



Fifteenth Weekend after Pentecost

September 5th & 6th, 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: 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

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#551

1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

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: *Heavenly Father, remind us that true faith is about love and faith, not empty routines. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and Your love, and keep us from just going through the motions of religion. Let our daily life be a living sacrifice of love in action. In Jesus' name we pray. C: Amen!*

Service of Holy Baptism *Otto Clive Zenner* (6:00pm)

BAPTISMAL PROMISES BY FAMILY & SPONSORS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: As the family of faith in Christ gathered in this place today, let us reject sin and state our faith in Christ Jesus. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all satan's empty promises? C: I do!

L: Do you believe in God, the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

L: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit? C: 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!

BAPTISM AND PRAYERS

WELCOME!

L: Let us welcome Otto Clive Zenner into the family of faith at Holy Ghost!

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

Children's Message (8:00am)

Gospel Song

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#370

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Bible Reading

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" ²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one' ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'" ³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions. (NIV)

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

The Message **"The Great Commandment: The Ladder of Success?"**

Sermon Notes:

Song of the Day

"Bind Us Together"

#748

(Tithes & Offerings Received)

(Re): Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

1. There is only one God. There is only one King. There is only one Body; that is why we can sing: (Re)

2. You are the family of God. You are the promise divine. You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine. (Re)

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 Lord's Prayer and Benediction

**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.**

Sending Songs **"Let All Things Now Living"** **#557**

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law He enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **#565**

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.

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.*

Do You LOVE the Breakfast Bar?

We are looking for help to keep this great service ministry going! If you would like to volunteer with the Breakfast Bar Team on Sunday mornings, please call the church office at 830-997-2288 and speak to Shanese.

**The Church Office will be Closed on Monday, September 7th
For pastoral emergencies contact Pastor David at 830-456-4607,
Pastor Steve 319-329-2991, or Pastor Tobias at 830-889-1914.**

Sunday, September 6

8:00 a.m. Worship

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

Monday, September 7 **Labor Day (Office Closed) Newsletter News Due**

9:00 a.m. Lutheran World Relief Quilters

1:00 p.m. Holy Ghost Quilters

6:30 p.m. High School Youth Bible Study

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Band of Brothers

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: Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 9

6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group

11:45 a.m. Ladies Lunch Study

12:00 p.m. Augsburg Confession Bible Study: Fellowship Hall

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

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

5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

5:45 p.m. Grace Notes

6:15 p.m. Men's Ensemble Practice

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

7:00 p.m. WILD Youth Group

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 10

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

9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle

1:00 p.m. Katherine Luther Circle

Friday, September 11

Saturday, September 12 **Women of Faith Jams & Jellies Sale**

2:00 p.m. Barb Lefler Funeral

6:00 p.m. Worship/Communion (Men's Ensemble)

Sunday, September 13 **Women of Faith Jams & Jellies Sale**

8:00 a.m. Worship/Communion (Men's Ensemble)

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/Men's Ensemble

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 as determined by the Kindernest Board/Executive Board and the Director throughout the school year. Please give above and beyond your regular giving.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Edward Stroehrer & Family, in memory of the 97th birthday of Roy Stroehrer.

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

Hospitalized: Molly Spencer & Clinton Feuge. 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 now meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at noon, and will run through September 23rd.**

New Member Class: A New Member Retreat will take place **September 20th**, following the 11:00am service. We will meet in the **Fellowship Hall from 12:15pm - 3:15pm** and lunch will be provided. If planning to attend, please RSVP to the church office at 830-997-2288 before September 14th.

Women of Faith Jams & Jellies Sale: The Women of Faith will be selling their jams and jellies at the church on **September 12th and 13th**. Please stop by to support them!

!!Scripture Readers Needed!!

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.



1st and 2nd Thessalonians Bible Study will be held Tuesdays at noon and began on Sept. 1st. Pastor Steve leads this 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 will be held on Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm. This study began on Sept. 1st. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity, please contact the church office or Pastor David.

Cancer Support Group: Join us for support through your cancer treatments and beyond. Our next meeting is **Wed., September 9th** at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180 for more information.

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., September 9th**. We will 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.

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 the next month's meeting dates: **September 15th & 29th**.

Youth News

Daniel H. / K-5th

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

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

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

John L. / 6th-12th

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

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

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!

8/29/26-8/30/26

Weekend Attendance: 386 / Online Views: 230 / SS Attendance: 64
General Offering: \$10,123.00 / Capital Campaign: \$1,255.00
NALC Disaster Response: \$533.00

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