



HOLY GHOST

— LUTHERAN CHURCH —



Eighteenth Weekend after Pentecost

September 26th & 27th, 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 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

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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: This is the feast of victory for our God, alleluia!

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Prayer of the Day: *Gracious Heavenly Father, You call Your people together in worship and gladly give us Your Word and Sacraments to celebrate. Fill us with joy, bind us in love, and lift up our hearts to Christ. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us steadfast until faith becomes sight and we join the feast of heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Special Music

Men's Quartet (6:00pm)
Sanctuary Choir (8:00am)

Children's Message

(8:00am)

Gospel Song

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Chorus: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

1. In the midst of His children, The Lord said He would be, it doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three, and I feel that same sweet Spirit, That I've felt oft times before, oh, surely I can say, I have been with the Lord. (Chorus)

Bible Readings

Psalm 122:1-4; Philippians 2:5-11

Psalm 122:1-4

A Song of Ascents

¹ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

² Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

³ Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

The Message

"A: Attend Worship Regularly"

Song of the Day

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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(Tithes & Offerings Received)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God Himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God Himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

Words of Institution and 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

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction

Closing Song *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"* #221

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from His dwelling take leave. The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing His children of each tribe and race. With Your feast You feed us, with Your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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!

"Doxology"

Men's Quartet

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*Prayer requests can be written on connection cards and
placed in the offering basket or texted to 830-383-0249.*

<u>Sunday, September 27</u>	Feeding John
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bar - Coffee & Pastries Only
(New Time) 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM
(New Time) 11:00 a.m.	Worship Praise/Communion
11:00 a.m.	Kindernest BBQ
<u>Monday, September 28</u>	
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.	Church Council
6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Bible Study
<u>Tuesday, September 29</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Lutheran World Relief Quilters
12:00 p.m.	1st & 2nd Thessalonians Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m.	Holy Ghost Quilters
5:30 p.m.	Book of Genesis Class
6:00 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Group: Youth Room
<u>Wednesday, September 30</u>	
4:00 p.m.	After School Club: Youth Room
5:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
5:45 p.m.	Grace Notes
6:30 p.m.	Youth Dinner: Omega Room
6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
7:00 p.m.	WILD Youth Group
<u>Thursday, October 1</u>	
7:00 a.m.	Men's Community Bible Study: Alpha Room
5:15 p.m.	Investment Team Meeting: Omega Room
6:00 p.m.	Game Night
<u>Friday, October 2</u>	
<u>Saturday, October 3</u>	
2:00 p.m.	German Worship Service/New Members Received
6:00 p.m.	Worship/Communion/New Members Received
<u>Sunday, October 4</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion/New Members Received
8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bar - Coffee & Pastries Only
(New Time) 9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Worship: KNAF 910AM/107.9FM
(New Time) 11:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion/New Members Received

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

2027: 7/3-7/4

WELCOME TO HGLC!

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.

September Special Offering: This September, we invite you to share a special offering for our Holy Ghost Lutheran Church ministry: Kindernest. Kindernest serves our church and community by providing great care and education for children from 18 months old through pre-school. Funds collected will be used on an "as needed" basis throughout the school year. Please give above and beyond your regular giving.

Holy Communion: Due to the church picnic on October 11th at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds, we will have communion on the weekends of October 3rd & 4th, and October 24th & 25th.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shanese Lochte in memory of Loyce & David Tatsch.

The HGLC Hospice List: Christi Wendt, Alice Behrends, Emma Hirschfield & Roger Spencer. 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 is unable to attend worship & would like a visitation minister to bring communion, please call the office at 830-997-2288.

September Special Project: It's time to fill the tub with soap for the Lutheran World Relief Health Project. Soap keeps hands and bodies clean, keeps germs at bay and helps people present themselves with dignity. Please bring new, wrapped bars of soap (4oz.) and put them in the tub located at the entrance of the church.

CHURCH PICNIC! Put **Sunday, October 11th** on your calendars for our annual church picnic to celebrate life and faith in Gillespie County with our sister congregations of St. Paul, Cave Creek, and St. Peter, Doss. There will be **Sunday School opportunities for youth and adults at 9:30 a.m., worship at 11 a.m.,** and a BBQ Pork meal to follow with all the fixings, along with a table of kid friendly food. Other events include a silent auction to raise money for our youth, dominoes and other opportunities for fun and fellowship. Everything that day will take place at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds. There will be a Saturday evening worship on October 10th for those that aren't able to attend the picnic on Sunday. **There will NOT be an 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday,** as all events will be at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds.

Kindernest Montessori School is hiring! We are looking for the following positions:

*** Lead teacher 18mo- 2yr classroom * Floater- all ages! ***

Substitutes- all ages!

Our school offers a Christian environment, competitive wages, paid holidays, and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children every day! Join our amazing team! Contact Annisa Alonzo @ 830-997-8939 or Kindernest@holyghostfbg.org for more info!

1st and 2nd Thessalonians Bible Study is led by Pastor Steve on Tuesdays at noon. Pastor Steve leads this eight-week course on St. Paul's letters to the Thessalonian Christians.

Genesis Bible Study is led by Pastor David on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm

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: **September 29th**.

Ladies' Lunch Study: Ladies of all ages are invited to join us as we start a new study: "*See for Yourself: How to Study Your Bible with Confidence & Joy*" by Kelly Needham on **Wed., October 7th**. We meet every other Wednesday from 11:45am to 1:15pm in the Fellowship Hall Alpha Room. Bring your lunch if you wish. Please contact Kim Gibbs at 830-456-7299 for more information.

Potluck Reminder! Our next potluck meal is on **October 25th in the Fellowship Hall, at 12:15 p.m., following the late service.** Please bring a dish to share - whether it's meat, vegetables, salad, casserole, or dessert. **To ensure food safety when bringing dishes to the potluck - especially if you're traveling - transport hot foods in insulated containers and keep cold foods in an ice chest to maintain safe temperatures. Once you're at church, we have refrigerators for cold items and plenty of plugs for Crockpots in the Fellowship Hall.** Note that the church will NOT be providing meat, but the plates, silverware, napkins, cups, tea, and water will be available for everyone! This event offers an excellent opportunity to connect with members of the congregation and enjoy fellowship together. We hope to see you there!

Youth News

Daniel H. / K-5th

Youth Choir: Mondays after school. (2nd-5th Grade) Contact Katie Hofmann to register.

After School Club: Wednesdays after school in the Youth Room. (2nd-5th Grade)

Friday Night Live: October 23rd from 6:30pm-8:30pm: Youth Room (K-5th Grade)

Fall Carnival: October 28th from 5:30pm-7:30pm @ Bethany Lutheran. Free Admission, Hot Dog Dinner, Games, Crafts, Photo Booth and plenty of candy!

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

John L. / 6th-12th

Middle School Youth Group: Wednesdays, at 5:30pm-6:30pm in the Youth Room.

6:30pm-7:30pm Dinner for both Middle & High School!

WILD Youth Group: Wednesdays, from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the Youth Room.

Trilogy Day on October 10th! We're going to watch the Star Wars trilogy, from 10am-5pm. It's a come and go and the cost is \$10. The cost covers lunch, drinks, and popcorn! Sign up online!

Please reach out to John LaRocque, our youth minister, at johnl@holyghostfbg.org.

9/19/26 - 9/20/26

Weekend Attendance: 392 / Online Views: 03 / SS Attendance: 100

General Offering: \$9,465.35 / Capital Campaign: 1,560.00

Kindernest: \$560.00

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!

Budget YTD Jan - July 2026	
YTD Income	\$694,170.52
YTD Expenses	-\$734,563.47
YTD Net Revenue	-\$40,392.95

TEXT GIVING: Text HolyGhost to 73256.

You can give to the general ministry, memorials, special offerings, or the capital campaign building fund! It's safe and secure!

Message Notes

Worship Schedule

Saturday:

Informal Service 6:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Traditional Service 8:00 a.m.

Family Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages including adults 9:15 a.m.



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