



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 13th & 14th, 2024

All Worship Services

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church is:

Biblically based! Christ-centered! Confessional!

Disciple-developing!

Mission-minded!

Theologically traditional!

Family Friendly & Spirit led!

**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 TRUTH AND BEYOND!

**OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER:
SAT., 6PM & SUN., 8AM & 10:30AM**

Ringing the Bell, Welcome & Announcements

Invocation & Confession

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

L: Beloved of God, Let us enter into worship by confessing our sins to the Lord in the silence of our hearts.

(silence for confession)

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

C: Have mercy on me, O God, because of Your unfailing love. Because of Your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from Your presence, and don't take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and make me willing to obey You. Amen!

Absolution

Opening Song

"Be Thou My Vision"

#776 (vs. 1,2,4)

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art: Thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower, raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4. Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Greeting and Litany

L: May the grace of God, the compassion of Christ, and the hope of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. C: And also with you.

L: Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the World.

C: The Light no darkness can overcome.

L: Jesus, You are the light that shines in the darkness of this world.

C: The Light no darkness can overcome.

L: Whoever follows You, Lord Jesus, will never walk in darkness.

C: You, Lord Jesus, are the Light of Life!

L: You have been faithful through the ages, revealing Yourself through Your prophets.

C: You are the Light no darkness can overcome.

L: You have forgiven our sins and called us into Your light.

C: We give You thanks and praise for the gift of life and light!

L: The Lord be with you! C: And also with you!

Prayer of the Day

O most loving Father, You want us to give thanks for all things, and to lay all our cares on You, knowing that You care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide us from the light of Your immortal love shown to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music

Grace Notes

(10:30am)

Children's Message

Gospel Song

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

#514

1. O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love; O name of might and favor, all other names above: we worship Thee; we bless Thee; to Thee alone we sing; we praise Thee and confess Thee, our Holy Lord and King.

The Bible Reading

Matthew 17:1-8 (NIV)

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. ⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord, C: Thanks be to God!

The Message

"The Transfiguration"

Song of the Day

"Come, Thou Almighty King" #522 (vs. 1,2,4)

*(Receiving of our Tithes & Offerings; Or, text **HolyGhost** to **73256**)*

1. Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing; help us to praise; Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, ancient of days.
2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword; our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success, and let Thy righteousness on us descend.
4. To Thee, Great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy Sovereign Majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

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 & The 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Mexico Mission Trip Video

Benediction

Sending Song

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#651

(Re): Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy; send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me. (Re)
2. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me. (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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Prayer requests can be written on connection cards and placed in the offering or by texting 830-383-0249.

Youth News

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

January 26 * 6:30PM-8:30PM * KIDS K-5TH

MOTHER & SON BOWLING

January 28 * 12PM * \$10/person

WE'LL EAT LUNCH TOGETHER AT CHURCH, THEN HEAD TO BB'S BOWLING ALLEY!

CAMP CHRYSALIS

JUNE 16-21, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENED JANUARY 3RD! * 2ND-7TH GRADERS WELCOME!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Sunday, Jan 14

- 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 or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

Monday, Jan 15

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 6:00 p.m. Men in Mission

Tuesday, Jan 16

Annual Reports Due

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Gospel of Matthew Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Lay Ministry Meeting: Alpha Room

Wednesday, Jan 17

- 12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch Study
- 12:00 p.m. Apostles' Creed Series
- 4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 p.m. WYWP

Thursday, Jan 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. GCMA
- 12:30 p.m. HolyMark Cardmakers: Alpha Room
(11:30a.m. lunch @ Campo Azul)

Friday, Jan 19

Saturday, Jan 20

- 6:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, Jan 21

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Praise Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting

Annual Report

Please submit all ministry team information in Word format to the church office or email to holyghostlutheran2020@gmail.com on or before **January 16th, 2024.**

If you'd like to receive your monthly church newsletter via email, call the church office:
830-997-2288.

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the North American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ and is served by 2000+ lay ministers; Pastors: Steve Qualben, Bobby Vitek, David Priem (St. Peter, Doss & HGLC), and Clint Pluenneke (St. Paul, Cave Creek & HGLC); Visitation Pastors: Jan Unger and Alan Williams, and the Children, Youth & Family Minister, Daniel Hofmann.

Visitors and Guests! Your presence in worshipping 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., 8:00am & 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.)

HGLC Radio Broadcast: Listen in to the Word! Church service can be heard either on KNAF 107.9FM, or AM910 on Sun. at 10am.

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 and placed in the offering basket.

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

TEXT GIVING is now available & is super giving-friendly! Text **HolyGhost** to **73256**. You can give to the general ministry, special offering, or the capital campaign building fund! It's safe and secure!

The HGLC Hospice List includes Leroy Jung, Travis Burrer, Sr., Lynette Kramer, Darlene St. Clair, and Stanley Feller. Please pray for them and for all who are in need!

Hospitalized this week is Debbie Akin. Please pray for all who are in need of prayers for healing physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

If you or a family member is in the hospital, please contact the church office so we can visit & pray with them. If you or a family member is unable to attend worship & would like a Visitation Minister to bring communion, please call the office at 830-997-2288.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Cathy Itz, in memory of her late husband Lamar's birthday, and also in loving memory of all our loved ones that have passed.

The Special Offering for January is designated for the Kindernest Teacher Appreciation Fund. Use the small brown envelope or indicate in the memo of your check or on-line giving. Thank you for giving generously and above & beyond your regular tithes and offerings!

The Women's Epiphany Tea & Men's Cowboy Breakfast will be held in April. Stay tuned for the dates.

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

Adult SS Choices: The Pastor's Class is studying the book of Colossians & meets in the Fellowship Hall Alpha Room; Norm Nevins & Jim Paige's class is studying, "*Old Testament Truths of God*" & meets in the parsonage by the church. "*Bible Discussions*," led by Nick Thompson & Todd Weiss meets upstairs in the church office. Please, join with one!

The Pastor's New Adult SS Class for January-February will cover the book of Colossians and will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. No Bible knowledge needed!

The Annual Youth Valentine's Meal will be suspended this year due to a variety of good & healthy reasons. Thanks for your support of the youth program which continues to grow!

The Building Project continues, as do our prayers for the workers & work.

YOUR Capital Campaign contributions are key to the success of the program. To give on-line, use the QR code below or donate through the envelope system! Call the church office for special gifts. Please give above & beyond your regular offerings, as we do not want the current ministries of the church to be compromised during this campaign!

Ladies' Lunch Study: Ladies of all ages are invited to join us for fellowship and study every-other Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is **Wed., Jan. 17th** and we'll begin a study of *The Chosen* - Season 3. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

HolyMark Cardmakers will meet for lunch at 11:30am on **Thurs., Jan. 18th**, at Campo Azul; with card making following at 12:30pm in the Alpha Room. If you plan to attend lunch, please let Pastor Jan know at 512-760-0093.

Women's Evening Bible Study is currently studying, "*Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent*," by Beth Moore. Study guides are available on Amazon or your favorite on-line Christian bookstore. Meeting dates are **Jan. 23rd**, **February 6th & 20th**, **March 5th & 19th**, and **April 2nd** at 6:00pm in the Holy Ghost Youth Room. Contact Karen Nevins 830-992-9424 for more info.

Portals of Prayer quarterly devotional booklets are now available to take with you as you leave worship! BE IN THE WORD DAILY!

A Special Congregational Meeting

has been called by the church council for **Sun., Jan. 21** following the 10:30am worship. The purpose of the meeting is for the congregation to receive & potentially approve a sound & lighting bid for the church sanctuary as well as allocate funds for the proposal.

The 2024 Church Council & Officers

Ron Rickerhauser - President, Nick Thompson - Vice President,
Hiram Lucius - Treasurer, and Nancy Lochte - Secretary.

Other members of the council include: Bruce Christian, Todd Weiss,
Jeff Boyd, Chris Nevins, Ken Messinger, Valerie Bonn, Polly Zenner,
and Laurie Bristol.

Please pray for your leaders!

Weekend Attendance: 294 / Sunday School Attendance: 79 / Online Views: 215

General Offering: \$13,623.53 / Capital Campaign: \$6,650.00

Kindernest Teacher Appreciation Fund: \$356.00

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