

# REFORMATION SUNDAY

Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
Austin, Texas  
Holy Communion + October 27, 2024



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
200 West Anderson Lane - Austin, Texas 78752

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 27, 2024



GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
✙ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
Amen.

You are invited to  
make the sign of the  
cross ✙

✙ GATHERING SONG (Opposite Page)  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* + ELW 504

We stand together, in  
body or spirit..

✙ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM  
& PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMAND

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism...

...To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ,  
our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.

...Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Kendrick,  
whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism.  
You have called him to yourself,  
Enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit,  
and nourished him in the community of faith.  
Uphold Kendrick in the gifts and promises of baptism,  
and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.  
We ask this in the name of Christ.  
Amen.

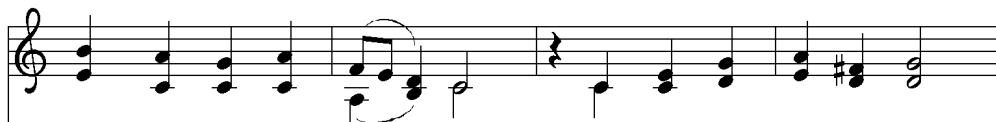




1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

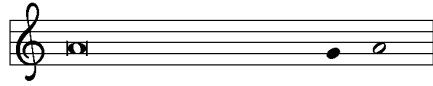


he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!





## ✠ KYRIE ELW Setting Four



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



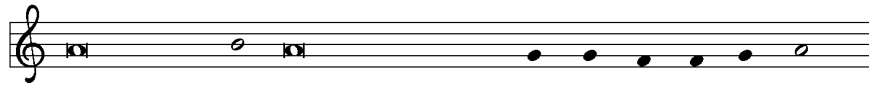
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## ✠ GREETING

### ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

*A reading from Jeremiah:*

...Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our ref-<sup>1</sup>uge and strength,  
a very present<sup>1</sup> help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the<sup>1</sup> earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths<sup>1</sup> of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters<sup>1</sup> rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble<sup>1</sup> with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-<sup>1</sup>y of God,  
the holy habitation of<sup>1</sup> the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall<sup>1</sup> not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the<sup>1</sup> break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the<sup>1</sup> kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth<sup>1</sup> melts away.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of<sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up-<sup>1</sup>on the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in<sup>1</sup> all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the<sup>1</sup> shields  
with fire.

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that<sup>1</sup> I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted<sup>1</sup> in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of<sup>1</sup> hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING Romans 3:19-28

*A reading from Romans:*

...Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## ✠ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia + ELW Setting Four



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated.

We stand together, in  
body or spirit, to  
welcome the  
Word of God.



✠ GOSPEL John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children are invited forward to be close to the story.

CHILDREN'S STORY

SERMON

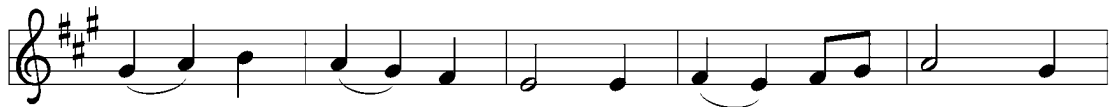
We stand together, in body or spirit, to sing the Word of God.

✠ HYMN OF THE DAY *The Church of Christ In Every Age* + ELW 729

The Confirmand and family come forward during the final stanza



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,  
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?  
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?  
I renounce them.

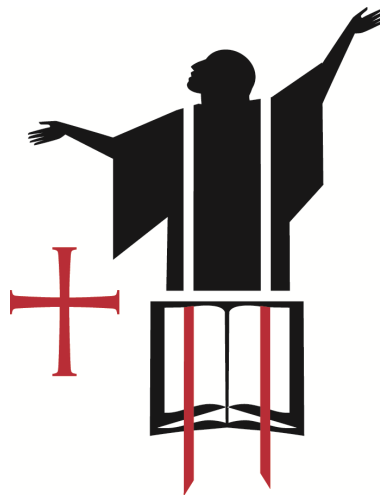
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
I renounce them.

✠ *The presiding minister addresses the assembly*

Do you believe in God the Father?  
I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
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.



The assembly is invited  
to be seated.



## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in Kendrick the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC *Precious One* + Dar Joy Krenek

We stand together in  
body or spirit.

### ✠ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of grace,  
hear our prayer... **Amen.**

After sharing the  
peace with your  
neighbors, you are  
invited to be seated.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give both now and forever.

**Amen**

### ✠ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## GATHERING OF OFFERING *Special Music + Bellisimo*

### ✚ OFFERTORY *Take My Life, That I May Be* + ELW 685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

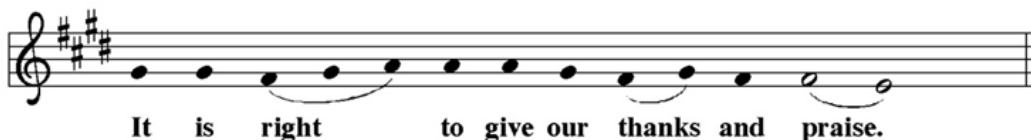
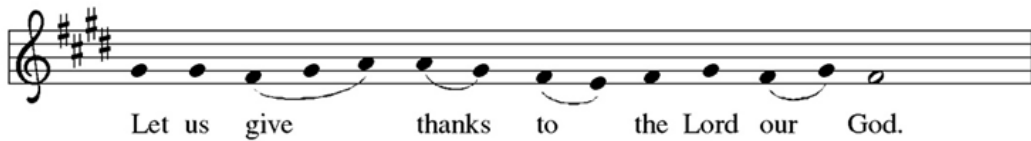
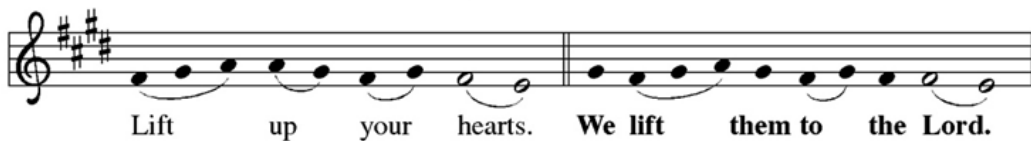
5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

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.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

### ✚ OFFERING PRAYER

### ✚ GREAT THANKSGIVING



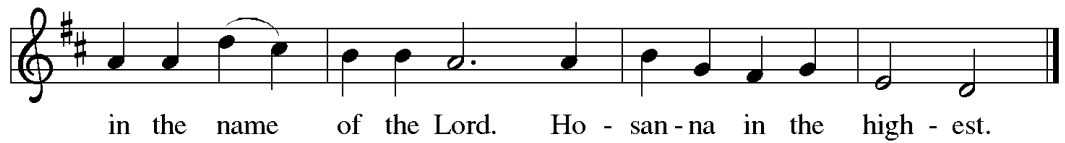
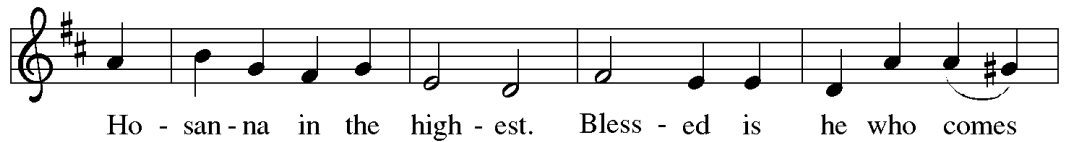
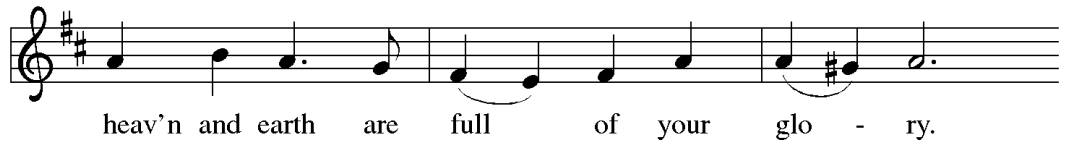
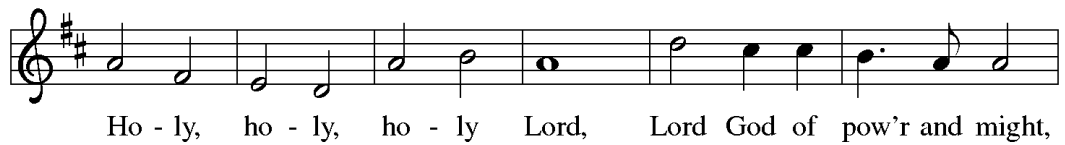
An offering is gathered for the mission and ministries of the church. Place your attendance card and your offering in the offering plates. You are encouraged to give online, through the link in the QR code.



We stand together, in body or spirit, to honor the gifts of time, talent, treasure, and the fruits of the field.



...And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



...The earth is full of your glory.  
The earth is full of your glory...

...Amen, and amen.  
Amen, and amen.

#### ✚ LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.



#### ✚ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

# SONGS DURING COMMUNION

## Lamb of God ELW Setting Four page 191



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Listen, God Is Calling + ELW 513

Refrain

Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

The ushers will guide you forward to share Holy Communion.

All are welcomed at God's table.

The bread is gluten-free, and cottage made with a little bit of honey. The wine is in the cups around the outside of the tray and there is white grape juice at the center of the trays.



## Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters + ELW 445



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.  
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.  
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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## TABLE BLESSING

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✚ BLESSING

### ✚ SENDING SONG (Opposite Page)

*The Church's One Foundation + ELW 654*

### ✚ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
Thanks be to God.

We stand together,  
in body or spirit, to  
receive the blessing  
between us.



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## STEWARDS OF WORSHIP TODAY

<b>CELEBRANTS</b>	the beloved community
<b>READER:</b>	<del>Austin Davis</del>
<b>PRESIDING :</b>	The Rev. Sharolyn Swenson
<b>PRESENTING the CONFIRMAND:</b>	Greg Althaus
<b>CONFIRMATION SPONSOR:</b>	Fred Valenzuela
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Margaret Manz
<b>CANTOR &amp; CHOIR DIRECTOR</b>	Michael Harrison
<b>CHOIR ACCOMPANIST</b>	Patience Jones
<b>VOCALIST</b>	JoAnn Gerbig
<b>VOCALIST &amp; GUITARIST</b>	Dar Joy Krenek
<b>ALTAR GUILD &amp; BREAD BAKER</b>	Denise Schulz
<b>USHER TEAM LEADER</b>	John Berry



# GATHER DURING THE WEEK

## **MONDAY, October 28:**

*Prepare the Food Pantry in the morning.*

9a-5p | Office open

6:30p | Lambda Square Dancing in the Multipurpose Room

6-8p | Congregation Council in the Parlor

## **TUESDAY, October 29:**

9a-Noon | Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

1-5p | Office open

## **WEDNESDAY, October 30:**

9a-5p | Office open

Noon | Holy Communion Liturgy followed by a special luncheon Celebrating Dar Joy Krenek. Bring food to share!

## **THURSDAY, October 31:**

9:00a | Learning Center Chapel

9a-5p | Office open

## **FRIDAY, November 1**

9a-5p | Office open

**SATURDAY November 2:** Office Closed

## **NEXT SUNDAY, November 3 - All Saints' Sunday**

9a | Choir Rehearsal

9:30a | Reception for Dar Joy Krenek upon her retirement

10a | "Singing Songs of Joy" in the Sanctuary

10:30a | Holy Communion Liturgy



CONFIRMATION OF KENDRICK CANDEH  
BAPTIZED DECEMBER 20, 2009  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
Austin, Texas



Kendrick is a knowledgeable 15 year old who is passionate about history, science, music, and computers.

“Right now I am in two AP classes, but I’m planning to take more advanced classes in the future. I’m eager to augment my capabilities in multiple domains while still being able to manage school work and hobbies.”

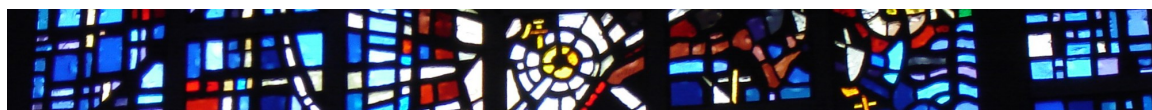


# *All Saints' Sunday* *November 3, 2024*



Join us as we celebrate all who have claimed the promise of their baptism and joined the great cloud of witnesses from among our community this year.

All are invited to bring photos and memories of their loved ones to display in the narthex.



## **ANNOUNCING** **GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH** **ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING**

**Sunday, November 10, 2024** at Noon following Worship

*Active Voting Members will:*

- Receive reports of this year
- Approve a budget for 2025
- Elect new Council members
- Elect a voting member to Synod Assembly 2025
- Ratify our new constitution (by a 2/3 majority)
- Discuss other business of the church

Join us for a potluck after the meeting. Bring sides and desserts only, other food will be provided