

November 22, 2023

Thanksgiving Eve

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran
Austin, Texas

GATHERING MUSIC Kristina Bishop *Simple Gifts*

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Presbyterian Church in Canada)

Assisting Minister: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Assisting Minister: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

All: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

Assisting Minister: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (from Stone Soup)

Pastor: Let us enter into a time of confession.

We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love.

We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment,
claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves.

**All: Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and ignore
the possibilities in what we have been given.**

Pastor: We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched, crying
out that you have turned away and left us empty handed.

**All: Forgive us when we reject your abundance and neglect
the possibilities in what we have been given.**

Pastor: We easily give thanks for the good things in life, turning
away from those which lead us to deeper community, or
second-guessing blessings as too good to be true.

**All: Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us. Help us
surrender to the loving embrace that enfolds us.**

(Silent prayer)

Pastor: Take comfort: we, and the whole world with us, are always
embraced in Christ's love. In Christ, there is always
enough. You are forgiven of all your sins, in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN #693 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Announcements: Wednesday Advent, Advent Devotionals

SCRIPTURE READING...DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18 NRSV

Assisting Minister: For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good
land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and
underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land
of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and

pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,
a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where
you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and
from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your
fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he
has given you.

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Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by
failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his
statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you
have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in
them,

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and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your
silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is
multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD
your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out
of the house of slavery,

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who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an
arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He
made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the
wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know,
to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you
good.

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Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my
own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the
LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get
wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore
to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PG 151

GOSPEL READING...LUKE 17:11-19 NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke chapter 17.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him.

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Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

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He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

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Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG #839 *Now Thank We All Our God*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL OFFERING Meals on Wheels

As an act of gratitude, we will be supporting those in need with donations of non-perishable food for the Bread for All Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Drive. Additionally, your [financial support](#) is greatly appreciated as a special offering designated for Meals on Wheels Central Texas. Thank you for making a positive impact on the lives of others!

Passing of the plates

OFFERING SONG #679 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

PRAYER OF THANKS

GREAT THANKSGIVING: Setting Three PG 144

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: Setting Three PG 144

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION INVITATION

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the
Risen presence of Jesus.

*God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and
promising new life.*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;
Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

LAMB OF GOD: Setting Three PG 146

COMMUNION MUSIC Kristina Bishop

Be thou My Vision

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #881 *Let All Things Now Living*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: Our lives are filled with God's gifts, and as we go
out into the world, we share the love of Christ with others!

All: Thanks be to God. And, we will!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Tamara Allen.

God of Peace, as wars continue on the battlefield, in the halls of our government, in the on-line bullying and lying, equip us with the power of your Spirit to stand for those without power or position, and give us the courage to stand for what You stand for.

Holy God, as war has once again broken out in the Holy Land, we lift to you prayers for peace and resolution to this age-old conflict among your people. Draw near to the victims, and inspire leaders to seek your will and your guidance.

Almighty God, you inspire and equip us to serve your people, both here in our community and around the world. Continue to keep us connected in mission and ministry with Austin City Lutherans and the ministries of Mariposa and Bread for All; with our fellow congregation in Guatemala alongside the ministry of ILAG; with the ministry of Charis in Haiti; and with all the places and people you call us to serve. May we be your hands and feet!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Program Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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