



HOLY GHOST

— LUTHERAN CHURCH —



Twenty-first Weekend after Pentecost

October 17th & 18th , 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 TRUTH AND BEYOND!

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

Welcome and Announcements & Quilt Dedication

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 "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. Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your kindness and great love. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may experience joy and gratitude in our hearts. Open our hearts that we may reach out in love to all in need and treasure You above all things. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

Service of Holy Baptism

Beau Oliver Eckert

(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 Beau Oliver Eckert 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.

Special Music

Men's Quartet

(8:00am)

Children's Message

(8:00am)

Gospel Song

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

#410

1. We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is
Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Bible Reading

Luke 12:31-34

³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (NIV)

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

The Message

"D: is for Dedicate"

Song of the Day "Take My Life, that I May Be" #406 (v. 1,4,5,& 6)
(Tithes & Offerings Received)

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.
5. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

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!**

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.

Closing Song

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

#383

1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.
2. Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; as heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.
3. Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence, give justice larger place.
4. Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; stretch forth Your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.
5. Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

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.

Calendar of Events

<u>Sunday, October 18</u>	Lutheran World Relief Quilt Dedication / 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.	Worship
1:00 p.m.	Women of Faith Fall General Meeting
<u>Monday, October 19</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.	Men in Mission
6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Bible Study
<u>Tuesday, October 20</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Lutheran World Relief Quilters
12:00 p.m.	1st & 2nd Thessalonians Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m.	Alan Williams Small Group: Golden Hub
1:00 p.m.	Holy Ghost Quilters
5:30 p.m.	Book of Genesis Class
7:00 p.m.	Lay Communion Visitor's Meeting: Fellowship Hall
<u>Wednesday, October 21</u>	
11:45 a.m.	Ladies Lunch Study
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
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir and WILD Youth Group
<u>Thursday, October 22</u>	
7:00 a.m.	Men's Community Bible Study: Alpha Room
9:00 a.m.	Staff Retreat
12:30 a.m.	HolyMark Cardmakers: Lunch at Hondo's 11:30am
6:00 p.m.	Game Night
<u>Friday, October 23</u>	
6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Live
<u>Saturday, October 24</u>	
6:00 p.m.	Worship/Communion
<u>Sunday, October 25</u>	
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.	Worship/Communion
12:00 p.m.	Confirmation: Apostles' Creed & Sacraments Class
12:15 p.m.	Potluck Lunch

The Phantom Greet's The Saints

Phantom of the Opera Concert of Music - Story in Song:

Featuring pipe organ solos, vocal soloists, hymns, dancers, narration & audience participation

October 25, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church* 426 West Main Street, Fredericksburg, Texas

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.

October Special Offering is designated for Operation Christmas Child. One of our Christmas traditions at Holy Ghost is participating in Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child." Our children and youth will be gathering supplies to fill shoeboxes for children in need throughout the world. Our special offering for the month will help with the shipping costs of those boxes. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Steve Qualben.

Next Holy Communion: October 24th & 25th.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Nan & Harvey Hengst, in praise to God for their 75th wedding anniversary.

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

Hospitalized: Clinton Feuge & Jim Parker. 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.

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.

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!

1st and 2nd Thessalonians Bible Study is led by Pastor Steve on Tuesdays at noon.

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

Women's Evening Bible Study will begin a new study in October: "*The Sermon on the Mount*" by Jen Wilkins. We meet every other Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Spirit Haus. For more info, call or text Karen Nevins 830-992-9424. Meeting dates will be October 13th & 27th; November 10th, December 1st, 15th, 29th; January 12th, 26th; February 9th.

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 21st**. 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.

All Saints Weekend: Saturday and Sunday, October 31st and November 1st we will take time at each service that weekend to remember those saints that have departed in this past year. A special video tribute will be shared during each service, along with a prayer of remembrance, and a small token given to families in remembrance of their loved one.

YouthNews

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@hollyghostfbg.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.

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

10/10/26 – 10/11/26

Weekend Attendance: 458 / Online Views: 467 / SS Attendance: 119

General Offering: \$16,563.11 / Capital Campaign: \$1,583.00

Operation Christmas Child: \$25.00

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 – Aug 2026

YTD Income \$768,805.57

YTD Expenses -\$832,005.11

YTD Net Revenue -\$63,199.54



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