



HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER:
SAT., 6PM & SUN., 8AM & 10:30AM

Ringing the Bell, Welcome & Announcements

Mission Moment

Backpacks for Kids (Needs Council)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

L: Beloved of God, we are called to confess our sins to the Lord. We come before God's throne of grace with confidence, confessing our sins in the silence of our hearts.

(silence for confession)

L: We confess our sinfulness before Almighty God. 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.

Absolution

Opening Song

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#320

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Your throne Your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.
6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

The Greeting

L: The grace of God, the compassion of Christ, and the hope of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Lord, have mercy!

Questions Jesus Asked Litany

L: Jesus asked, 'Why do you worry?'

C: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

L: The Lord asked, 'What do you have?'

C: Five loaves and two fish, but what are these among so many!

L: "Who was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

C: The one who showed him mercy.

L: Christ cried, 'My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?'

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church presents

Questions Jesus Asked



a sermon series for summer

The Seventh Weekend after Pentecost

July 6th & 7th, 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 TITHE AND BEYOND!

L: He said, 'Who do you say the Son of Man is?'

C: You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

L: Jesus asked, 'which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and walk"?''

C: So that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—He said, stand up and take your bed and go home.

L: Our Savior asked, 'Do you believe this?'

C: Yes, Lord, I believe You are the resurrection and the life!

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

Prayer of the Day

Lord God Almighty, the storms of this world rage around us and cause us to doubt and fear. Deliver us from fear, rescue us from despair, and help us to trust You more as You guide us through the storms of life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

Children's Message

Gospel Song "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" #467

2. O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep; oh, hear us when cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

The Bible Reading Matthew 14:22-33 (ESV)

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." ³⁰ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³¹ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³² Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³³ And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³⁴ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Message "Why Did You Doubt?"

Song of the Day "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #731 (Tithes & Offerings are received / Text HolyGhost to 73256)

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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!

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you!

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.

Benediction

Closing Song

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" #566

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing: land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
4. Our Fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing: long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light. Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.

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.

2024 LCMC Texas District Annual Gathering

"Love Works" (Luke 10:27) is the theme for our inspirational Texas gathering in Kerrville at Zion Lutheran Church on July 26th-27th (Friday evening and Saturday all day). Sign up today online at www.LCMCTEXAS.ORG/ANNUAL-GATHERING, choose your workshops, and keep your receipt (Holy Ghost Lutheran will reimburse your basic registration). Flyers with more information are available in the entryway of the church, or the church office.

Sunday, July 7

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 8

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Guild
- 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Call Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 9 **Newsletter News Due**

- 8:00 a.m. Band of Brothers
- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters

Wednesday, July 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support: Alpha Room
- 11:30 a.m. Ladies Lunch Study: Alpha Room
- 5:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group: Alpha Room

Thursday, July 11

- 9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle
- 1:00 p.m. Katherine Luther Circle

Friday, July 12

Saturday, July 13

- 10:30 a.m. Kinderneest "Sips & Sweets" Bake Sale
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, July 14

- 8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

The P-Team is offering two (2) \$500 scholarships to 2024 graduating high school seniors who plan to further their education. Application forms are available at the church office, online at <https://holyghostfbg.org/>, & on the Holy Ghost Facebook page & due at the church office by the deadline, June 30, 2024.

The scholarships are available to any graduating senior who is a member of Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, regardless of which high school is attended.

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 Groups will take a break for the summer and will return in the fall. In the meantime, “piano praise” services are offered on the 3rd & 4th Sundays at 10:30am.

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 Delphine Mueller, Victoria Loeffler, Leroy Jung, Lynette Kramer, and Stanley Feller. Please pray for them and for all who are in need!

Hospitalized: Donna Adams, Sandra Theiss and Randy Leifeste. Please pray for all those who are in need of physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

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 Lisa and Gary King.

The Next Holy Communion will be on July 13th & 14th and 27th & 28th.

The Special Offering for July is designated for **Backpacks for FBG Kids** coordinated through the Needs Council. Approximately 900 backpacks filled with necessary supplies are put together by the Needs Council every year. HGLC has partnered with the Needs Council for several years to help provide this important start for our local children. Please use the brown pew envelopes, the special offering baskets, or indicate in the memo your intended destination. Please give above and beyond your regular giving.

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: The summer pastor's class is a study of the various parables of Jesus in the Bible. Norm Nevins & Jim Paige's class is studying, “*Hope in the Lord.*” A third class is a GLS video clip with Allen Ersch leading. All groups meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Quarterly Devotional Booklets
are available for July-Sept. Be in the Word on a daily basis.

The Building Project, Phase 1 continues now with the projected date of completion for the “Spirit Haus” to be early July. Meanwhile the prayer chapel continues to come along with volunteer labor, then next on the Phase 1 list, is the “Klaerner House.” **YOUR Capital Campaign** contributions are absolutely celebrated as we all continue to support this program as well as the regular ministry of the church through our general offerings! To give on-line for the building program, please use the **QR code below** or donate through the envelope system! Call the church office for special gifts.

Short-term Adult SS Class: For the next several Sundays, conversation over a few selected Global Leadership Summit videos will be viewed, and led by Allen Ersch. The group will meet in the Omega Room (large room) of the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am.

Band of Brothers: Retired men (& those with flexible work schedules) meet under the Fellowship Hall carport on **Tues., July 9th**, 8-11am for food, fellowship, and to help out with projects around the church campus. For more info, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349.

Ladies Lunch Study: All ladies are welcome to join us on **Wed., July 10th**, noon-1pm, for food, fellowship and a devotion. We'll be meeting off-site this month at 305 West Centre Street. Please bring a lunch snack to share. Contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more info.

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 **Wed., July 10th**. 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.

Women's Evening Bible Study will meet on **Tues., July 16th** at 6:00pm in the Holy Ghost Youth Room. We are studying “*The Quest: An Excursion Toward Intimacy With God*” by Beth Moore. Contact Karen Nevins at 830-992-9424 for more info.

Texas Lutheran University Students: Contact the church office at 830-997-2288, if you will be enrolled at TLU for the fall semester. A church scholarship will be provided.

Global Leadership Summit is August 8 & 9 and sign-up is open for registration. An additional \$20 scholarship is available for first time attendees. Contact Amy Montgomery (210-844-1987) or Pastor Bobby, for more info (830-997-2288), or register online at: <https://globalleadership.org>. The FBG site is: #466 & the price per person is \$159 through July 17th and +\$20 thereafter. Use the discount code: **HOSTGLS24**.

Weekend Attendance: 308 / Sunday School Attendance: 52

Sunday School Offering: \$21.00 / Online Views: 199

General Offering: \$14,260.13 / Capital Campaign: \$1,795.00 / Headwaters for Heroes: \$360.00

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