



HOLY GHOST

— LUTHERAN CHURCH —



2nd Weekend after Epiphany
January 18th & January 19th, 2025
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

Ringing the Bell, Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Confession of Sins

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 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: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for His sake - God forgives our sins. As a minister of the church of Christ and by His authority, I declare that our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! C: Amen!

Opening Song

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

#495

1. Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest Your tents will be our home. Through days of preparation Your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums, but deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er Your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

The Greeting

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!

Service of Holy Baptism

(6:00pm)

Sawyer Rose Blaker, Tate Kohl Sieckmann & Remy West Grona

L: In Holy Baptism, our gracious Heavenly Father..... As we live with Him and His people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to His will.

Parents:

We present Sawyer Rose Blaker, Tate Kohl Sieckmann & Remy West Grona to receive the gift of Holy Baptism.

L: Parents and sponsors, in Christian love you have presented Sawyer Rose, Tate Kohl, Remy West to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism....they may lead a godly life. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents & Sponsors: I do!

L: As the family of faith in Christ gathered in this place today, let us reject sin and state our faith in Christ Jesus. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all satan's empty promises? C: I do!

L: Do you believe in God, the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

L: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

C: 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!

L: Sawyer Rose, Tate Kohl, Remy West are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

L: Prayers for the baptized, parents, sponsors, and church.

L: Let us welcome Sawyer Rose, Tate Kohl & Remy West into the family of faith at Holy Ghost!

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

Sharing of the Peace

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray: Gracious God, we praise You that You have not abandoned us to the brokenness of this world, but have come to us in the person of our Savior. We pray that You would continue by the power of Your Holy Spirit to guide us in navigating the stormy waters of this life, trusting that You are ever near. In Christ's name we pray, C: AMEN!

Special Music

Sanctuary Choir (8:00am)

Children's Message

Gospel Song

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #731

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.

The Bible Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

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Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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

Message: "A Picture For You, Me & The Church to Remember"

1. The Sea is Not Always So Friendly!
2. We Are Not Alone on the Sea!
3. Get Out of the Boat!
4. Keep the Main Thing, The Main Thing!

Song of the Day **"He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!" #501**

(Tithes & Offerings are received/Text **HolyGhost to 73256**)

1. He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought! Oh, words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

(Re): He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me. His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters calm, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. (Re)

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. (Re)

4. And when my task on earth is done, when by Thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. (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!

Special Tribute to Pastor Bobby

The Prayers of the People

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

The Blessing

Sending Song **"How Great Thou Art"** **#532**

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

(Re): Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art!
How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art! How great Thou art!

3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin; (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.

The 2025 Church Council & Officers

Chris Nevins - President, Valerie Bonn - Vice President,
Gerry Gross - Treasurer, and Nancy Lochte - Secretary.

Other members of the council include: Alice Segner, Carolyn Weidenfeller,
Hiram Lucius, Nick Thompson, Tudy Tritch, Ken Messinger, Jeff Boyd & Todd Weiss.

Many thanks to outgoing council: Polly Zenner, Laurie Bristol, Bruce Christian
& Ron Rickerhauser. **Please pray for your leaders!**

Sunday, January 19

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar: Coffee & Donuts
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation/Praise Band Practice
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Praise Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Bobby's Retirement Party: Farm Bureau
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Bible Study: Daniel's Porch

Monday, January 20

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir: Sanctuary Basement
- 6:00 p.m. Men in Mission
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study

Tuesday, January 21

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 2:00 p.m. Funeral for Louise Borchers @ Schaetter Funeral Home
- 5:30 p.m. 2nd Samuel Bible Study: Alpha Room
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Team Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Lay Communion Visitors Meeting

Wednesday, January 22

- 12:00 p.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd John Bible Study: 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: Alpha Room
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 23

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Game Night

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25

- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, January 26

Feeding John

- 8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion: Baptism
(Morgan Macie & McKenzie Mae Schmidt)
- 12:00 p.m. Mother-Son Bowling
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Bible Study: Daniel's Porch

**Quarterly Devotional Booklets are available for January-March.
Be in the Word on a daily basis.**

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 Plueneke (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.)

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

Hospitalized: Ginger Schultz Segner. Please pray for all those who have need of any type of 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 prayerfully given to the Glory of God by Deborah Johnson. *"God has called and ordained two devoted shepherds of His church. One that will retire and one that will assume the role. We know that God will continue to counsel & guide Pastor Bobby as he endeavors to seek a "new" role for his life. As for Pastor David, we know that God will instruct, teach, and encourage him as he becomes the shepherd of God's flock and "His church." Psalm 32:8 KJV*

Baptized on Saturday is Sawyer Rose Blaker, child of Brianna & Tanner Blaker. Sponsors are Brooke & Chase Grona, Tressure Mazinke, and Branden Harvey. Congratulations!

Baptized on Saturday is Tate Kohl Sieckmann, child of Kelsie & Keagan Sieckmann. Sponsors are Karli Hubertus & Ryan Bohnert. Congratulations!

Baptized on Saturday is Remy West Grona, child of Kendra Untermeyer & Shane Grona. Sponsors are Eddie & Kayla Kloesel and Amara Untermeyer. Congratulations!

The January Special Offering is designated for Kindernest Teacher Appreciation Fund. This pocket provides funds that are used by the school board and director to uplift, encourage, and support our hard-working teachers! Please use the small brown pew envelopes, the special offering baskets, or indicate in the memo your intended destination. Please give above and beyond your regular giving. Thank you for your generosity!

Offering Envelopes: If you use them for your church support, GREAT! If not & would like to discontinue receiving them, please call the church office to cancel your order & save the church about \$18/yr. Also contact the office to discuss on-line giving options!

The Building Project, Phase 1 Update: The "Spirit Haus" is in use with children's Sunday School upstairs, small groups, some adult education and community use is downstairs. The prayer chapel is now open. 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.

Adult SS Classes coming in February: The Pastor's Roman's Bible Study class; "News You Can Use;" and "Hope in the Lord" classes- all meeting at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall after the Breakfast Bar.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: This class is led by Pastor David, studying "2nd Samuel" at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall Alpha Room.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study: This class is led by Pastor Steve, studying, "1st, 2nd and 3rd John" from 12:00-1:15pm in the Fellowship Hall Alpha Room.

Maintenance Technician/Landscape Assistant Needed! As the HGLC campus continues to grow, so does the need for care of the property & buildings. Currently we have a dedicated 20 hour/week employee, but the church council has determined a need for an additional person to work another 20 hours/week to keep up with the demands. Please contact the church office for a job description or to inquire. 830-997-2288.

Church Financial Secretary Position: Work as part of the office team to pay bills, process payroll, create financial reports, record contributions, oversee offering counting & deposits, maintain employee files, etc. 32 hrs./week. QuickBooks competency required. Some benefits. Inquire with Shanese Lochte for an application & duty description at the church office, 830-997-2288.

Ladies Lunch Study Ladies looking to connect with other ladies and with Jesus in the new year are invited to join us every-other Wednesday from noon to 1ish in the Fellowship Hall for friendship and study. Join us on **Wed., Jan. 22nd** for a new study, "Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus" by Angie Smith. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more info, please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

Game Night: Thurs., Jan. 23rd 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.

Team Leaders, please check your emails for the previous year annual team reports to help guide you in updating your annual report for 2024. The deadline for those to be submitted is **Jan. 31st**. Please submit all information in Word format. **If you have questions, please contact Blake Neffendorf at 830-237-2229 or submit your reports to blaken@holyghostfbg.org or drop off at the church office.**

Weekend Attendance: 398 / Sunday School Attendance: 99 / Online Views: 335
Sunday School Offering: \$0.00 / General Offering: \$13,004.00
Capital Campaign: \$3,445.00 / Kindernest Teacher Appreciation: \$1,272.00

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