



July 26th, 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 TITHE AND BEYOND!

**OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER:
 SUN., 10:30AM WORSHIP**

Welcome and Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

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

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
 I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way.
 From the earth to the cross, my debts to pay.
 From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky,
 Lord, I lift Your name on high.

(Repeat Song)

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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: Lord Jesus, You came not to be served but to serve, and to give Your life as a ransom for many.

C: Deliver us from the desire for worldly glory, and teach us the power of Your sacrificial love.

L: Blind Bartimaeus sat by the roadside, crying out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

C: Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see You clearly and follow You to the cross.

L: The crowds spread their cloaks on the road and shouted, "Hosanna!"

C: We welcome You as our true King!

L: Lord, You call us to serve You and others with a humble heart.

C: Purify our hearts, root out our hypocrisy, increase our faith, and help us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

L: Lord Jesus, You are the cornerstone of our faith, the servant king who models the ultimate sacrifice.

C: Keep us faithful, obedient to Your word, and ready to walk the way of the cross. Amen.

Prayer of the Day *Let us pray. Holy Spirit, break our pride and mold our hearts to mirror our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Empty us of selfish ambition and teach us to pour out our lives for others so that our daily actions may bring honor to You. Amen.*

Children's Message

Gospel Song **"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"** **#783**

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
3. We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

Bible Reading **Mark 10:35-45**

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" ³⁹ "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,"⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them."⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

The Message

Notes:

"Places of Honor"

Song of the Day

"Above All"

(Tithes & Offerings Received)

Chorus: Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things, above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known, above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there's no way to measure what You're worth.

Verse: Crucified, laid behind the stone. You lived to die, rejected and alone. Like a rose, trampled on the ground, You took the fall and thought of me above all. (Repeat Song)

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 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.

Holy Communion

Benediction

Closing 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 ever-
lasting 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)

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.*

Flood Relief Trip – The Need is Great! On **Wed., July 29th**, Pastor Steve will lead a one-day flood relief trip to Kerrville. We will be working with “Samaritan’s Purse” (the folks who do “Operation Christmas Child”). They are stationed at 1st Baptist Church in Kerrville. Samaritan’s Purse provides all the tools and leadership for each site as we work together to empty and strip down homes that were flooded last week. We will be taking the church van or you can bring your own vehicle. If you’d like to sign up or receive more information, please contact the church office or Pastor Steve.



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



Sunday, July 26

8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. VBS Volunteer Training Meeting: Youth Room
10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM
10:30 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion

Monday, July 27

9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters
1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters
1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 29

Kerrville Flood Relief Trip

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 30

7:00 a.m. Men’s Community Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 31

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Saturday, August 1

6:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Worship
8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Youth Ministry Parents Meeting/Confirmation
10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Pot-Luck: Alpha Room

Change in Worship Time

Beginning **August 9th**, 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.

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.

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 Laverne Cuddy & Corrine Jung, in memory of their mother, Linda Klein, in honor of her birthday.

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

Hospitalized: 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 6th & 7th on the HGLC Campus. Pricing for HGLC Members is \$189 with code GLSTEAM26 through August 7th. \$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.

!!Scripture Readers Needed for 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.



Potluck Reminder! Our next potluck meal is on August 2nd in the Fellowship Hall, at 11:45 a.m., following the late service. Please bring a dish to share - whether it's meat, vegetables, salad, casserole, or dessert. (Note that the church will NOT be providing meat.) Plates, silverware, napkins, cups, tea, and water will be available for everyone!

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. We will meet on August 4th and 18th. Mark your calendars for the next month's meeting dates: September 1st & 15th.

Band of Brothers: Meets on **Tues., Aug. 4th**. Note that this is the **first Tuesday** of the month so that we can set up the Fellowship Hall for the *Global Leadership Conference*. Join us for breakfast and a devotion as we prepare our campus to welcome guests to this upcoming event. For more info, please contact the church office or Doyle Moellering at 830-456-1349. All men are welcome!

Interested in a monthly men's group? Pastor Tobias invites interested men to a planning meeting/kick off on **Tuesday, August 25th** at 7pm in the Youth Room.

Youth News

Daniel H. / K-5th

July 27th-31st: Vacation Bible School

Please reach out to Daniel Hofmann, our Children's Minister,
at danielh@holyghostfbg.org.

John L. / 6th-12th

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.

To help our volunteers process donations quickly and accurately, please write separate checks for designated gifts (e.g., one check for Building Fund, another for Memorials and another for general offering). Thank you for your support!

TEXT GIVING: Text **HolyGhost** to **73256**.

You can give to the general ministry, special offering, or the capital campaign building fund!

Budget YTD Jan – May 2026

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

7/18/26-7/19/26

Weekend Attendance: 275 / Online Views: 283 / SS Attendance: 50 / SS Offering: \$10.00

General Offering: \$13,041.50 / Capital Campaign: \$4,015.00

Needs Council: \$840.00

7/22/26: Wednesday Word & Worship Attendance: 77

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