



# HOLY GHOST

— LUTHERAN CHURCH —



**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**10:30am Praise Worship Service**

**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!**

**OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER:  
SUN., 10:30AM PIANO PRAISE**

## **Ringing of the Bell, Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness of Sins**

*L: We begin in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. C: Amen.*

*L: Beloved of God, St. Paul reminds us in Romans 3:23 that we all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We are to approach God's throne of grace with confidence, confessing our sins to Him. We confess to Him in the silence of our hearts.*

*(Silence for Confession)*

*L: Now we confess our sins as a community of faith. 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**

#### ***"Jesus Messiah"***

1. He became sin who knew no sin, that we might become His righteousness. He humbled Himself and carried the cross; love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus: Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven, Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

2. His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love. The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn; love so amazing, love so amazing. (Chorus)

Bridge: All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You. All the glory to You, God, the Light of the World. (Chorus)

Ending: Jesus Messiah, Lord of all...He's Lord of all.

### **The Greeting & Litany**

*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: Lord God, in the beginning You created the heavens and the earth, and You saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:10)*

**C: Let all of creation praise Your name, for at Your command, all things were made. (Psalm 148:5)**

*L: Lord, You created Adam, placed him in the garden, and gave him one command. (Genesis 2:16-17). But Adam and Eve failed to obey.*

**C: Heavenly Father, we have sinned. Have mercy on us! Save us!**

*L: Lord, You made a covenant with Abraham and promised that the day would come when all peoples on earth would be blessed through one of his descendants (Genesis 12:3)*

**C: And His name shall be Jesus, for He will save us from our sins.**  
(Matthew 1:21)

*L: King David prayed: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions."*

**C: Though we fail, You, Almighty God, prevail, and our sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*L: Even when trouble comes, the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the sea, we will not fear (Psalm 46) because...*

**C: Though we fail, You, Lord God, will always prevail!**

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

### **Prayer of the Day**

*O God, form the minds of Your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what You command and desire what You promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen!*

### **Children's Message**

#### **Gospel Song**

#### ***"How Deep The Father's Love"***

1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure. That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away. As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the Man up on the cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death a resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

#### **Bible Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

(NIV)

<sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

<sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

#### **Message**

*"Epic Fails — God Prevails: Adam & Eve"*

Notes:

#### **Song of the Day**

***"Amazing Grace"***  
***(My Chains Are Gone)***  
*(Tithes & Offerings Received)*

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. (Chorus 2X)

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine; but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine, You are forever mine.

#### **Offering Prayer**

*L: Let us pray. Blessed are You,*

**C: O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness, You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave 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.*

## The 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.**

## Closing Song

***"How Great Is Our God"***

1. The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty, let all the earth rejoice,  
all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, all  
will see, how great, how great is our God.

2. Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands, beginning and the end,  
beginning and the end. The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)

Bridge: Name above all names, worthy of all praise, my heart will sing how  
great is our God. (Chorus 2X)

## 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.***

### Altar Flower Sign-Ups

A few spots are still available for 2026! If you would like to sign-up for  
any of these weekends, please contact the church office at 830-997-2288.

**Jan 24<sup>th</sup> & Jan 25<sup>th</sup> \* May 30<sup>th</sup> & May 31<sup>st</sup> \* Sept 5<sup>th</sup> & Sept 6<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Holy Ghost Lutheran Church,

We extend an invitation to all to come worship and fellowship with the  
St. John Lutheran Community Association of Crabapple, which will hold its  
Annual Homecoming Worship Service at 10:30am on Sun., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025,  
in the church in Crabapple, located at 14689 Lower Crabapple Rd., Fredericksburg.  
Sincerely, St. John Lutheran Community Association of Crabapple.

## Sunday, September 21

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Tim Krick presents news on LWR
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Praise Worship

## Monday, September 22

- 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. Church Council
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Bible Study: Daniel's Porch

## Tuesday, September 23

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. 2nd Kings Bible Study (Pastor David)
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Alan Williams Small Group—Offsite

## Wednesday, September 24

- 7:30 a.m. See Ya At The Pole
- 12:00 p.m. "Wednesday Noon" Bible Study: Alpha Room (Pastor Steve)
- 4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room
- 5:15 p.m. Investment Team Meeting: Alpha Room
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth: Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 p.m. High School Youth: Youth Room

## Thursday, September 25

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
- 10:00 a.m. Grief Support Group: Alpha Room
- 5:30 p.m. Christmas Dinner Team Meeting: Omega Room
- 6:00 p.m. Game Night

## Friday, September 26

## Saturday, September 27

- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

## Sunday, September 28

- 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. Praise Worship/Communion
- 11:00 p.m. Kinderest Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

**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: David Priem, Steve Qualben, and Clint Pluenneke (St. Paul, Cave Creek & St. Peter, Doss); Visitation Pastor: Jan Unger. Youth Minister: John LaRocque, 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!

**The September Special Offering** is designated for Kindernest Montessori School. This year, we have some folks who have offered up to \$3,000 to match your contributions (dollar for dollar). In other words, if we get \$3,000 in contributions, we'll get a total of \$6,000 for the ministry! May the Lord bless you as you consider sharing a gift for this long-standing ministry of Holy Ghost. Thank you for giving generously and above & beyond your regular tithes and offerings!

**Lutheran World Relief** Pastor Tim Krick will be present this Sunday during Sunday School to share news of what LWR is doing.

**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**: Text **HolyGhost** to **73256**. You can give to the general ministry, special offering, or the capital campaign building fund! It's safe and secure!

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Erwin & Amy Montgomery, in celebration & gratitude of our children & our first grandson's first birthday.

**Baptized** this Saturday is Vernell June Doeblbler, child of Bryant and Faith Doeblbler. Kaitlin Doeblbler is her sponsor. Congratulations.

**The HGLC Hospice List** includes Leroy Jung. Please pray for him and for all who are in need!

**Hospitalized**: Roy Klaehn, Clinton Feuge, Larry Stahl, and Helen Allred. 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 are unable to attend worship & would like a Visitation Minister to bring communion, please call the office at 830-997-2288.

**Holy Communion** will be served next on the weekend of September 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>.

**The Next Praise Service** in September will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Adult SS Classes**: The Pastor's "*Apostles' Creed*" class begins Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>; and Norm Nevins' "*Sacred Altars and Holy Offerings*" classes – both meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall after the Breakfast Bar.

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians Bible Study** led by Pastor Steve, will meet each Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall from noon until 1:15pm. Everyone is welcome! Bring your lunch!

**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.

**Women's Evening Bible Study** will meet **Tues., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm at Holy Ghost Church Spirit Haus for a new study of the book of Proverbs titled, "*The Way of Wisdom*." Books are available on Amazon or Lifeway. Meeting dates are: September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>.

**Game Night: Thurs., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Ladies' Lunch Study** will meet on **Wed., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>** at noon in the Spirit Haus to continue their study of Max Lucado's, "*Tame Your Thoughts*." All ladies are welcome to join at any time! Bring your lunch. For more info, contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

**HolyMark Cardmakers**: Mark your calendars for **Thurs., October 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will have lunch together at Hondo's and then proceed to Fellowship Hall to make cards.

**Rub-a-dub-dub**, let's fill the tub with soap for a Lutheran World Relief Health Project. Soap keeps hands and body clean, germs at bay, and helps people present themselves with dignity. During the month of September, please bring new wrapped bars of soap (4 or 5 oz.) and put them in the tub as you enter the Sanctuary.

## **Youth News**

**See Ya at the Pole**: September 24<sup>th</sup> at all schools in the district. Teens meet at their flagpole to pray. Middle School meets at 7:30am and High School at 7:45am. Extra enticement: there's donuts!!

To sign-up for  
Middle School Youth Group



To sign-up for  
High School Youth Group



Youth groups meet on Wednesday night.

\*Middle School: 6:00pm-7:30pm

\*High School: 8:00pm-9:00pm

Weekend Attendance: 337 / Online Views: 292 / SS Atten: 83 / SS Offering: \$3.00  
General Offering: \$11,992.00 / Capital Campaign: \$1,795.00  
Kindernest Special Offering: \$1,520.00

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