



HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



Fifth Weekend of Easter

April 27th & 28th, 2024

6pm & 8am 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**

Ring the Bell, Welcome

Invocation & Confession of Sins

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

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

#383

1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
2. Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.
3. Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence, give justice larger place.
4. Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth Your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

The Greeting and Kyrie

L: 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: In peace let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy!

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy!

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy!

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy!

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen!

Hymn of Praise

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, alleluia!

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Prayer of the Day: *Eternal Father, Your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son. Help us to hear Your Word and obey it so that we become instruments of Your redeeming love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Children's Message

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

The Gospel Song **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #771**

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 wilt be.

(Re): 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 16:11-15 and Philippians 1:1-6

Acts 16:11-15

¹¹From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹²From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. ¹³On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Philippians 1:1-6

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God every time I remember you.

⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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

Message

"Mission Trips/Good News Scripts"

Song of the Day

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" #752
(Tithes & Offerings are received)

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?"

(Re): Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Re)

3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Re)

Offering Prayer

L: Merciful Father, C: 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

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.

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.

Special Music for Distribution Klaus Weinelt (8:00am)

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction

Sending Song "I Love to Tell the Story" #390

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

(Re): I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Re)

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. (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

Youth BBQ Chicken Dinner Drive-Thru

This Sunday, April 28th * 11am till sold out. *\$15 Donation
East Church Parking Lot via Creek St.
Come out to support our youth!

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:

*Sylvia Lochte, Sandra Nevins, Charlie Rickerhauser, Dorothy Eckert,
Nora Fiedler, Bob & Sandra Theis.*

<u>Sunday, April 28</u>	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
<u>Monday, April 29</u>	
9:00 a.m.	LWR Quilters
1:00 p.m.	Holy Ghost Quilters
4:15 p.m.	Altar Guild Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Pastoral Call Team Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study
<u>Tuesday, April 30</u>	
9:00 a.m.	LWR Quilters
1:00 p.m.	Holy Ghost Quilters
5:30 p.m.	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study
<u>Wednesday, May 1</u>	
12:00 p.m.	Making Disciples Class: Alpha Room
4:00 p.m.	After School Club: 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
<u>Thursday, May 2</u>	
7:00 a.m.	Men's Community Bible Study
12:00 p.m.	Making Disciples Class: Alpha Room
<u>Friday, May 3</u>	
6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Live
<u>Saturday, May 4</u>	
4:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.	Summer Event Fair: Wellness Center
<u>Sunday, May 5</u>	Confirmation Sunday
8:00 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Ladies Spring Tea/Cowboy Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Confirmation

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 Clayton Grona and Kenneth Otte. 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 Dwayne & Kathy Boos, in memory of Audi Boos.

Baptized this Sunday is Isaac Daniel Hofmann, son of Daniel and Katie Hofmann. Sponsors are Chase Murphy, Laine Jones, Timothy Hofmann, Klaus Weinelt, and Ron & Nancy Rickerhauser. 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.

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!

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

Men's Bonn-Fire Event: All men are invited to a gathering on **Sat., May 11th** 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 by May 8th.

****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!

Women's Evening Bible Study will begin a new book on **Tues., May 7th**. We will study "*The Quest: An Excursion Toward Intimacy With God*" by Beth Moore. Study guides are available at Amazon or your favorite online Christian bookstore. Meeting dates are **May 7 & 21, June 4 & 18, and July 2 & 16** at 6:00pm in the Holy Ghost Youth room. Contact Karen Nevins 830-992-9424 for more information.

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., May 8th** and we're studying, "*The Chosen*" - Season 3. Feel free to bring your lunch. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

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. Our next meeting is **May 8th**. Please join us at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall Alpha (small) room. For more info, contact Iris Burrer, 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal, 512-517-3180.

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 18th** at 2pm. All donation proceeds will benefit the HGLC sanctuary restoration!

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: 448 / Sunday School Attendance: 110 / Online Views: 204
General Offering: \$12,437.00 / Capital Campaign: \$34,100.00 / NALC Seminary: \$450.00

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