



## Fourth Weekend in Lent

March 9th & 10th, 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 and Confession of Sins

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

*L: Beloved in the Lord, 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

**"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"**

**#304**

1. Today your mercy calls us to wash away our sin. However great our trespass, whatever we have been, however long from mercy our hearts have turned away, your precious blood can wash us and make us clean today.
2. Today your gate is open, and all who enter in shall find a Father's welcome and pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be given, a future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heaven.
4. O all embracing mercy, O ever open door, what should we do without You when heart and eye run over? When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair, we know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.

### 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: Lord, though You made us, we strayed, yet You did not abandon us.*

**C: We praise You Father for Your Grand Plan of salvation!**

*L: Father, in Your mercy, You offer us deliverance through Your Son.*

**C: We praise You Lord for Your Grand Plan of forgiveness!**

*L: Almighty God, You continue to give light to a dark world.*

**C: We praise You Father for Your Grand Plan of new life now!**

*L: Lord, through the centuries Your people have wandered.*

**C: We praise You Lord, for Your Grand Plan of mercy & grace!**

*L: Jesus, You taught and healed, bled, and died to pay the price for sin.*

**C: We praise You God for Your Grand Plan of eternal life to come!**

*L: Savior, You were raised for us and won victory over sin, death, and Satan!*

**C: We praise You God that Your Grand Plan is Christ, our Savior!**

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

**Prayer of the Day:** *Almighty God, Your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, so may we ever seek to have the light shine on our lives as opposed to walking in darkness. Reveal to us that which You would have us heed, and by faith obey. In Christ's name we pray; C: AMEN!*

### **Special Music**

Grace Notes

(10:30am)

### **Children's Message**

### **Gospel Song**

**"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"**

**#306**

2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heavens above, deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity. Love that found me – wondrous thought – found me when I sought Him not.

### **The Bible Readings**

1 Kings 22:5-8

But Jehoshaphat (king of Judah) also said to (Ahab) the king of Israel, 'Inquire first for the word of the Lord.' <sup>6</sup>Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred of them, and said to them, 'Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?' They said, 'Go up; for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.' <sup>7</sup>But Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there no other prophet of the Lord here of whom we may inquire?' <sup>8</sup>The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'There is still one other by whom we may inquire of the Lord, Micaiah son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he never prophesies anything favorable about me, but only disaster.'

2 Kings 25:9-11

(Nebuzaradan of Babylon) burned the house of the LORD, the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem; every great house he burned down. All the army of the Chaldeans, who were with the captain of the guard, broke down the walls around Jerusalem (and) carried into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon...

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

### **The Message**

*"Prophets Spurned/Temple Burned"*

### **Song of the Day**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**#104**

*(Tithes & Offerings Received or Text HolyGhost to 73256)*

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3. When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

### **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.*

### **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.**

### **Words for Holy Communion**

### **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.**

### **Prayer and Benediction**

### **Sending Song**

**"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**

**#230**

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your power make known, for You are Lord of lords alone; defend Your holy Church, that we may sing Your praise triumphantly.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.





**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.)

**Praise Services** are offered on the 3rd & 4th Sundays at the 10:30am service.

**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 connection 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 Emeline Stubblefield, Leroy Jung, Lynette Kramer, Darlene St. Clair, and Stanley Feller. Please pray for them and for all who are in need!

**Hospitalized** this week is Nora Fiedler, Imogene Schollian & Katie Hofmann. 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.

**March Special Offering & The Designated Mid-week Lent Offering** will be one and the same! The Good Samaritan Center will receive one-half of the mid-week Lenten offering, as well as any gifts that come to the church in a weekend Lenten envelope, along with the Sunday special offering (brown envelope) gifts. The Good Samaritan Center ministers to the medical and health needs of those in the community that struggle to afford health care. Thank you for giving above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings.

**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. There will be NO breakfast bar on Easter Sunday or the following eclipse weekend.

**Adult SS Choices**: A book study of Max Lucado's newest, titled, "*God Never Gives Up on You*", (Bible story of Jacob) begins **Sun., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>** & led by Pastor Bobby. Norm Nevins & Jim Paige's class is studying, "*Old Testament Truths of God*" & meets in the church office (enter by the side door). "*Bible Discussions*" class led by Nick Thompson & Todd Weiss, will take a temporary pause. Join with one!

**Holy Week at HGLC**: Lenten breakfast devotions will resume this year. HGLC on Mon.; Zion on Tues.; Bethany on Wed.; Maundy Thursday services with communion at 11am & 6:30pm. Good Friday services at 11am & 6:30pm. NO Good Friday drive-thru this year due to building uncertainties, **BUT** there will be a showing of "*The Passion of Christ*" movie at 7:45pm that night in the Youth Center. Rated R: Viewer discretion advised for violence.

**The HGLC Lent 2024** focuses on "*The Grand Plan*" which moves us from creation to salvation in rhythmic fashion. Services are on Wednesdays at 11:00am & 6:30pm as well as posted on Facebook & YouTube.

**The Building Project** continues, as do our prayers for the workers & work. The present timeline is to return to the Sanctuary in March. **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!

**Cancer Support Group**: Find social & emotional support as you journey through your cancer treatments. Our group is open to the community & surrounding areas and is for cancer survivors & thrivers, caregivers and their families. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Due to Lent services, our next meeting is **March 12<sup>th</sup>**, with guest speaker, Laura Sagredo-Dupuis with Glorious Medical Equipment. Please join us at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall Omega room. For more info, contact Iris Burrer, 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal, 512-517-3180.

**Band of Brothers**: Retired men or those with flexible work schedules, meet under the Fellowship Hall carport on **Tues., March 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>**, 8-11am for food, fellowship, and to help with projects around the church campus. For more info, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349. The date will depend on when we move back into the sanctuary.

**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 **March 13<sup>th</sup>** and we're studying, "*The Chosen*" - Season 3. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

**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 vendor. Meeting dates are **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, and **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:00pm in the Holy Ghost Youth Room. Contact Karen Nevins 830-992-9424 for more info.

**HolyMark Cardmakers** will meet for lunch on **Thurs., March 21<sup>st</sup>**, at Catfish Haven at 11:30am; with card making to follow at 12:30pm in the Alpha Room. Please let Pastor Jan know if you plan to attend lunch. 512-760-0093.

**Yard Crosses**: Place one at your house as a witness to the community of the Savior's sacrifice for sinners, and on Easter, turn it around to celebrate His victory! **Wristbands**: Allow this "soft" evangelism tool to be a way to point others to church and Jesus. Lent is a great time for each of us to get closer to God and for us to invite our under-churched friends to join in this Lenten journey as well!

**Lenten Services (21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>)**

General Offering: \$1,558.50 / Good Samaritan Center: \$1,558.50

**Weekend Service (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

Weekend Attendance: 336 / Sunday School Attendance: 96 / Online Views: 192

General Offering: \$22,663.00 / Capital Campaign: \$28,815.00 / Good Samaritan: \$275.00

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