



HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



After the tomb was opened...

Sixth Weekend of Easter

May 4th & 5th, 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

Call to Worship

Sanctuary Choir

(8:00am)

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

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

#389

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross, lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss. From victory unto victory His army He shall lead, till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey; stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes; let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer. Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

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 God Almighty, remind us that when one door closes, and we feel discouraged, that You are opening other doors and additional opportunities for us to serve and honor You. Give us the confidence to move forward in faith. In Jesus' name we pray. C: Amen*

Children's Message

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

The Gospel Song

"Blest Are They"

#764

5. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of Me. Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

(Re): Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

The Bible Reading

Acts 7:54-60 – Acts 8:1-8

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

And Saul approved of his execution. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison. ⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

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

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

Message

"Believers Bled/Word Spread"

Song of the Day

"Lift High the Cross"
(Tithes & Offerings are received)

#377

(Re): Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Re)

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. (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!

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

The Prayers of the People

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

Lord's Prayer and Benediction

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.

Sending Song

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#415

1. God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your power; crown Your ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore, serving You whom we adore.

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

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!

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

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.

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.

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 Messenger, 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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