



# HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



## Fifth Weekend of Easter

May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" #415

1. God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your power; crown Your ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

3. Cure Your children's warring madness; bend our pride to Your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Your kingdom's goal, lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore, serving You whom we adore.

#### 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 Father, You know the hearts of all Your children and the purpose You have placed upon their lives. Help us to be faithful in answering Your call, even when it leads us beyond our comfort and understanding. Grant us courage to follow where You lead, trust to rest in Your will, and obedience to walk in Your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Children's Message

(8:00am)

### Gospel Song

**"Lift High the Cross"**

**#377**

(Re): Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod, our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Re)

### Bible Reading

Jonah 1:1-4; 17

<sup>1</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,  
<sup>2</sup>"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me."  
<sup>3</sup>But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.  
<sup>4</sup>But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up....

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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

### The Message

**"Jonah - The Reluctant Prophet"**

*Notes:*

### Song of the Day

**"I Love to Tell the Story"**  
*(Tithes & Offerings Received)*

**#390**

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

(Re): I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory and tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

2. I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Re)

3. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Re)

### 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.**

## Benediction

### Sending Song                      **"Earth and All Stars!"**                      **#558**

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!

(Re): He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

2. Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snow storm! Sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! (Re)

6. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! (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.*

### Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

is celebrating the Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30am worship service this Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026.

This year's Confirmands are Kaden Beyer, Will Crain, Luke Damuth, Matthew Moellering, Nikolaus Robertson, Aubrey Thompson, and Jacob Winn. Congratulations!

### 2026 GLS Promo Weekend

will be May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming Global Leadership Summit which will be held August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> on the HGLC Campus.

Early Bird pricing for Holy Ghost Members is \$149 through June 19<sup>th</sup>.

We look forward to a great event again to help leaders at all levels become better leaders.

### Sunday, May 3

### Confirmation 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. Confirmation Worship Service

### Monday, May 4

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, May 5

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  
1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters  
5:30 p.m. GLS Leaders Meeting

### Wednesday, May 6

7:30 a.m. Psalms Bible Study w/Pastor Tobias  
4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room  
5:15 p.m. Widow's Might  
5:45 p.m. Grace Notes  
6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth: Youth Room  
6:15 p.m. Men's Ensemble Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir  
8:00 p.m. WILD: Youth Room

### Thursday, May 7

### National Day of Prayer

7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Kinderneest Mom's Night Out Fundraiser

### Friday, May 8

### Saturday, May 9

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

### Sunday, May 10

### Mother's Day

8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion  
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/Communion/Men's Ensemble  
1:00 p.m. "Nailed It" Mother's Day Event



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



**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's 8-week Bible Study on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter that meets every Tuesday from 12:00-1:15pm. Contact Pastor Steve or the church office for info.

\*Pastor Tobias' 8-week Bible Study titled, "Psalms - The Prayerbook of Jesus," that meets on Wednesdays from 7:30am - 8:30am. Contact Pastor Tobias or the church office for info.

\*Join Pastor David on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm 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.

**Our Christian Sympathies** are extended to the family of Dennis Durst, who passed away on April 28th. His funeral service will be held at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 5th at 11:00am, with visitation from 9:30am-11:00am. May the peace of the Lord be with all who mourn the loss of their loved ones.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Linda and Alan Williams, in thanks for 57 years of marriage.

**Red Carnations** are provided by Clayton and Barbara Grona, to honor and celebrate our confirmands as they reaffirm their faith.

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

**Hospitalized:** 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.

**May Special Offering** is designated for the Golden Hub which provides Gillespie County, Texas retirement-aged residents with activities, congregate dining and Meals on Wheels. They provide meals for approximately 100 home-bound seniors each day! Please give above and beyond your regular tithes & offerings.

**Men's Ensemble:** Gentlemen of all singing levels are invited to participate! Rehearsal is May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm in the sanctuary basement. Performances are May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8am and 10:30am. We will be singing for Mother's Day weekend.

**Ladies' Lunch Study:** We will meet on **Wed., May 13<sup>th</sup>** at noon at an off-site location for lunch and to finish our study: "*31 Days in Proverbs*." All ladies are welcome to join us! For more info, please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299.

**Cancer Support Group:** Find social and emotional support with our group as you or your loved one journeys through cancer treatments and beyond! We are open to the community for current cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, family and friends. We meet in the HGLC Fellowship Hall the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. Our next meeting is **May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180 for more information.

**Band of Brothers:** Retired men (& those with flexible work schedules) meet under the Fellowship Hall carport on **Tues., May 12<sup>th</sup>**, 8-11am for food, fellowship, and to help out with projects around the church campus. For more info, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349.

**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>**

**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.

**John L. / 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**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.

**4/25/26-4/26/26**

Weekend Attendance: 387 / Online Views: 396 / SS Attendance: 74 / SS Offering: \$6.00  
General Offering: \$10,101.00 / Capital Campaign: \$1,305.00  
VFD: \$982.00



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