



# HOLY GHOST

— LUTHERAN CHURCH —



## NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

**New Year's Eve  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025  
6:00pm 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:**

**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:  
6PM WORSHIP SERVICE W/COMMUNION**

### Ringing of the Bell, Welcome and Announcements

#### Confession

*L: Most merciful Father,*

**C: We confess that we are sinners in need of Your forgiveness and salvation. We confess that we have withheld the gift of forgiveness and care from those who need grace and mercy from us. Lord, lead us into the light of Your healing, forgiveness, and love. Restore to us the joy proclaimed by angels and shepherds at Your Son's birth among us. 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.
3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
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 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: Loving Father, we come to You with humble and grateful hearts.  
C: Lord, we thank You for Your love, grace, mercy, and protection which has kept us throughout this year.*

*L: As we look to this new year, we know that You make all things new.  
C: Open our eyes to Your purpose for us in this new year. Let us seek Your wisdom in all things we say and do.*

*L: Lord, we ask that You keep Your Word in our hearts so that we may delight in You each day and serve our neighbors humbly in the name of Jesus.  
C: Lord, fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may truly love You, Your Holy Church, and our neighbors.*

*L: May all that we do be for Your glory and the building of Your Kingdom.  
In Jesus' name we pray. C: Amen*

**Prayer of the Day:** Lord Jesus, You have promised: "Behold I am with you always even unto the end of the age." (Mt. 28:20) Be near us Lord Jesus, on this night and throughout the new year. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Transform us daily through Your love. By Your presence, give us strength and courage to love and to forgive and to trust You above all things. Come, Lord Jesus, we welcome You! **C: Amen!**

**Special Music**

*Kristin Janik and Marjorie Edge*

**Scripture Reading**

*Colossians 4:2-6*

*(NIV)*

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

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

**Message:**

*"Make the Most of Every Opportunity"*

*Notes:*

**Song**

**"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**#439**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear – all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged – take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness – take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

**The Prayers of the People**

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

**Words of Institution & 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.**

**Holy Communion**

*Kristin Janik and Marjorie Edge*

**New Year's Blessing and 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: Beloved Children of God, you have been set free by Jesus, the Messiah.  
C: We walk out these doors following in the footsteps of our Savior.*

*L: Beloved Children of God, Jesus has shown you the way to love and serve all people.  
C: We go to teach them, serve them, and love them in Jesus' name.*

*L: Remember, dear Children of God: Jesus is with you always,  
C: Even till the end of time! Amen.*

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #565**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*Prayer requests can be written on connection cards and placed in the offering basket or texted to 830-383-0249.*

# Happy New Year

<b><u>Wednesday, December 31</u></b>	<b>New Year's Eve (Church Office will close at noon)</b>
	6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship/Communion
<b><u>Thursday, January 1</u></b>	<b>New Year's Day / Office Closed</b>
<b><u>Friday, January 2</u></b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b><u>Saturday, January 3</u></b>	6:00 p.m. Worship
<b><u>Sunday, January 4</u></b>	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
<b><u>Monday, January 5</u></b>	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
<b><u>Tuesday, January 6</u></b>	9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters 1:00 p.m. HG Quilters 5:30 p.m. Book of Daniel Bible Study
<b><u>Wednesday, January 7</u></b>	5:15 p.m. Widow's Might 5:45 p.m. Grace Notes 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
<b><u>Thursday, January 8</u></b>	7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle 1:00 p.m. Katherine Luther Circle
<b><u>Friday, January 9</u></b>	
<b><u>Saturday, January 10</u></b>	6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion
<b><u>Sunday, January 11</u></b>	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 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

Please lift up prayers of strength and protection for Braeden Wadsworth during his time in Basic Training for the US Air Force. Braeden graduates with the rank of Airman on January 22, 2026.



**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](mailto:holyghost@holyghostfbg.org) or Pastor Steve Qualben at [pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org](mailto: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](mailto:holyghost@holyghostfbg.org); Pastor David Priem [pastordp@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:pastordp@holyghostfbg.org) or Pastor Steve Qualben [pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org](mailto: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-5<sup>th</sup>) [danielh@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:danielh@holyghostfbg.org) and John LaRoque (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) [johnl@holyghostfbg.org](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>. We will meet every Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
2. Pastor Steve will begin a 12-week study on 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians on January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet every Tuesday from 12:00-1:15 pm. Please RSVP to the church office or Pastor Steve Qualben [pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org) if you'd like to attend.

**The December Special Offering** (and the bins we've filled with gifts) will help support Mision de Candelilla. The team will head to the villages in northern Mexico right after Christmas to share our Christmas gifts with the villagers we have come to know and love over the years. If you'd like to support our efforts, we have small brown envelopes in the pew or you can share a check with "Mexico Mission" in the memo.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Karen & Greg Henricksen, in memory and honor of all loved ones.

**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:** Betty Ellebracht, Sylvia Lochte & Danny Lowmiller. 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.

**The Church Office**  
will be closed on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.  
For pastoral emergencies, contact Pastor Jan Unger at 512-760-0093.

**Band of Brothers:** Retired men (& those with flexible work schedules) meet under the Fellowship Hall carport on **Tues., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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 **Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Game Night:** **Thurs., Jan. 22<sup>nd</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.

**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.



#### **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@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:blaken@holyghostfbg.org) on or before **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

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

#### **Youth News**

##### **Daniel H. / K-5<sup>th</sup>**

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

Please reach out to Daniel Hofmann, our Children's Minister, at [danielh@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:danielh@holyghostfbg.org).

##### **John L. / 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

Please reach out to John LaRocque, our Youth Minister, at [johnl@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:johnl@holyghostfbg.org).

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