



# HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



**April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**10:30am Praise Worship**

**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 PRAISE WORSHIP**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Invocation and Confession of Sins**

*L: We begin in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. C: Amen.*

*L: Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.*

*L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

*(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**

***"Open Up the Heavens"***

1. We've waited for this day; we've gathered in Your name, calling out to You. Your glory, like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth. You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.

*Chorus:* Open up the heavens; we want to see You. Open up the floodgates: A mighty river flowing from Your heart, filling every part of our praise.

2. Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky. Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now; Lord, unveil our eyes. You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing. (*Chorus 2X*)

*Bridge:* Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power. Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. (*Repeat*) (*Chorus 2X*)

**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: The Lord God called to Moses from within the burning bush. "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said: C: "Here I am."*

*L: But Moses said: "Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" And God said, C: "I will be with you."*

*L: The Lord raised up a young Jewish woman named Esther as queen in Persia in her people's hour of need. C: Lord God, your timing is perfect!*

*L: The Lord called a reluctant prophet to proclaim God's truth to the enemies of Israel. C: We praise You, Lord, for Your call on Jonah's life!*

*L: Lord, You appeared to Mary, the mother of Jesus, through the Angel Gabriel and called her by name and she responded:*

**C: "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."**

*L: Lord Jesus, You appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus and called His name. C: He heeded Your call, and You blessed Your whole church through him.*

*L: Lord Jesus, You call Your disciples and promise that You will make them fishers of men! C: Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts like rain on a parched field. Heal us, and send us into the world to proclaim the everlasting love of Jesus!*

**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!*

### **Children's Message**

#### **Gospel Song**

#### ***"Be Thou My Vision"***

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 or by night, waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

#### **Bible Reading**

Esther 4:6-17

<sup>6</sup> Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> And Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. <sup>10</sup> Then Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to go to Mordecai and say, <sup>11</sup> "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." <sup>12</sup> And they told Mordecai what Esther had said. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> 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?" <sup>15</sup> Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup> "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." <sup>17</sup> 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!"***

#### **Song of the Day**

***"Power to Redeem"***  
*(Tithes & Offerings Received)*

1. You take what is and You make it beautiful. When love floods in, we're restored for evermore.

**Chorus:** With breath that brings the dead to life, with words that pierce the dark with light. Only by the blood are we set free. With mercy strong to carry shame and nail it to a tree, You alone hold the power to redeem.

2. No guilt competes with innocence crucified. No grave can hold what Your grace has justified. (**Chorus**)

**Bridge:** So, rejoice, oh child of God, lift your eyes to see. With ev'ry morning light, again we are redeemed. Rejoice, oh child of God, lift your eyes to see. With ev'ry morning light, again we are redeemed. (**Chorus**)

**Ending:** Oh, You alone hold the power to redeem. Oh, You alone hold the power to redeem.

#### **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

**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

**"Forever"**

1. Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever. For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever. Sing praise, Sing praise.

2. With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever. Sing praise, Sing praise.

Pre-Chorus: Sing praise, Sing Praise.

Chorus: Forever God is Faithful, Forever God is Strong, Forever God is with us, Forever, Forever.

3. From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever; and by the grace of God we will carry on, His love endures forever. Sing praise, Sing Praise.

(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus x2)

Tag: Give thanks to the Lord our God and King, His love endures forever.

## 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. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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](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 6:00pm; 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](mailto:holyghost@holyghostfbg.org); Pastor David Priem [pastordp@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:pastordp@holyghostfbg.org), Pastor Steve Qualben [pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org](mailto:pastorsq@holyghostfbg.org) or Pastor Tobias Heike [pastorth@holyghostfbg.org](mailto: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](mailto:danielh@holyghostfbg.org) and John LaRocque (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 10:30am, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the basement. Performances are May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8am and 10:30am. We will be singing for Mother's Day weekend.

**Game Night:** All are welcome to join us on **Thurs., April 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 29<sup>th</sup>** 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-5<sup>th</sup>**

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

Nailed It! Mother's Day Edition: **May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 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](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

**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 BBQ Chicken Fundraiser: April 26<sup>th</sup>** \* 11am till sold out!

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

**June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Schlitterbahn Water Park

**July 17<sup>th</sup>:** Movie at the Palladium

**August 5<sup>th</sup>:** End of Summer Hangout (at church)

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