



HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



Confirmation Sunday

May 5th, 2024

10:30am Worship Service

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:
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, 10:30AM

Ringing the Bell & Welcome

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

C: Amen!

L: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

L: I was glad when they said to me,

C: Let us go unto the House of the Lord!

L: Oh, come let us sing to the Lord,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!

L: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,

C: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Processional Song "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #551

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Greeting

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!

Prayer of the Day: *Lord God, all glory be to You as we celebrate a new generation of believers committing their faith to You. Grant that the promises they make today will increase as they seek to trust You throughout their lives. May Your Holy Spirit inspire all Christians to a greater level of faith; in Christ's name we pray; C: Amen!*

Rite of Confirmation

*Brylea Dawn Berardi, Brady Grayson Bonn, Landon Reece Denton,
Jinger Olivia Ellebracht, Davis James Lochte, Isabella Lehne Mendez,
Collin Ray Ottmers, Jake Fischer Stehling, Vivian Gale Weiss,
Clayton Wayne Winn*

Sharing the Peace

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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

Hymn & Faith Stories

"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.

Brylea Dawn Berardi, Brady Grayson Bonn, Landon Reece Denton

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.

Jinger Olivia Ellebracht, Davis James Lochte

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.

Isabella Lehne Mendez, Collin Ray Ottmers, Jake Fischer Stehling,

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!

Vivian Gale Weiss, Clayton Wayne Winn

Message

"Belonging to Jesus!"

Hymn

**"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" #779
(On Eagles Wings)**

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(Re): "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of My hand."

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge with faithfulness your shield. (Re)

3. For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Re)

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!

Prayers

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

Benediction

Sending Song **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #721**

1. "Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own."

2. "Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story, here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

Closing 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

Nailed it! Mother's Day Edition

May 12th * 1:00pm * \$20/Team

Mother's and their kids are invited to a fun cake-decorating competition in the Fellowship Hall!

RSVP to the church office by May 6th: 830-997-2288

Camp Buddies Needed!

Reach out to Daniel if you are interested in preparing loving notes/cards for each of our campers.

Friday Night Live

May 17th * Kids K-5th * 6:30pm-8:30pm

Baked Goods Needed

We will have a bake sale on Sunday, May 19th and goodies are needed. If you'd like to donate, please bring individually wrapped treats to Sunday School and drop them off at the table out front.

Proceeds benefit kids going to camp!

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:

Emma Hirschfield, Lynette Kramer, Marilyn Scharnhorst, Jose Reyes, Helen Allred, Connie Dittmar, Nelda Peeler, Donna Adams.



Sunday, May 5

Confirmation Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Ladies Spring Tea/Men's Cowboy Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Confirmation

Monday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters

Tuesday, May 7

Newsletter News Due

- 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. Childcare Forum: Omega Room
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study

Wednesday, May 8

- 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group: Alpha Room
- 12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch Study: Omega Room
- 12:00 p.m. Making Disciples Class: Alpha Room
- 4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. Widow's Might: Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group: Alpha 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, May 9

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle: Omega Room
- 12:00 p.m. Making Disciples Class: Alpha Room
- 1:00 p.m. Katherine Luther Circle: Omega Room

Friday, May 10

Saturday, May 11

- 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Men's Bonn-Fire Event @ Bonn Ranch (9370 Hwy 16 S.)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

- 8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 1:00 p.m. "Nailed It" (Mother's Day Edition) Family Event

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 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 Lasca & Todd Weiss, in celebration of all confirmands past, present and future, especially in honor of their daughters, Eve and Vivian Weiss.

Confirmation Carnations are given by the Weiss family.

The May Special Offering is designated for partnering with the local Rotary Club to assist in uplifting children's health and education in Tanzania! Please use the brown pew envelopes and 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!

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.

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 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.

HolyMark Cardmakers will meet at Campo Azul for lunch on **Thurs., May 16th**; 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.

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: 316 / Sunday School Attendance: 113 / Online Views: 239
General Offering: \$24,034.00 / Capital Campaign: \$10,960.00 / NALC Seminary: \$1,145.00

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