



HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –

PARABLES OF JESUS



Palm Sunday Weekend

March 28th & March 29th, 2026

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

Welcome and Announcements

Palm Sunday Reading

Matthew 21:1-9

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

L: This is the Word of the Lord, C: Thanks be to God!

L: Let us march in to celebrate Jesus as our Lord of lords and King of kings!

Opening Song

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

#108 (v.1-3)

(Re): All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. (Re)
2. The company of angels are praising You on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. (Re)
3. The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went. Our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present. (Re)

The Greeting and Kyrie

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: In peace let us pray to the Lord, C: Lord, have mercy!

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy!

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. C: Lord, have mercy!

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy!

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C: Amen!

Hymn of Praise:

L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty God, You sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon Himself and suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in His obedience to Your will and in the glorious victory of His resurrection; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. C: Amen!*

Special Music

Jarett Ersch (6pm & 8am)

Children's Message

(8:00am)

Gospel Song

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" #765

(Re): Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, silently washes their feet, Master who pours out Himself for them. (Re)

Bible Reading

Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Message:

"Sheep or Goat?"

Notes:

Song of the Day **"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" #423** (Tithes & Offerings Received)

1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked Your mercy's perfect deed: we, Your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to Your purpose every gift which You impart.
2. Still Your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As You, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by Your Spirit send Your power to our world to make it whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till Your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.

Offering Prayer

L: Merciful Father, **C: 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!**

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 & 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.

Sending Song **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #721**

1. "Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever. Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own."
2. "Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story, here you touched Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
3. "Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you, here My tender comfort stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."
4. "I, the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace. I, the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace. I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother. Go, My children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Announcements & Dismissal

L: The time of 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.

BREAKFAST BAR FOR EASTER SUNDAY:

Breakfast Bar will be offering an abbreviated version of treats on Easter Sunday. We will be serving an assortment of pastries and fruits with coffee. Please join us!



Please lift up prayers of strength and protection for all of our active-duty members of the US Armed Forces.



Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting: Youth Room

Monday, March 30

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Week Breakfast: Holy Ghost Lutheran
- 9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir: Sanctuary Basement
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth Bible Study: Daniel's Porch

Tuesday, March 31

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Week Breakfast: Zion Lutheran
- 9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters
- 12:00 p.m. 2nd Corinthians Bible Study
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Book of Nehemiah Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 1

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Week Breakfast: Bethany Lutheran
- 12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch Study
- 4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room
- 5:30 p.m. Widow's Might
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Conferences with John LaRocque
- 6:30 p.m. Worship./Communion

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Worship

Saturday, April 4

- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Bethany Lutheran
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship/Communion
- 8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar (Pastries, Fruits, & Coffee Only)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM/Butterfly Release
- 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion

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 6:00pm; Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am with Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am.

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, Pastor Steve Qualben pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org or Pastor Tobias Heike pastorth@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 LaRocque (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 10:30am, and we broadcast at 10:00am 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!

Bible Study Opportunities:

* Pastor Steve begins a new 8-week Bible Study on 1st and 2nd Peter on **Tuesday, April 7th** from 12:00-1:15pm. Please RSVP to the church office or Pastor Steve at pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org if you'd like to attend.

* Pastor David's 7-week study on Nehemiah meets every Tuesday at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office at 830-997-2288 or to Pastor David at pastordp@holyghostfbg.org.

The Lenten Mid-Week Service Special Offering: One-half of our mid-week Lenten offerings will be designated for Caritas Family Assistance Network. Caritas is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the social, emotional, and academic needs of students in the Fredericksburg Independent School District (FISD) through counseling and family liaison support services.

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the family of Kathleen Crenwelge. Funeral services will be held, Tuesday, March 31st at 11:00am at Holy Ghost, with a visitation starting at 9:30am. Burial will follow the service at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Doss. Please keep her family in your thoughts & prayers.

The HGLC Hospice List: Alice Behrends, Emma Hirschfield & Bill Petmecky. Please pray for all who are in need!

Hospitalized: Curtis Staudt & Lillian Hahn. 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.

Yard Crosses: Display one at your house as a testimony in the community of the Savior's sacrifice for sinners, and on Easter Day turn it around to celebrate His victory! Purple ribbons (the color of Lent, representing repentance) are available to place on the crosses.

Ladies' Lunch Study: All ladies are invited to join us on **Wed., April 1st** at noon in the Spirit Haus as we study: *What is the Will of God for My Life?* Bring your Bible (and lunch if you wish). No advance preparation or other materials are needed. For more information, please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

Cancer Support Group If cancer has been part of your life currently or in the past as a patient, caregiver, family member, or friend, please join us for fellowship, devotions, speakers and discussions. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is **Wed., April 8th**, at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180.

Lenten Devotion

Parables of Jesus, the 2026 Lenten devotional booklets written by the Holy Ghost Family of Faith, are available in several formats:

- *Twice weekly videos of author readings on Facebook. (search Holy Ghost Lutheran Church)
- *Daily text on the R-Team's Facebook page. (search Holy Ghost Daily Devotions)
- *Full electronic booklet at: holyghostfbg.org.

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

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

***Parents if you have a graduating senior this year, please let the church office know.**

We have some special plans and want to ensure all of our graduating seniors have the opportunity to participate.

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

3/18/26: Attendance: 157 / Online Views: 136 / MWL-Caritas: \$1,345.00

3/21/26-3/22/26

Weekend Attendance: 370 / Online Views: 383 / Online Ordination Views: 256

General Offering: \$16,663.00 / Capital Campaign: \$7,735.00

Caritas \$407.00 / Ordination: \$1,535.00

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