



HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



Third Weekend of Easter

April 18th & 19th, 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., 8:00AM

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Confession of Sins

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 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" #780

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Re): Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Re)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms; I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (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.

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

Prayer of the Day: *L: Let us pray: Almighty God, as Esther faced her own struggle to do what was easy versus doing what was right; guide us in our own battles that we may be faithful to our calling to follow You and proclaim the truth of Your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. C: Amen!*

Special Music Grace Notes Bell Choir (8:00am)

Children's Message (8:00am)

Gospel Song "**Be Thou My Vision**" #776

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art: Thou my best thought by day and by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Bible Reading Esther 4:6-17

⁶ Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷ and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her and command her to go to the king to beg his favor and plead with him on behalf of her people. ⁹ And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, ¹¹ "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—to be put to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter so that he may live. But as for me, I have not been called to come in to the king these thirty days." ¹² And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. ¹³ Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think to yourself that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews.

¹⁴ For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" ¹⁵ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." ¹⁷ Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

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

The Message "**Called for Such a Time as This!**"

Notes:

Song of the Day "**Have No Fear Little Flock**" #476
(Tithes & Offerings Received)

1. Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom; have no fear, little flock!
3. Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for He stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!
4. Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for He stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

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

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.

Graduate Recognition & Blessing

Benediction

Sending Song **"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord" #779**

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(Re): "And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of My hand."

2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge with faithfulness your shield. (Re)

3. For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Re)

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.

Sunday, April 19

- 8:00 a.m. Worship (Class of 2026 Seniors Uplifted)
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation Robe Fitting
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Class of 2026 Seniors Uplifted)
- 11:30 a.m. Graduate Luncheon

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

- 9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters
- 12:00 p.m. 1st & 2nd Peter Bible Study w/ Pastor Steve
- 12:00 p.m. Alan Williams Small Group: Golden Hub
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
- 5:30 p.m. Book of Esther Bible Study w/Pastor David
- 7:00 p.m. Lay Communion Visitors Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

- 7:30 a.m. Psalms Bible Study w/ Pastor Tobias
- 4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room
- 5:15 p.m. Investment Team Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Grace Notes
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth: Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 p.m. WILD: Youth Room

Thursday, April 23

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Game Night

Friday, April 24

- 6:30 p.m. Friday Night Live: Youth Room

Saturday, April 25

- 10:00 a.m. Heart of Worship Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, April 26

- Feeding John**
- 8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar (Coffee & Pastries only)
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation Rehearsal & Meet w/ Council
- 10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM
- 10:30 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Youth BBQ Fundraiser

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 began a new 8-week Bible Study on 1st and 2nd Peter that meets every Tuesday from 12:00-1:15pm.

* Pastor Tobias began a new 8-week Bible Study titled, "Psalms - The Prayerbook of Jesus," that meets on Wednesdays from 7:30am - 8:30am.

* Join Pastor David on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm, beginning on April 21st as we dive in deeper to the Book of Esther. We meet in the Fellowship Hall, and will embark on a 5-week journey through the book of Esther to discover how she was encouraged to step out of her comfort zone and into a faith journey that delivered her people—God's people—from destruction. Please RSVP with the church office or Pastor David.

April Special Offering: Our county is served by six volunteer fire departments: Stonewall, Willow City, Doss, Harper, Tierra Linda and Fredericksburg. The men and women of these departments serve and protect our community twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year. In the month of April, our special offering will go toward supporting our departments in their work and ministry to our community.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Joan Bonn, in loving memory of Terry W. Bonn, on the anniversary of his passing on April 19th.

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

Hospitalized: Clinton Feuge. 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.

Men's Ensemble: Gentlemen of all singing levels are invited to participate! Rehearsals are April 22nd, 29th, and May 6th at 6:15pm in the basement. Performances are May 9th at 6pm and May 10th @ 8am and 10:30am. We will be singing for Mother's Day weekend.

Game Night: All are welcome to join us on **Thurs., April 23rd** in the Fellowship Hall for a devotion and a couple hours of 42 and Chicken Foot. Doors open at 5:30pm and activities begin at 6pm. Single players and partners are welcome. For more info, contact Mike or Pat Williams at 830-998-7588.

Ladies' Lunch Study: All ladies are invited to join us on **Wed., April 29th** at noon in the Spirit Haus as we continue: "*31 Days in Proverbs*." Bring your Bible and a notebook (and your lunch if you wish). For more info, please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

Graduating Seniors: The P Team of HGLC will be offering scholarships to high school seniors who will be graduating in 2026 and plan to further their education. Two (2) \$500 scholarships to 2026 graduates will be offered. The application forms are available at the church office. **The deadline to turn in the applications will be April 24, 2026 at the church office.** The scholarships are available to any graduating senior who is a member of HGLC, regardless of which high school is attended.

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

Friday Night Live: April 24th / Kids K-5th / 6:30pm-8:30pm

Nailed It! Mother's Day Edition: **May 10th @ 1pm** * RSVP Required * \$20 per team scan the QR code to RSVP



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

A Graduate Luncheon is held this Sunday for Holy Ghost graduates in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30am service. Congratulations to all graduates!

Youth BBO Chicken Fundraiser: April 26th * 11am till sold out!

\$15 Suggested Donation * Drive-Thru or Walk-Up (East Parking Lot via Creek Street)

June 26th: Schlitterbahn Water Park

July 17th: Movie at the Palladium

August 5th: End of Summer Hangout (at church)

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

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Weekend Attendance: 333 / Online Views: 344 / SS Attendance: 122 / SS Offering: \$5.00
General Offering: \$15,596.75 / Capital Campaign: \$1,960.00
VFD: \$1,130.00



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