



Gethsemane Lutheran Church
200 West Anderson Lane — Austin, Texas



November 24, 2021 — 7:00 p.m.

Praise and Thanksgiving WORSHIP

LED BY GETHSEMANE YOUTH

THANKSGIVING WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “Will You Come and Follow Me” Vocal Solo

INVOCATION

SONG OF THANKSGIVING “Let All Things Now Living” ELW 881

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

L: Our Heavenly Father we thank you for food

C: and remember the hungry

L: We thank you for health

C: and remember the sick

L: We thank you for friends

C: and remember the lonely

L: We thank you for freedom

C: and remember the enslaved

L: May these remembrances stir us to service and the gifts to be used
for others.

ALL: Amen



SONG OF PRAISE

“Blessed to Be a Blessing”

Refrain: We’re blessed to be a blessing, we’re blessed, blessed, blessed!

We’re blessed to be a blessing, we’re blessed by the
best! Blessed to be a blessing, we are God’s hands and
feet! Blessed to be a blessing with everyone we meet!

Dancing in our homes, dancing in the street.

Dancing with our neighbors, and dancing to the
beat! Dancing in our churches, dancing in the bars.

Dancing with the moon and the stars! *Refrain*

Dancing with the Creator, dancing with the Son,

Dancing at our birth until our days are done!

Dancing in the sunshine, dancing in the cold.

Dancing with young and the old! *Refrain*

Dancing in the mountains, dancing in the woods,

Dancing with our families, and dancing with that
dude! Dancing in the cities, dancing in the park.

Dancing in our minds and our hearts! *Refrain*

Dancing with creation, and dancing in the rain.

Dancing in our joy, and dancing through our pain.

Sometimes dancing boldly, sometimes we need a
shove. Dancing in God’s grace and love. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:4-9; Matthew 6:25-33

CREED

We believe in God, the father who created all things
in a unique and diverse way.

We believe in Jesus, God in the flesh, fulfiller of the promise.

Through his life, death and resurrection,
we are called to love and serve others.

The Spirit is with us always leading, guiding and calling us
To follow God’s word, and will in our lives.

THANKSGIVING REFLECTIONS

OFFERING

Offering/Food may be placed on the altar at this time.

OFFERING SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“We Are An Offering”

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

BENEDICTION SONG (*Tune of Edelweiss*) We invite all our Youth
Group Alumni to come forward and join us in the Benediction

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep us forever.

Grant us peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God’s face, and God’s grace forever.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep us forever.

SENDING FORTH

L: Go in peace...Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!



Clarinet Solo

ELW 692

Special Music

THANKS GETHSEMANE YOUTH for leading annual Praise and Thanksgiving worship.
ANGEL GIVING TREE Gethsemane Lutheran members and families are invited to continue a neighborhood holiday tradition by sponsoring T.A. Brown Elementary School children and families. We will be, as we did last year, asking individuals/families to donate gift cards which can be purchased through Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry Pre-School. Please look for details and the link in the G-News this week or visit our website, www.gethsemane-austin.org.

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE: Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry and Gethsemane Lutheran Church office will be on holiday Thursday and Friday. Leave messages for GLCM on their answering machine 512-339-6335. Messages for Gethsemane Church office may be left on the answering machine 512-836-8560.

ADVENT HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES December 1, 8 & 15 at 7pm. Join us for a brief midweek Holden Evening Prayer service to fill your heart with the sights and sounds of hope this Advent season!

ADVENT TRADITIONS The liturgical church year invites the baptized community to be transformed into the Advent Community lighting candles in the Advent wreath, singing the traditional Advent carols, commemorating St. Nicholas, 4th century Bishop of Myra December 6; the first Lutheran worship service in Austin leading to the birth of Gethsemane congregation, December 12, 1868; learning from Santa Lucia to share with others, December 13. Advent is a time of hope, watching, preparing, rejoicing, beholding the coming of God manifested in the waiting community. Advent is for the faithful anticipating the celebration of the One who came, comes, will come again—"Come Lord Jesus, Come."

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM The youth of Gethsemane and Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry invite you to "Love's Pure Light", this year's Advent/Christmas Program, which will be a Drive- thru Light Celebration! Come drive through the parking lots (enter the lower parking lot/exit on Georgian) of Gethsemane and see Love's pure light!! Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, December 11th, open 6 - 8 p.m. If you have any lights, decorations, or extension cords you can share or donate, contact Dar Joy.

TLU VESPERS Titled "Where The Light Begins" the 2021 Vespers service of word and music will feature the TLU Choir, TLU Treble Choir, Kantorei Chamber Choir, and the TLU Symphonic Winds and Percussion. San Antonio actress, Sam Carter Gilliam, will perform short monologues between the musical numbers which weave a story and lend context to the music being performed. The music for this service will focus on Advent as a time of quiet reflection, prayerful waiting, and hopeful anticipation of the birth of Christ. Christmas Vespers will be held in TLU's Jackson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3rd; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4th; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5th. Tickets for each Vespers service are free but required. If you are interested in attending the Vespers service in Austin at St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, it will take place on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. This Vespers service is free and no tickets are required.

GETHSEMANE MEN-IN-MISSION plan to decorate the outdoor Christmas tree on Saturday, December 4th. Gather 9:30a.m. to decorate the tree with a light meal to follow.

2021 VIRTUAL HOLIDAY CHORAL CONCERT FOR DRIVE A SENIOR –

NORTH CENTRAL AUSTIN The Annual Holiday Choral Concert continues to be timeless memorable evening of beautiful Christmas music! Choirs and musicians from central and north Austin join together to create this dynamic evening of joyful music and generosity of spirit. Give yourself the gift of music! Join us online, December 4th, 6pm, to hear lovely music and take part in the sing-a-longs. Tickets are \$10 and on sale now through their website, www.driveasenioratx.org. **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:** Bakers and Drivers to help with Annual Cookie Connection AND Drivers and Ticket Sponsors for the Austin Trail of Lights. Call their office at 512-472-6339 OR email their Director at director@driveasenioratx.org for more information. Proceeds go to Drive a Senior – North Central Austin, a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose provides over 4,500 rides to help seniors in our community who no longer drive. Share in the music of Advent & Christmas.

SAVE THE DATES!!! January 14-16, 2022 for the Gethsemane Border Mission Trip to San Lucas Lutheran Church in Eagle Pass AND February 26-27, 2022 for the Family Retreat at Camp Chrysalis! More information and registration coming soon for both!

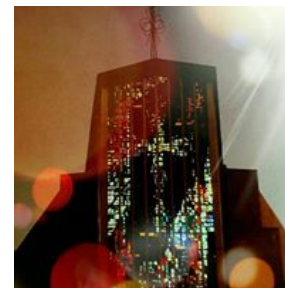
WORSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

www.gethsemane-austin.org/worship/volunteers

Click the button that says "Sign Up to Help on Sundays"



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