



# HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –

## PARABLES OF JESUS



### Palm Sunday

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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 WORSHIP**

### 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 disciples<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,<sup>5</sup> "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.'"<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.<sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.<sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.<sup>9</sup> 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!*

#### Call to Worship / Procession of the Palms:

HGLC Youth Choir  
*Shout Hosanna!*

#### Children's Message

#### Presentation of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bibles

#### Sharing of the Peace

*L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.*

*L: Let us share the peace of the Lord with one another.*

#### Opening Song

**"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"**

Youth Choir

Give me oil in my lamp, Keep me burning (burning, burning).

Give me oil in my lamp I pray, Give me oil in my lamp.

Keep me burning (burning, burning), Keep me burning 'til the break of day.

Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings,

Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the King.

*(Repeat Song)*

## **The Greeting & Litany:**

*L: May 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: On this day, we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.*

**C: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

*L: We lay our cloaks and palm branches before You, O Christ.*

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

*L: We acknowledge your humility as You ride on a donkey, bringing peace.*

**C: Help us to follow your example of service and love.**

*L: As the crowds shouted praises, may we also lift our voices in worship.*

**C: Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel!**

*L: We confess our need for Your grace and mercy.*

**C: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have turned away from You.**

*L: May we be instruments of Your peace in a world of turmoil.*

**C: Guide us in Your ways, O Lord.**

*L: We rejoice in the salvation You offer through your sacrifice.*

**C: We give thanks for Your steadfast love that endures forever!**

*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!*

## **Gospel Song**

### ***"The Lord Is My Shepherd"***

The Lord is My Shepherd, I'll walk with Him always.  
He Knows me and He loves me, I'll walk with Him always.  
Always, always, I'll walk with Him always.  
Always, always, I'll walk with Him always.  
*(Repeat Song)*

## **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. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> 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.'

<sup>41</sup> '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. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> 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.' <sup>44</sup> 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?' <sup>45</sup> 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.' <sup>46</sup> 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**

### ***"You Are the Way"***

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*(Tithes & Offerings Received)*

1. You are the way; through You alone can we the Father find;  
In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart, His will, His mind!
2. You are the truth; Your word alone true wisdom can impart;  
You only can inform the mind and purify the heart.
3. You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims Your conquering arm;  
And those who put their trust in You not death nor hell shall harm.
4. You are the Way, the Truth, the Life; Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

## **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 **"I've Got Peace Like a River"**

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river.  
I've got peace like a river, In my soul (in my soul)

*(repeat)*

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain, In my soul (in my soul)

*(repeat)*

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean, In my soul (in my soul)

*(repeat)*

## 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-5<sup>th</sup>) danielh@holyghostfbg.org and John LaRocque (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter on **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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-5<sup>th</sup>**

Please reach out to Daniel Hofmann, our Children's Minister, at 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

**\*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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