



Twelfth Weekend after Pentecost

August 15th & 16th, 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 TITHE AND BEYOND!

OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER:
SAT., 6:00PM & SUN., 8:00AM

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation and Confession of Sins

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

L: 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 more perfectly love You and more worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen!

L: 1 John 1 tells us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We take a moment to confess in the silence of our hearts."

L: 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 ***"Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"*** **#543**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation! Let all who hear now to His temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by His gracious ordaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with His love He befriend you.

4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again. Gladly forever adore Him!

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.

Salutation: *L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.*

Prayer of the Day: *Let us pray: Lord God Almighty, help remove our doubts and fears so that our faith may be strengthened and we may give reassurance to others that they may come to know and believe in You. In Jesus' name we pray. C: Amen!*

Special Music: *Kristin Janik, Jennifer Hallford and Rhonda Gross (8:00am)*

Children's Message (8:00am)

Gospel Song *"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" #296 (v.1,4)*

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Bible Reading *Mark 14: 66-72*

And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

The Message

Sermon Notes:

"When Failure Meets Grace"

Song of the Day *"In The Cross of Christ I Glory" #104 (v. 1,2,4)*
(Tithes & Offerings Received)

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

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!

Refrain: 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)

3. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! (Re)

4. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! 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.*

Altar Flower Dates Available for Sign-Up Contact the Church Office to Reserve.

2026

- 10/31-11/1
- 11/21-11/22
- 11/28-11/29
- 12/5-12/6
- 12/19-12/20

2027

- 1/2-1/3
- 1/23-1/24
- 2/6-2/7
- 4/10-4/11
- 5/1-5/2
- 7/3-7/4
- 9/11-9/12
- 9/18-9/19



Sunday, August 16

Feeding John

8:00 a.m. Worship

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar

(New Time) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM

(New Time) 11:00 a.m. Praise Worship

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters

12:00 p.m. Alan William's Small Group

1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters

6:00 p.m. Women's Evening Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Lay Communion Visitor's Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 a.m. Picnic Planning Meeting

12:00 p.m. Augsburg Confession Bible Study

4:00 p.m. After School Club: Youth Room

5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

5:30 p.m. Cancer Support Group: Alpha Room

5:45 p.m. Grace Notes

6:30 p.m. Youth Dinner: Alpha Room

7:00 p.m. WILD Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 20

7:00 a.m. Men's Community Bible Study

10:30 a.m. GCMA

1:00 p.m. Katherine Luther Circle

Friday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 22

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion

Sunday, August 23

8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bar

(New Time) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM

(New Time) 11:00 a.m. Praise Worship/Communion

4:00 p.m. Post-GLS Celebration at Cave Creek

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 11:00am with Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am.

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 11:00am, and we broadcast at 10:00am each Sunday on the local radio station KNAF 107.9 FM and 910 AM.

August Special Offering is designated for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Disaster Response Funds. The last few years we have supported two warehouses (located in Tyler and Rosenberg) that collect and distribute very practical disaster relief supplies all over Texas and beyond. We will also share a portion of the funds with the general disaster relief fund that addresses needs across our great nation. 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 Rhonda & Jerry Gross, in thanksgiving for God's faithfulness and blessings.

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

Hospitalized: Linda Grona. 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.

Join Pastor Tobias for a six-week video study of the *Augsburg Confession* as we explore what Lutherans believe, why we believe it, and why these 500-year-old words continue to speak to the Church today. This study is designed for those who enjoy thoughtful discussion and a deeper exploration of Scripture and Lutheran doctrine. **This study will meet in the Spirit Haus on Wednesdays at noon, beginning August 19th.**

!!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.



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



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 at 6:00pm on August 18th. Mark your calendars for the next month's meeting dates: September 1st & 15th.

Interested in a monthly men's group? Pastor Tobias invites interested men to a planning meeting/kick off on **Tuesday, August 25th** at 7:00pm in the Youth Room.

1st and 2nd Thessalonians Bible Study begins on Tuesdays at noon on **September 1st**. Pastor Steve will lead a new, eight-week course on St. Paul's letters to the Thessalonian Christians. If you'd like to participate, please call or stop by the church office or contact Pastor Steve directly.

Genesis Bible Study begins on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm, beginning on September 1st. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity, please contact the church office or Pastor David.

Youth News

Daniel H. / K-5th

Youth Choir: Mondays after school beginning August 17th! (2nd-5th Grade)
Contact Katie Hofmann to register. 830-383-4668

After School Club: Wednesdays after school beginning August 19th! (2nd-5th Grade)

Friday Night Live: August 21st

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

John L. / 6th-12th

Middle School Youth Group: Wednesday, August 19th at 5:30pm

WILD Youth Group: Wednesday, August 19th from 7:00-8:00pm

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

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 – June 2026	
YTD Income	\$548,104.89
YTD Expenses	-\$601,535.36
YTD Net Revenue	-\$53,430.47

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!

8/8/26-8/9/26

Weekend Attendance: 399 / Online Views: 247 / SS Attendance: 101 / SS Offering \$16.00
General Offering: \$15,119.00 / Capital Campaign: \$1,350.00
NALC Disaster Response: \$735.00



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