



HOLY GHOST

—LUTHERAN CHURCH—



2nd Weekend after Christmas

January 3rd & 4th, 2025

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:**

GOTO 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:

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

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome and Announcements

Our Christmas Confession of Sins

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

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(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

"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

#45

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him born the King of angels: Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

2. The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory given! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The Greeting and 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 Jesus, You have promised to be with us.
C: Even till the end of the age. (Mt. 28:20)*

L: You command us: Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. And you tell us:

C: I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

L: Lord Jesus, You shared the last supper and said to us: "This is my body, which is for you," and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

C: "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 1:24-25)

L: Lord Jesus, You tell us: "For I was hungry and You gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and You gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and You invited me in, I needed clothes and You clothed me, I was sick and You looked after me, I was in prison and You came to visit me."

C: Lord, when did we see You hungry or sick or a stranger or in prison and take care of You?

L: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Mt. 28:31ff)

C: Be present with us as we worship You, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of the Day: Let us pray. Lord God, on this day, You revealed Your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know Your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of Your glory, 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

(8am & 10:30am)

Gospel Song **"As with Gladness Men of Old"** **#82 (v. 1)**

1. As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.

Bible Reading **Matthew 2:1-12** **(ESV)**

"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.

Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way."

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

Message:

"Epiphany: The Real Story"

(Pastor Jan Unger)

Notes:

Song of the Day

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

(Tithes & Offerings Received)

#646

1. We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

(Re): Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to Thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign. (Re)

3. Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh; prayer and praising, gladly raising, worshiping God most high. (Re)

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb. (Re)

5. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice; heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies. (Re)

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.

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

Joy to the World"

#39

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King; let every heart prepare Him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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 basket or texted to 830-383-0249.**

Annual Report

It is that time of year again, when requests for information from each Ministry Team is needed for the Annual Report. Please submit all information in Word format to the church office or email to blaken@holylghostfbg.org on or before **January 31st, 2026**.

The Church Office

For pastoral emergencies from Jan 1st - Jan 4th, please contact
Pastor Jan Unger at 512-760-0093.

Sunday, January 4

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

Monday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters
1:00 p.m. HG Quilters
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Bible Study: Daniel's Porch

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters
1:00 p.m. HG Quilters
5:30 p.m. Book of Daniel Bible Study

Wednesday, January 7

5:15 p.m. Widow's Might
5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle
1:00 p.m. Katherine Luther Circle

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10 Baptismal Remembrance

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, January 11 Baptismal Remembrance

8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar / June's Retirement Celebration
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910am/107.9FM
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Please lift up prayers of strength and protection for Braeden Wadsworth during his time at Basic Training for the US Air Force. Braeden graduates with the rank of Airman on January 22, 2026. Please pray for all of our active duty military.



Quarterly Devotional Booklets are available.
We encourage you to be in the Word on a daily basis!

Welcome Visitors: We are so glad you are here! If you do not have a church home and would like to hear more about Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, please fill out the connection card in the pew and place it in the offering box or contact the church office at 830-997-2288, holyghost@holyghostfbg.org or Pastor Steve Qualben at pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org.

Weekly Worship: We offer three opportunities every weekend: Saturday at 6:00 pm; Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am with Sunday School for all ages at 9:15 am.

Interested in becoming or growing as a Christian? We can help! Please contact the church office holyghost@holyghostfbg.org; Pastor David Priem pastordp@holyghostfbg.org or Pastor Steve Qualben pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org.

Youth Ministry at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church: We take our ministry to youth very seriously at Holy Ghost. Please feel free to contact our two full-time youth ministers directly: Daniel Hofmann (K-5th) danielh@holyghostfbg.org and John LaRoque (6th-12th) johnl@holyghostfbg.org.

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church is a member of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).

Worship-Online and on the Radio: We stream our services on our Facebook page and YouTube every week at 10:30 am, and we broadcast at 10 am each Sunday on the local radio station KNAF 107.9 FM and 910 AM.

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!

Two New Bible Study Opportunities:

1. Pastor David will begin a 6-week study on the Book of Daniel on January 6th. We will meet every Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
2. Pastor Steve will begin a 12-week study on 2nd Corinthians on January 13th. We will meet every Tuesday from 12:00-1:15 pm. Please RSVP to the church office or Pastor Steve Qualben pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org if you'd like to attend.

The January Special Offering is designated for the **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, or indicate your intention in the memo or giving line! And please contribute above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings to the church programs.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Lynn Roy & Aimee Ransleben, in honor of her mother, Sharon Hodges, and in celebration of her 91st birthday.

Baptized: Congratulations to Brett Williams, who was baptized at an offsite location on December 27th, 2025.

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the family of Ora Knopp, whose services are pending. May the Lord's peace be with all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

The HGLC Hospice List: Emma Hirschfield. Please pray for all who are in need!

Hospitalized: Florence Eckert and Marilyn Wood. 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.

Band of Brothers: Retired men (& those with flexible work schedules) meet under the Fellowship Hall carport on **Tues., Jan. 13th**, 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.

Cancer Support Group: Cancer is a journey we can walk with you. Our group is open to the community and surrounding areas. We offer social and emotional support, encouragement and fellowship for cancer patients, survivors and their caregivers, family and friends. Our next meeting will be **Wed., Jan. 14th** at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more info, contact Iris Burer at 830-456-5711 or Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.

HolyMark Cardmakers will have a fellowship lunch at Campo Azul at 11:30am followed by cardmaking in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm on **Thurs., Jan. 15th**. Please join us for a time of fun and service.

Game Night: **Thurs., Jan. 22nd** 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.

Scripture Reader Sign-Up: For those interested in being a scripture reader, please use the QR code to sign-up for worship services. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Youth News

Daniel H. / K-5th

January 30th, 2026: Friday Night Live / Youth Room / 6:30pm-8:30pm

Please reach out to Daniel Hofmann, our Children's Minister, at danielh@holyghostfbg.org.

John L. / 6th-12th

Youth Group every Wednesday: Middle School: 6pm-7:30pm / High School 8pm-9pm

January 30th-31st, 2026: Generate Youth Conference. San Antonio TX. / Grades 6th-12th Cost: \$60

Please reach out to John LaRocque, our Youth Minister, at johnl@holyghostfbg.org.

12/20/25-12/21/25

Weekend Attendance: 350 / Online Views: 348 / SS Atten: 80 / SS Offering: \$2.00
Church-to-Church Attendance: 348
General Offering: \$31,449.00 / Capital Campaign: \$6,205.00
Mexico Mission: \$535.00 / Sunday School: \$400.00

12/24/25

Christmas Eve Attendance: 894 / Online Views: 355

12/25/25

Christmas Day Attendance: 75 / Christmas Day Meals Served: 423

12/27/25-12/28/25

Weekend Attendance: 348 / Online Views: 263 / SS Atten: 32 / SS Offering: \$0.00
General Offering: \$45,024.00 / Capital Campaign: \$2,345.00
Mexico Mission: \$1,021.00



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