession & Forgiveness

Children of God, Welcome into a time to pause and let the worries and cares of the world be totally in God's hands. A time of confession is partly to acknowledge where we have sinned and caused harm; it's also a time of letting go of what we have no control over- which is most of life. As we make confession today may the same breath of God which breathed life into creation at the beginning help us to have a new beginning right now.

Gracious God, in the beginning you created all of life and called us to live and work together. At times we do really well- help us continue. At times we fall short and think, say, and do things which are harmful and sometimes lethal. Forgive us and help us to simply begin again. May we be silent before you as we would before a trusted friend.

Children of the same God, we're all part of the same family. There is no division between us in God's eyes. God has no favorites and calls us to love God, neighbor, and self at all times and in all places. To aid in this process hear this truth, God forgives us of all our sins to help us to think before we speak and to remember our actions do matter.

Children's Message Andrea Keene, GPR Youth Director

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 (The Message Translation) Jackie Anderson, Rollag Lutheran

Psalm 90 - God's Eternity and Human Frailty

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³You turn us back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

⁸You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

. . . ¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

. . . ¹⁷Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—O prosper the work of our hands!

Scripture: Zephaniah 1: 7; 12 - 18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests . . .

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, “The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.” ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. ¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord’s wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Message

Pr. Jim Greene

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

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 – When Peace, like a River/It is Well With My Soul (ELW #785 / LBW 346)

Pam Aakre, Piano; Pr. Hope Deutscher, Flute

Verse 1: *When peace like a riv-er at-tend-eth my way,
when sor-rows like sea bil-lows roll, What-ev-er my lot,
though hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Refrain: *It is well....with my soul, ...it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Verse 2: *Though Sa-tan should buf-fet, though tri-als should come,
let this blest as-sur-ance con-trol,
that Christ hath re-gard-ed my help-less es-tate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. REFRAIN*

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Message

Pr. Hope Deutscher

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

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 qprparish.org for specific information.

Honoring Our Veterans

Led by Julie and Keith Hansen

America the Beautiful, Pam Aakre, Piano

Gran Lutheran Veterans: Robert, Flaten, Steve Nelson, Daniel Olson, and David Pederson

Living Grace Veterans: Chuck Cederberg, Dean Kragerud, Ogden Ramstad, and Wayne Nelson

Park Lutheran Veterans: Curt Anderson, Niles Bjerke, Eric Braseth, Marty Braseth, Harlow Krogen, Lloyd Ness, and Trevor Sansburn

Rollag Lutheran Veterans: Dwight Aakre, Richard Aakre, Roger Aakre, Ruth Ahles, Kermit Anderson, Bruce Bang, Cifford Bang, Jr., Tosten Bergseid, Tate Elliott, Edward Forsberg, Alan AJ Frosli, Justin Halvorson, Marvin Hanson, Marlin Haugen, Brent Helgeson, Fred Johnson, Dennis Loock, Ray Lottie, Barry Lura, Donald Nelson, Melissa Seitz, Sean Spillum, Thomas Spillum, Arvid Thompson, Doug Voss, and Nolan Young

Prayers

Creator God, help us to learn how to be silent before you- open to what you have to say and very open to the amazing world we live in. Guide us to work together as we take serious how our thoughts, words, and actions do have an impact in whether we're building up or tearing each other down. May our concerns bring discussion; may our fears lead to partnerships; and may our faith keep us listening for you. LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you remind us through the gospel of how gifted we all are. Our gifts are not a competition to see who is the richest, brightest, or most beautiful. Our gifts are to enrich the world. Life isn't always easy and we make it a lot harder by burying our gifts through negativity, fear, and aggression. Help us to share our gifts in real and helpful ways. LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Counseling and Comforting Holy Spirit, as we learn to be silent before you, help us to see, hear, and practice your ways of wisdom. There is no magic formula- life is about respecting each other and working together with wonder and curiosity as we learn to be still and know you are God. LORD IN YOUR MERCY HEAR OUR PRAYER

Triune God, We may not understand how to best proceed in our social, political, or religious practices- so help us to learn to be silent as we actively trust you for guidance. Heal our world with all its grief's, fears, and hurts. Strengthen the sick, comfort the dying, and open the eyes of all to see the ways you offer healing and grace for our benefit. Help us to slow down enough to remember 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

As we journey through our life, may God go before us to show the way, behind us to encourage us; beside us to support us; above us to watch over us; and within us to give us the peace which the world can never give.

Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (ELW #674 / WOV #754)

Verse 1: *Let us talents and tongues em-ploy;
reach-ing out with a shout of joy: bread is bro-ken,
the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.*

Refrain: *Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain,
pass the Word a-round, loaves a-bound!*

Verse 2: *Christ is a-ble to make us one, at the ta-ble he sets the tone,
Teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press. Refrain*

Verse 3: *Je-sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-'ry-where! Refrain*