



Gethsemane Lutheran Church
200 West Anderson Lane — Austin, Texas



November 22, 2023— 7:00 p.m.

Praise and Thanksgiving WORSHIP

LED BY GETHSEMANE YOUTH

THANKSGIVING WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Guitar 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 AND MUSIC

ELW 692

“We Are An Offering”

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

BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS / LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Special Music

Clarinet Solo

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!



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. Please pick up your angel off the tree in the narthex and look for details and the link in the G-News or visit our website, www.gethsemane-austin.org.

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE: Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry and Gethsemane Lutheran Church office will be on holiday Wednesday, 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 MUSIC GIFT Texas Lutheran University invites Gethsemane Lutheran congregants to attend the annual Christmas Vespers held in Jackson Auditorium on the TLU campus Friday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday December 4, 4 p.m. as well as December 11th at 4pm at St. Martin's Lutheran Church. Gethsemane members have been inspired through the years by this Advent/Christmas gift of the TLU university community. Gethsemane members, having attended TLU, know the joy of singing and instrumentals playing in the Vespers. Heidi Lundquist, Wil Errett, and Lily DaMommio, Gethsemane congregants, are presently students at TLU. Prior to the Saturday Christmas Vespers, The Presidents Associates Dinner is an annual event hosted by TLU President Debbie and Alan Cottrell beginning at 5 p.m. with a reception and dinner at 6 p.m. For further information regarding Vespers and Presidents Associates Dinner please contact Pastor Karl & Sharon Gronberg. Texas Lutheran University was recently named No.2 Best Value in the West; Top 20 Regional College For Social Mobility. The TLU Lutheran Advantage Scholarship offers highly qualified Lutheran students an educational experience that addresses the whole person-mind, body, spirit-while building on the Lutheran ideals of vocation and service

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICES December 6th, 13th and 20th 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! Come at 6:30pm for warm drinks and conversation.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS: THE DAWN CHORUS Be sure to pick up your copy of this year's advent family devotional booklet in the narthex.

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 This year's Sunday Church School program will be "The Birds of Bethlehem". Sunday, December 3rd at 9:30am in the MPR. Come join the story.

CAMPFIRE, CAROLS & COCOA Come join us on the Gethsemane lawn outside of the gym for hot cocoa, coffee, cider and carols of course! On Saturday, December 9th from 6-8pm Come sing the songs of the season!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT GETHSEMANE Tentative dates for the worship services during this season are as follows: Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services at 10:30 am, with traditional candlelight services at both 7 pm & 9 pm (*tentative*).

SAVE THE DATES!!! January 12-14, 2023 for the Gethsemane Border Mission Trip to San Lucas Lutheran Church in Eagle Pass AND February 24-25, 2023 for the Family Retreat at Camp Chrysalis! More information and registration coming soon for both!

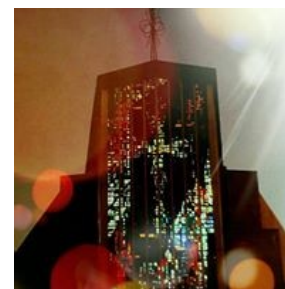
WORSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

www.gethsemane-austin.org/worship/volunteers

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



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