HOLY GHOST
– LUTHERAN CHURCH –



November 8th, 2026

8:00am & 11:00am Worship Services

Women of Faith Thankoffering

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., 8:00am & 11:00am Worship Services

Welcome and Announcements

LWR Quilt Video

Call to Worship Grace Notes Bell Choir (8:00am)
Women's Ensemble (11:00am)

Invocation and Confession of Sins

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

L: Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

(silence is kept for reflection/confession)

L: God of justice and compassion, **C: we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always been faithful stewards of Your creation. We have often failed to share the bounty of Your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive us our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

Opening Song ***"Give to Our God Immortal Praise!"*** **#520**

1. Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all His ways; wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

2. He sent His Son with power to save from guilt and darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat His mercies in your song.

3. Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown. His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

The Greeting

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!

Litany

L: Lord God, we gather to declare the foundational truths of our salvation. In a world of competing voices and shifting sands, we anchor our souls in Your unchanging truth. **C: To You alone be the glory forever.**

L: For the forgiveness of our sins, the healing of our hearts, and the hope of eternal life, we look to no other name under heaven but Jesus.
C: In Christ alone.

L: Because we were dead in our trespasses, helpless to save ourselves, and completely undeserving of Your favor, You reached down to rescue us out of Your overflowing love. **C: By grace alone.**

L: To receive this great salvation, we bring nothing but our empty hands, resting entirely on the work and righteousness of Jesus Christ.
C: Through faith alone.

L: Above all human traditions and philosophies we stand firmly on Your holy and inspired Word. **C: According to Scripture alone.**

L: Merciful God, preserve these truths in our hearts and minds. Send Your Holy Spirit to us so that we may hold them close and share Your Good News with all the world. **C: To You alone be the glory forever. Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also, with you!** *L: Let us pray.*

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty and merciful Father, by Your grace alone You have saved us on account of Christ alone. Fill our hearts with the joy of Your salvation, renew us by Your Holy Spirit, and move us to serve You with grateful hearts and generous hands; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Children's Message

Gospel Song ***"Jesus Keeps Me Near the Cross"***

1. Jesus keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.

Chorus: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Bible Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

The Message ***"SOLO GRATIA - GRACE ALONE"***
Freely Given. Gratefully Lived.

Song of the Day ***"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*** **#327**
(Tithes & Offerings Received)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee; let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure: cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling. Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in 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.**

Words of Institution, The Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion

**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.**

Post-Communion Blessing, Prayer & Benediction

Sending Song ***"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"*** **#448**

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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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Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 8	**Women of Faith Thankoffering Services/Operation Christmas Child**
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
Monday, November 9	
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.	Evening Guild
6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Bible Study
Tuesday, November 10	
8:00 a.m.	Band of Brothers
9:00 a.m.	Lutheran World Relief Quilters
1:00 p.m.	Holy Ghost Quilters
5:30 p.m.	Book of Genesis Class
6:00 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study
Wednesday, November 11	**Veterans Day**
6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
10:00 a.m.	Caregiver's Support
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
6:30 p.m.	Youth Dinner: Omega Room
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir and WILD Youth Group
Thursday, November 12	
7:00 a.m.	Men's Community Bible Study: Alpha Room
9:30 a.m.	Lydia Circle
1:00 p.m.	Katherine Luther Circle
6:00 p.m.	2027 Budget Preview Meeting
Friday, November 13	
6:30 p.m.	Friday Night Live
Saturday, November 14	
6:00 p.m.	Worship
Sunday, November 15	**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/Praise
12:30 p.m.	Master Plan Church Council Retreat: Omega Room

Holy Ghost Church Council & Budget Team will host a preview of the HGLC 2027 Budget on Thursday, November 12th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Those who would like to preview the budget and who may have questions are welcome to attend.

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.

November Special Offering is designated for **LWR Quilters Postage.** These resources are sent to places and people in need – for example, third world countries as well as disaster areas in the United States. Please share in the joy of helping others by supporting the special offering this month. Use the small brown envelope in church or mark your gift with "LWR." Thank you for giving above and beyond your regular giving.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Genevieve McCaffrey, in honor of her parents, Christine and Adolph Boerner, in celebration of their birthdays.

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the family of Christi Wendt, whose services were on November 7th. May God's peace be with her and her family and all who mourn the loss of loved ones.

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

Hospitalized: 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 is unable to attend worship & would like a visitation minister to bring communion, please call the office at 830-997-2288.

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

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

Women's Evening Bible Study meets 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 November 10th, December 1st, 15th, 29th; January 12th, 26th; February 9th.

Thanksgiving Eve Services: We will have our Annual Thanksgiving Services on **November 25, Thanksgiving Eve with a morning service at 11:00 a.m. and an evening service at 6:30 p.m., with both services serving Holy Communion.** The 6:30 pm service will be a special celebration for several of our youngsters and their families who will be celebrating their first communion, after a period of instruction with Daniel. Please join us for either service as we pause to give thanks!

Cancer Support Group: Cancer is a journey we can walk with you. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Please join us November 11th for social and emotional support, encouragement and fellowship. Contact Karen Dolezal at 512-517-3180 for more information.

A Special Thanks to the Women of Faith for leading the Thankoffering services today.

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)

November 13th: Friday Night Live / K-5th / Youth Room / 6:30pm-8:30pm

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.

November 20th: Friendsgiving (Register Online)

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

10/31/26 – 11/1/26

Weekend Attendance: 376 / Online Views: 311 / SS Attendance: 72
General Offering: $14,810.00 / Capital Campaign: $2,525.00
Operation Christmas Child: $25.00 / Kindernest: $25.00 / LWR Postage: $993.00

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!

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 – Sept 2026	
YTD Income	$862,698.57
YTD Expenses	-$951,874.59
YTD Net Revenue	-$89,176.02

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