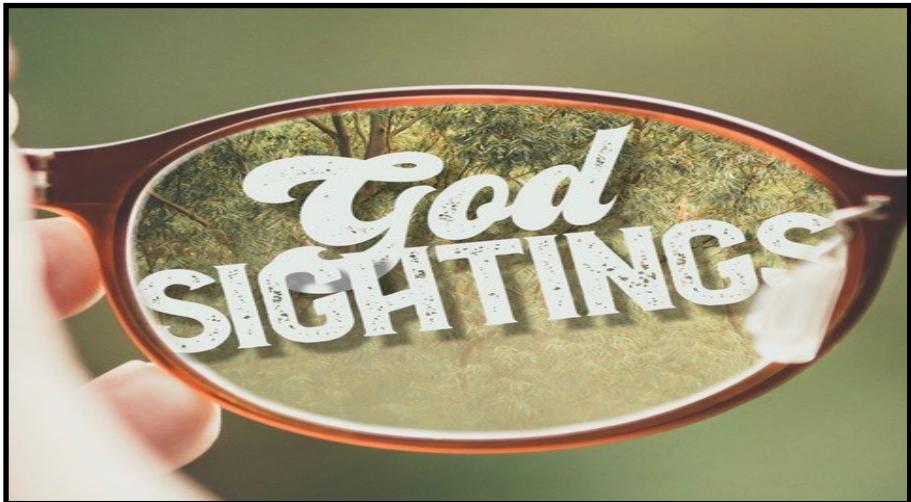




HOLY GHOST

- LUTHERAN CHURCH -



Fourth Weekend after Epiphany

January 28th & 29th, 2023

All Worship Services

2,000+ Ministers

Pastor Bobby Vitek

Pastor David Priem

Pastor Steve Qualben

Pastor Clint Pluenneke - Youth & Family

Daniel Hofmann - Minister of Children & Young Families

Pastor Jan Unger – Visitation Minister

Pastor Alan Williams – Visitation Minister

**WE ARE CALLED TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES -
TO BE "G.R.A.C.E.D." PEOPLE OF GOD:**

GO TO GOD IN PRAYER DAILY!

READ GOD'S WORD DAILY!

ATTEND WORSHIP REGULARLY!

CONNECT IN A STUDY OR SMALL GROUP!

ENGAGE IN SERVICE IN THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY!

DEDICATE SELF TO THE TITHE AND BEYOND!

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER:

SAT., 6PM & SUN., 8AM & 10:30AM

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome & Announcements

Invocation & Confession of Sins

L: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

L. Beloved of God, we are called to confess our sins to the Lord. Let us begin by confessing our sins to God in the silence of our hearts.

(silence for confession)

L: Using the words of Psalm 51, Let us confess our sinfulness to God our Father.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
According to Your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me!

Absolution

Opening Song

"Beautiful Savior"

#518

1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine!

The Greeting

L: The grace of God, the compassion of Christ, and the hope...

C: And also with you!

Service of Holy Baptism

Emory Grace Smith

(10:30am)

BAPTISMAL PROMISES BY FAMILY & SPONSORS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: As the family of faith in Christ gathered in this place today, let us reject sin and state our faith in Christ Jesus. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all satan's empty promises? C: I do!

L: Do you believe in God, the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit? C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

BAPTISM AND PRAYERS

WELCOME!

L: Let us welcome Emory into the family of faith at Holy Ghost!

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

L: Let us share the peace of the Lord with one another.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God Almighty, in the past, You spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days, You have spoken to us by Your Son, whom You appointed heir of all things, and through whom also You made the universe. It is in Your Son's name, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Special Music

Sanctuary Choir (8am & 10:30am)

Children's Message

(Prayer cards received or submit prayer requests by texting 830-383-0249)

Gospel Song

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#165 (vs.1)

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!

Bible Reading & Message

Matthew 5:1-12 (6pm)

"Godly Blessings" (See Text on Screen)

Bible Readings

1 Kings 19: 11-14 (8am & 10:30am)

¹¹The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹²After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." (NIV)

L: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Acts 2:1-8

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?

⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?" (NIV)

L: The Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Message

"God Sightings: Fire, Earthquake and Wind" (8am & 10:30am)

Song of the Day

"This is My Father's World"

(Tithes & Offerings placed in boxes as exiting)

#554

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world; Oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Offering Prayer:

Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

The Prayers of the People

L: Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer!

Holy Communion and 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, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Songs for Distribution**"Lamb of God"**

**Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace,
grant us peace.**

#734

#474

#439

Post Communion Blessing, Prayer and Benediction**Closing Song****"All Creatures of Our God and King" #527 (vs. 1,2,5,7)**

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam.
- Re: Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. O rushing wind and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! O rising morn, in praise rejoice, O lights of evening,
find a voice. (Re)
5. O everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, Oh, praise Him!
Alleluia! All you who pain and sorrow bear, praise God and lay on Him your care. (Re)
7. Let all things their Creator bless and worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia! Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One. (Re)

Announcements & Dismissal**L: The worship is now ended,****C: And the service begins!****L: We leave to live out God's call:****C: To save the lost and strengthen the saved!****L: May we go to Be and Make Disciples,****C: Blessing and teaching in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!****L: And remember, He is with you always,****C: Even till the end of time!**

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**2023 Sunday School**

Join us in the Kindernest building at 9:15am as we look into God's Word!
(Grades 3rd-5th)

Friday Night Live Friday, January 27, 6:30pm-8:30pm (Kids K-5th)
We'll play games, share a snack, and hear a devotion! Parents, you are welcome to stay or go!

**Sunday, January 29**

- 8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910am
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion/Baptism (Emory G. Smith)

Monday, January 30

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. After School Club: Jr. High

Wednesday, February 1

- 4:00 p.m. After School Club: Elementary
- 5:30 p.m. Widows Might
- 5:30 p.m. Ecclesiastes Bible Study
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 p.m. WYWP

Thursday, February 2

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Divine Drama w/ Pastor Steve

Friday, February 3**Saturday, February 4****Sunday, February 5**

- 6:00 p.m. Worship
- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:00 a.m. Joyful Noise Practice
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910am
- 10:30 a.m. Praise Worship (Joyful Noise)



Holy Ghost Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the North American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. HGLC is Biblically based, Christ-centered, theologically traditionally-tooled, disciple-developing, mission-minded, and confessional.

Visitors and Guests! Your presence in worshiping the Lord is our joy! Please join us again as we gather for worship each weekend!

Three Worship Services are offered on a weekly basis at HGLC: Sat., 6:00pm, Sun., 8am & 10:30am. Please join us in person or on the Radio KNAF at 10:00am; Facebook or YouTube at 10:30am or replay anytime (search for Holy Ghost Lutheran Church).

Church Office Hours are Mon.-Thur., 9am-4pm.

Prayer Card Requests may be sent via text to the church cell phone at 830-383-0249 or written on prayer cards available in the pews and placed in the offering box.

In Respect of Others, please silence your technology during worship. Thanks!

The HGLC Hospice List Stanley Feller and Tommie Gross. Please pray for them and for all who are in need!

Hospitalized this week are Jeanette Schneider, Audrey Grona and Debbie Akin.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Joan Bonn in memory of the anniversary of her marriage with Terry Bonn.

Baptized this Sunday is Emory Grace Smith, child of Trent & Gretchen Smith. Sponsors are Elaine Rascoe and Tanner Smith. Congratulations!

Special Offering for January is dedicated to the Kindernest Appreciation Fund. Use the small brown pew envelope and thank you for your generosity and support for this ministry above and beyond your regular tithes!

Praise Services in February will be Feb. 5th, 12th & 19th all at the 10:30am service!

Holy Communion is served next on Sat. & Sun., February 11th & 12th.

Adult SS Opportunities: A Bible study on Philippians with Pastor Steve leading; "Old Testament Promises" with Norm Nevins & Jim Paige; and "Love & Respect" with Bruce Christian.

Four Ways to Financially Support the Ministry at HGLC: The offering envelope system (inquire at the church office); the QR code printed on the back of the bulletin; bank draft (set up through the church office); or the church website! Thank you for your regular support in "Being and Making Disciples!"

The Medical Assistant Team, through donations by HGLC members, had an inventory last year of 11 Rollators and 8 wheelchairs. All of that inventory has been loaned out. If you borrowed some equipment or just have some on hand and no longer need it, please return, or donate those items so other people can use them. We are also down to one set of crutches, with two sets loaned out this week. We do have a good supply of slider walkers but could use more canes.

SOUPER BOWL weekend is Feb. 11-12, so it's our opportunity to load up the FBG Food Pantry with **SOUPE** (and other basic food items). Please bring some non-perishables the next two weeks as part of your offering!

Visit our Website at holyghostfbg.org for info about what's going on!

The Breakfast Bar is open and ready to serve from 8:30am-9:25am in the Alpha Room of the Fellowship Hall. Free will donations accepted.

Women's Evening Bible Study: All ladies are welcome to join us in our study: *The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: A Study of Philippians* by Beth Moore. We meet every-other Monday evening at 6pm in the HG Youth Room, with our next meeting on **Jan. 30th**. For more info, please contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424.

Ladies' Lunch Study: Ladies of all ages meet every-other Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall to visit and study together. Our next meeting is **Feb. 8th** and we are currently studying *The Chosen, Season 2*. All ladies are welcome. Bring your lunch if you wish. For more info, contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

Widow's Might: Widows who are seeking direction, purpose, and hope in this season of life are invited to attend this group that meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the parsonage next door to church (former Priem residence). Our next meeting is **Feb. 8th**. We spend time talking, laughing, crying and are currently studying Joyce Meyer's: *Do It Afraid: Embracing Courage in the Face of Fear*. For more info, contact Rhonda Eckert Simpson at 830-456-4617.

Caring Spouses meet Wed., **Feb. 8th** at 10am in the parsonage by the church. Pastor Steve leads the group in prayer and discussion with respect to support for those who offer support. Call the church office at 830-997-2288 for more info.

The Sunday Lunch Bunch will meet Sunday, **Feb. 12th** and **26th** at 12:30p.m. at [Panda](http://Panda.com). Join us for a really great time. Call Francine Richter at 432-386-2677 for more info.

Email Me the Newsletter If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email instead of snail mail, call the church office at 830-997-2288.

P-Team Scholarship The P-Team will be offering scholarships to two seniors that will be graduating in 2023, is a member of HGLC and is planning to attend an institution of higher learning/trade school/certificate program. Applications can be printed offline on the Holy Ghost Church website and/or Facebook page, as well as picked up at the church office. Please return to the church office by March 24th, 2023.

The 2023 Church Council Officers

Ron Rickerhauser- President, Nick Thompson- Vice President, Hiram Lucius- Treasurer, and Don Reinke- Secretary. Other members of the council include: Cheryl Sione, Teresa Ganis, Craig Sander, Bruce Christian, Todd Weiss, Nancy Lochte, Jeff Boyd, and Laurie Bristol. Please pray for your leaders.

Sunday School Attendance: 176

Weekend Attendance: 382 / FB and YouTube Attendance: 145

General Offering: \$15,954.00 / Capital Campaign: \$1,550.00

Kindernest Appreciation: \$290.00

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