



# HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



After the tomb was opened...

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 21st, 2024**

**10:30am Praise Worship**

**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:  
 SUN., 10:30AM PRAISE WORSHIP**

**Ringing the Bell, Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

*L: Lord God Almighty, we come before You not as we deserve,*

**C: but because You invite the heart of a penitent sinner.**

*L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*L: Let us bring before the Lord any sins that we are conscious of in the quiet of our hearts.*

*(silence for confession)*

*L: Most merciful God, C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

*L: A broken and contrite heart, God will not despise. He absolves those who confess their sins and in faith, by the power of the Holy Spirit seek to turn from sin. Christians, believe that by the blood of Jesus Christ, your sins are erased in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. C: Amen!*

**Opening Song**

***"Better is One Day"***

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty, for my soul longs and even faints for You. For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence, I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus: Better is one day in Your courts; better is one day in Your house; better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.

2. One thing I ask, and I would seek to see Your beauty, to find You in the place Your glory dwells. One thing I ask, and I would seek to see Your beauty, to find You in the place Your glory dwells. (Chorus)

Bridge 1: My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God. Your spirit's water to my soul I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me. I will draw near to You; I will draw near to you. (Chorus)

Bridge 2: Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere. Better is one day, better is one day, better is one day than thousands elsewhere.

## **The Greeting & 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: It was then for forty days,*

**C: an awesome resurrection victory, Jesus displays!**

*L: But then He departed,*

**C: and the Holy Spirit was imparted!**

*L: There was a man who began his life as Saul.*

**C: But the resurrection power of Christ transformed him into Paul!**

*L: There were the mission trips,*

**C: which carried the good news on their lips!**

*L: Many paid the price as believers bled,*

**C: and yet by God's Grand Plan, the Word still spread!**

*L: As a result the established church grows,*

**C: and the saving power of the Gospel flows!**

*L: The end time is predicted,*

**C: and much persecution is inflicted!**

*L: At the second coming, Satan ends,*

**C: and to all glory, praise, and honor, Jesus wins!**

*L: Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen, indeed!*

*L: Yes, Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!*

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

**Prayer of the Day:** *Lord of lords, we praise You for the gift of conversion whereby You change hearts of stone into hearts of love for You alone! Lead us by Your Holy Spirit to allow You to be the Potter and we be the clay; in Christ's name we pray, C: Amen!*

## **Children's Message**

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

### **The Gospel Song      "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not. As Thou hast been Thou forever be.

**Chorus X2:** Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness; morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

## **The Bible Reading**

**Acts 9:1-19**

(NT Pages 127-128)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' <sup>5</sup>He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup>The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

*L: Christ is Risen!*

**C: Christ is Risen, indeed!**

*L: Yes, Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

## **Message**

*"Started with Saul/Changed to Paul"*

## **Song of the Day**

**"In Christ Alone"**

*(Tithes & Offerings are received)*

1. In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light my strength my song. This Cornerstone this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love what depths of peace, when fears are stilled when strivings cease. My Comforter my All in All. Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand. Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## **Special Celebrations**

Bernice Basse                      Sixty Years of Accompanying! 10:30am  
High School Graduates            Congratulations!                      10:30am  
Sanctuary Rededication            Praise be to God!                      All services

### ***"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #565***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*L: Lord in Your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.*

## **Sending Song**

### ***"Holy is The Lord"***

**Verse:** We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. We bow down and worship Him now, how great, how awesome, is He.

**Pre-Chorus:** And together we sing, everyone sing:

**Chorus:** Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory. Holy is the Lord God Almighty, the earth is filled with His glory, the earth is filled with His glory. (repeat from top)

**Bridge:** It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)

## **Closing Announcements & Dismissal**

*L: Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen, indeed!*

*L: Yes, Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

*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!*

*L: Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen, indeed!*

*L: Yes, Christ is Risen! C: Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

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***Prayer requests can be written on connection cards and placed in the offering or by texting 830-383-0249.***

### **Eighty Souls**

that are part of the HGLC family of faith are homebound or residents in nursing care facilities. Pastor Jan Unger and lay ministers, directly minister to these persons. Today we remember in prayer:

*Kermit Feuge, Kary Klaerner, Dorothy Briley, A.C. Cast, Carol Kraus, Victor Mazinke, Virginia Oehler, Wilburn Peese, Marilyn Wood.*

## **Sunday, April 21**

## **Church Re-Dedication**

8:00 a.m. Worship  
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. Graduate Luncheon/Congregational Meal

## **Monday, April 22**

9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters  
1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters  
6:00 p.m. Church Council

## **Tuesday, April 23**

9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters  
1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters  
5:30 p.m. Gospel of Matthew Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Alan Williams Small Group: offsite

## **Wednesday, April 24**

12:00 p.m. Making Disciples Class: Alpha Room  
12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch Study: Omega Room  
4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room  
5:30 p.m. Widow's Might: Youth Room  
5:45 p.m. Grace Notes  
6:15 p.m. Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
8:00 p.m. WYWP

## **Thursday, April 25**

7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study  
12:00 p.m. Making Disciples Class: Alpha Room  
6:00 p.m. Game Night: Alpha Room

## **Friday, April 26**

6:30 p.m. Friday Night Live

## **Saturday, April 27**

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

## **Sunday, April 28**

## **Feeding John**

8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar  
9:00 a.m. Confirmation Rehearsal/Parent's Meeting/Council Interviews  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM  
10:30 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion/Baptism: Isaac Hofmann  
11:00 a.m. BBQ Chicken Fundraiser

**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 Pastor: Jan Unger, 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, and Stanley Feller. Please pray for them and for all who are in need!

**Hospitalized** this week is Rita Heiner. 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.

**Our Christian Sympathies** are extended to the family of Helma Koester. Her services are pending. May the peace of God be will all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Joan Bonn, in memory of Terry Bonn '73, as well as celebrating Aggie Muster and the Holy Ghost Lutheran Church dedication.

**Baptized** this Saturday is Lila Jo Leyendecker, daughter of Christian Leyendecker and Haley Strackbein. Sponsors are Brice Davis and Kara Repola. Congratulations!

**The APRIL Special Offering** is designated for the North American Lutheran Church Seminary where pastors are prepared for the ministry. HGLC, now being in the call process in search for a pastor, can appreciate the education and training of pastoral leadership. 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 the re-dedication weekend when a FREE congregational meal is served (April 21).** Please RSVP to the church office, 830-997-2288.

**Adult SS Choices**: A book study of Max Lucado's newest, titled, "*God Never Gives Up on You*," (Bible story of Jacob) is led by Pastor Bobby. Norm Nevins & Jim Paige's class is studying, "*Examining Our Faith*" & meets in the church office (enter by the side door). Join with one!

**\*\*Today we celebrate the re-dedication of the sanctuary with special thanks to God in worship & with a FREE fellowship meal after the 10:30am service! All are welcome!\*\*\***

**\*\*The church portion of Phase 1 is 99% complete as some finishing touches are being put upon the building. Be sure to check out the basement!\*\*\***

Thank you for your great patience as not all of the furnishings and details are yet in place—but it's in process! Praise be to God for the opportunity to be in His house again! Continued 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 Omega (big) Room. Our next meeting is **Wed., April 24<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.

**Game Night: Thurs., April 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall for a devotion and a couple hours of 42 and Chicken Foot. Doors open at 5:30pm, activities begin at 6pm. Single players and partners are welcome. For more info, contact Mike or Pat Williams at 830-998-7588.

**Ladies Spring Tea** (postponed Epiphany Tea) & the **Men's Cowboy Breakfast** will be held on **Sun., May 5<sup>th</sup>** during the Sunday School hour. (see insert)

**Men's Bonn-Fire Event**: All men are invited to a gathering on **Sat., May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30pm-8:30pm at the Bonn Ranch (9370 Hwy 16 S.). All food provided. Bring the beverage of your choice. Purpose: Food, Fellowship & Faith! Please RSVP to church office at 830-997-2288.

**A Selection of Songs & Arias Concert** featuring Jenna Rickerhauser, with Marc Sanders on the piano, is open to the public at HGLC on **Sat., May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. All donation proceeds will benefit the HGLC sanctuary restoration!

## Youth News

### Friday Night Live

April 26 \* 6:30pm-8:30pm \*Kid's K-5th

**Youth BBQ Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru**

April 28 \* 11am till sold out. \*\$15 Donation

East Church Parking Lot via Creek St.

Come out to support our youth!

### 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: 377 / Sunday School Attendance: 114 / Online Views: 204  
General Offering: \$19,575.00 / Capital Campaign: \$2,845.00 / NALC Seminary: \$349.00

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