



# HOLY GHOST

– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**8:00am & 10:30am 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:  
 SUN., 8:00AM & 10:30AM WORSHIP**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

*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. Let us confess our sins 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 Songs**      **"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**      **#439** (v. 1,3)

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear – all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

**"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

1. I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, dear, Lord, close to Thee.

*Chorus:* Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it Jesus, is my plea. Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

**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: When the storm was raging, Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the waters, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

**C: Lord Jesus, even the wind and the sea obey You!**

*L: They came to the other side, to a foreign land, where a man with an unclean spirit met Him out of the tombs. No one could bind Him anymore, not even with a chain.*

**C: Deliver us from the chains that bind us, O Lord, and restore and clothe us with Your grace.**

*L: A ruler of the synagogue named Jairus came, fell at Jesus' feet, and implored him, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her."*

**C: Hear our prayers for those who are sick and suffering.**

*L: Jesus called the twelve and began to send them out two by two.*

**C: Send us out to bear witness to Your kingdom.**

*L: Jesus saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things.*

**C: Feed us, Good Shepherd, with Your living word.**

*L: They brought to Jesus a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. Jesus put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, touched his tongue.*

*Looking up to heaven, He sighed and said, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."*

**C: Open our ears to hear You; and unleash our hearts to praise You. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day:** *Almighty and merciful God, Your Son did not remain distant from our brokenness, but came among us, touching the suffering, speaking Your life-giving Word, and making the deaf hear and the mute speak. Grant us ears that are opened to hear Your voice, hearts that trust Your promises, and mouths that gladly confess Your saving name. As You continue to come to us through the humble gifts You have appointed, strengthen our faith by Your Word and Sacraments, that we may rejoice in the salvation won for us through the crucified and risen Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **Special Music**

Klaus Weinelt

### **Children's Message**

### **Gospel Songs**

**"Give Thanks"**

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His son.

**Chorus:** And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.

**"Take My Life, that I May Be" #406 (v.1,4)**

1. Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.

### **Bible Reading**

Mark 7:31-37

(NLT)

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

<sup>37</sup> And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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

### **The Message**

**"Dirty Work"**

*Notes:*

### **Songs of the Day**

**"I'd Rather Have Jesus"**  
*(Tithes & Offerings Received)*

1. I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold; I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands. I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

**Refrain:** Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway. I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

2. I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause; I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame. I'd rather be true to His holy name. (Re)

**"As the Deer"**

1. As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

**Chorus:** You alone are my strength, my shield to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are hearts desire and I long to worship you.

### **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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*L: Lord in Your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.*

### **Words of Institution & The Lords 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.**

### **Holy Communion**

Klaus Weinelt

## Post-Communion Blessing and Benediction

### Closing Songs

### *"Because He Lives"*

1. God sent His son, They called Him, Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died To buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my  
Savior lives!

**Chorus:** Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! Because He lives, all fear is  
gone. Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, just  
because He lives!

### *"How Great Thou Art"* #532 (v.1,4)

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works Thy hand  
hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout  
the universe displayed;

(Re): Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art! How  
great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou  
art! How great Thou art!

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what  
joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim,  
"My God, how great Thou art!" (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.*

### "WEDNESDAY WORD AND WORSHIP" IN JULY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

We are so pleased to share with you a family-friendly opportunity to gather for worship  
on Wednesday evenings in July. Our informal worship experience will vary each week,  
featuring different leaders and styles of worship, but will always include easy-to-sing  
music and a message. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve or Pastor  
Tobias. **July 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

### **!!Scripture Readers Needed for July and August!!**

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 at 830-997-2288.



### Sunday, July 12

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

### Monday, July 13

#### **Newsletter News Due**

9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters  
1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters  
6:00 p.m. Evening Guild

### Tuesday, July 14

8:00 a.m. Band of Brothers  
9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters  
1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters

### Wednesday, July 15

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Word & Worship: Omega Room

### Thursday, July 16

7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. GCMA  
12:00 p.m. Holymark Cardmakers (11:30am Lunch @ Hondo's)  
6:00 p.m. Film & Fellowship @ Bethany Lutheran (CARS)

### Friday, July 17

Youth: Movie at the Palladium

### Saturday, July 18

6:00 p.m. Worship

### Sunday, July 19

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. Kid-Led Worship

**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!

#### Budget YTD Jan – May 2026

YTD Income	\$438,733.12
YTD Expenses	-\$494,124.24
YTD Net Revenue	-\$55,391.12



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**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.

**July Special Offering** is designated for **Back-to-School Backpacks** in partnership with the Needs Council. Over 900 backpacks will be loaded up with supplies as Fisd begins school this year in August. There is an overabundance of children in need of this assistance. HGLC has been a part of this ministry for several years. Use the brown pew envelopes, offering baskets, or indicate in your memo your intended destination. Please give above and beyond your regular giving.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Dan & Sherry Gallini, in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.

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

**Hospitalized:** Clinton Feuge, Erwin Montgomery, & Ray Hildebrand. Please pray for all who are in 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.

**2026 Global Leadership Summit:** Registration is open! August 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> on the HGLC Campus. Pricing for HGLC Members is \$169 with code GLSTEAM26 through July 17<sup>th</sup>. \$20 scholarships are available for first time attenders. Contact Amy Montgomery for more info at 210-844-1987; or Blake Neffendorf with questions regarding registration at 830-237-2229. We look forward to a great event again to help leaders at all levels become better leaders.

### **Change in Worship Time**

Beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>, our late Sunday worship service will begin at **11:00 a.m.** instead of 10:30 a.m. This adjustment helps us launch our new **Gospel Project**, strengthening our ministry to children, youth, and families.

More information will be shared soon. Thank you for your flexibility as we continue to pass the faith to the next generation.

**Band of Brothers:** Retired men (& those with flexible work schedules) meet under the Fellowship Hall carport on **Tues., July 14<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.

**HolyMark Cardmakers** meets for lunch at Hondo's at 11:30am on **Thurs., July 16<sup>th</sup>**, and then will make cards in Fellowship Hall. For more info, contact Pastor Jan at 512-760-0093.

**Women's Evening Bible Study:** Join us for our new book study, "Abide" by Jen Wilkin, a study of 1, 2, & 3 John. The book is available on Lifeway or Amazon. Mark your calendars for this month's meeting date: **July 21<sup>st</sup>**.

## Youth News

### **Daniel H. / K-5<sup>th</sup>**

**July 16th:** Film & Fellowship at 6pm \* Bethany Lutheran Church \* Cars Movie

**July 19th:** Kid-Led Worship at 10:30am!

**July 19th-24th:** Camp Chrysalis

**July 27th-31st:** Vacation Bible School

*Please keep our campers in your prayers!*

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>**

**July 17th:** Movie at the Palladium (Live Action Moana)

**August 2nd:** Parent Meeting about Youth Programming

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

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



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



**7/4/26-7/5/26**

Weekend Attendance: 272 / Online Views: 184 / SS Attendance: 45 / SS Offering: \$30.00

General Offering: \$9,986.00 / Capital Campaign: \$3,210.00

Needs Council: \$718.00

**7/8/26:** Wednesday Word & Worship Attendance: 90



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