



2nd Sunday in Advent

December 7th, 2025

10:30am 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 TRUTH AND BEYOND!

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

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #30

1. Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art, dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2. Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child, and yet a King; born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Greeting and Advent 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: We light the 2nd Candle of the Advent wreath as a reminder that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace on the earth. As Isaiah 11 reminds us, "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them."

C: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to work toward that peace when all creation lives together in harmony as the body of Christ.

L: The people who walked in darkness,

C: have seen a great light.

L: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

C: on them light has shined.

L: For unto us a child is born,

C: unto us a Son is given.

L: Authority rests upon His shoulders and He is named:

C: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

L: May we answer God's call to transform our hope into reality,

C: today and in the days to come.

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

Prayer of the Day: *Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come! As You caused a holy Shoot to spring from the stump of Jesse, plant Your Son anew in our hearts, that we may walk in His peace and proclaim His Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Emmanuel, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen!*

Children's Message

Gospel Song **"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"** **#34**

3. Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Your people save and give them victory o'er the grave.

(Re): Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Bible Reading **Isaiah 11:1-10**

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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

Message

"Oh, Come, Strong Branch of Jesse"

Notes:

Song of the Day

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
(Tithes & Offerings Received)

#41

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all the earth!

3. How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven. No ear may hear His coming; but, in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

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 **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** **#60**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim,

"Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn 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 basket or texted to 830-383-0249.**

The Bi-annual Congregational Meeting is **Sun., Dec. 14th** following the 10:30am worship. Ministry business includes: the nomination of 2026 council persons, the adoption of a 2026 budget, an update on the building program, and other kingdom business. Plan to attend and be part of the decisions as we venture into a new year!

Sunday, December 7

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

Monday, December 8

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

Tuesday, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. LWR Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 7:00 p.m. Lay Communion Visitor's Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support
- 12:00 p.m. "Wednesday Noon" Bible Study w/Pastor Steve: Alpha Room
- 4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. Cancer Support Meeting: Alpha Room
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group: Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 p.m. WILD: Youth Room

Thursday, December 11

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Women of Faith Christmas Dinner: Alpha Room
- 6:00 p.m. Game Night: Alpha Room

Friday, December 12

- 6:00 p.m. Nacho Movie Night: Youth Room

Saturday, December 13

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Play Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, December 14

- 8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:00 a.m. Nativity Display
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM or 107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion/Sunday School Christmas Program
- 11:30 a.m. Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. African Children's Choir

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 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.

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!

2025 Contributions: If you would like for your contributions to be recorded in 2025, please submit your offerings to the church office by noon on Dec. 31st or place them in the offering plate at the New Year's Eve service. Mailed in gifts must be post marked on or before December 31, 2025.

Altar Flowers are given by Tudy & Ellis Tritch, in honor of their granddaughter, Capri's first birthday on December 8th. God's blessings to her and her parents.

Pedestal Flowers are given by Frances Lindemann, in loving memory of Riley Lindemann.

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

Hospitalized: Adela Wunderlich & Paul Moellering. 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 on December 13th/14th and 27th/28th. And of course, on Dec. 24th (3pm, 5pm, 7pm), Dec. 25th (10:00am), & Dec. 31st (6pm).

Adult SS Classes: The Pastor's "Lord's Prayer" class; and Norm Nevins "Enduring Beliefs of the Christian Faith;" and Gil Becker's "You Can Handle the Truth" classes – all meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

1st 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!

Quarterly Devotional Booklets
are available for the final quarter of 2025.
Be in the Word on a daily basis!

Cancer Support Group: No meeting in December. We will have our Potluck Christmas Party on **Wed., Dec. 10th** at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for food, fun and games. Contact Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180 for more info.

Game Night: **Thurs., Dec. 11th** 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.

Women's Evening Bible Study will meet **Tues., Dec. 16th** at 6pm at Holy Ghost Church Spirit Haus for a new study of the book of Proverbs titled, "The Way of Wisdom." Book is available on Amazon or Lifeway.

Ladies' Lunch Study will meet on **Wed., Dec. 17th** at noon at an offsite location for a Christmas Luncheon. All ladies are welcome! For more info and to RSVP, please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

Youth News

Daniel H. / K-5th

Christmas Program: Parts are available for anyone of any age!

Rehearsal: **Sat., Dec. 13th @ 10am in the Sanctuary.**

Performance: **Sun., Dec. 14th @ 10:30am worship service.**

(Meet at 9:15am in the basement)

December 14th: African Children's Choir Concert / 7:00pm / HGLC Sanctuary

December 19th: Friday Night Live / Youth Room

December 21st: Christmas Cookie Extravaganza / 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

Please reach out to Daniel Hofmann, our Youth Minister, at danielh@holyghostfbg.org.

John L. / 6th-12th

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

December 12th: Nacho Libre Movie Night w/Nacho Bar / \$5 / 6pm-8pm / Youth Room

Gifts for Mision De Candelilla families need to be returned by **December 21st**.

After church that day, we would love the help loading these gifts up on the trailer.

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

Cost: \$60

Weekend Attendance: 318 / Online Views: 333 / SS Atten: 57 / SS Offering: \$0.00

General Offering: \$23,947.00 / Capital Campaign: \$5,520.00

Quilts Postage: \$766.00

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