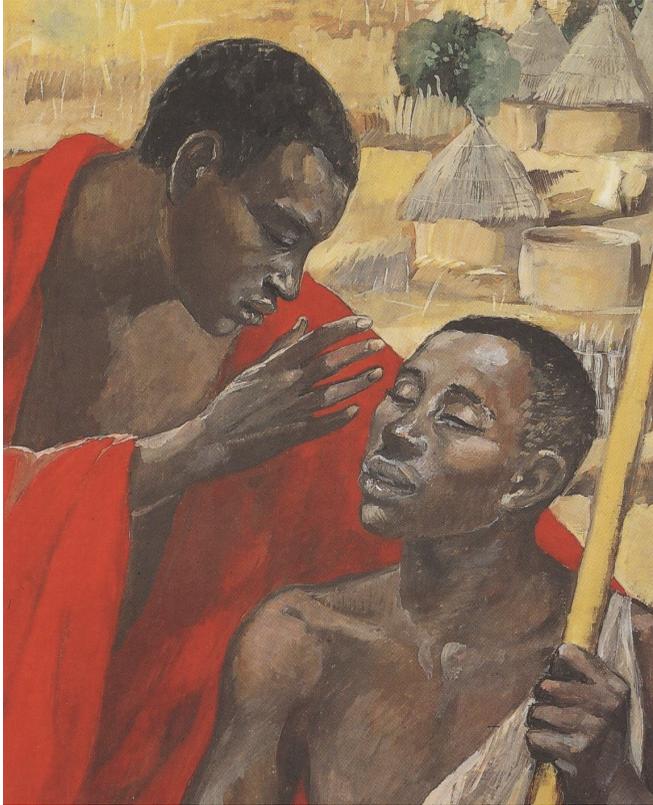


EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

24 OCTOBER 2021

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

***We are a community on the move,
discovering Christ together on the journey of faith.***

*We see Christianity as a path to be walked together—
learning, serving, praying, sharing, and growing alongside sisters and brothers.
As we live and practice our faith, we not only encounter a new community;
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SCAN ME

We are glad you are here today—welcome!

Thank you to those who shared in worship leadership this morning:

Presider: Simone Sinn

Preacher: Elaine Neuenfeldt

Reader: Patty Solomon

Prayer leader: Aleida Auld

Altar care: Fulata Moyo

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost + 24 October 2021

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *The Caribbean:*
Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic,
Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the
Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Opening Words

From the north we come,
searching for the source of mercy.

From the east we come,
discovering a house of healing.

From the south we come,
gathering in a blessing place.

From the west we come,
opening our eyes to perceive anew the colors of love.

Summoned into the presence of the Blessed Trinity,
we honor the name of Jesus Christ, who hears our cries,
give glory to the Father,
who holds all creation in a mother's embrace,
and stay attentive to the Holy Spirit, our wisdom, our word, our sight.

Hymn

Be thou my vision

Ancient Irish trans. Mary Byrne, versed by Eleanor Hull

Traditional Irish melody



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 4. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord. Moth - er and Fa - ther,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what



day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou art to me, thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 first in my heart, great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

All-seeing God,
 when we lose track of love—
 love for our families
 love for our neighbors,
 love for those from the west and the south,
 from the north and the east,
 love for you, strong enough to fill our heart, our mind, our will—
 forgive us.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

When we choose blindness,
 discounting the cost of our choices on others, on your creation,
 ignoring just demands that inconvenience us
 or threaten to interfere with our way of living,
 stepping around the despair
 sitting on the sidewalks outside the stores,
 forgive us.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

When our seeing turns into a pride
that excludes those who cannot see or will not see,
and we lose the humility necessary
to learn from those we do not like or with whom we disagree,
forgive us and set us free.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
LORD, HAVE MERCY.

Kyrie eleison

Clara Ajo and Pedro Triana: Cuba

Musical score for 'Kyrie eleison' in 6/8 time, B-flat major. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chords are indicated above the notes: Bb, Gm, Dm, Eb, Bb, Cm, F, Bb, Cm, F, Bb.

Se- ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to,
ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Se- ñor, ten pie - dad de no -
so - tros. Sí, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
Yes, have mercy on us.

Words of Assurance

Gloria

Peru

Carnavalito First time-Leader; Repeat-All



Glo - ria a Dios, Glo - ria a Dios, Glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry in the high - est!

First time-Leader; Repeat-All



A Dios la glo - ria por siem - pre!
To God be glo - ry for - e - ver!

All



Al - le - lu - ya, A - men! Al - le - lu - ya, A - men! Al - le - lu - ya, A - men!
Al - le - lu - ia, a - men. Al - le - lu - ia, a - men. Al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

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|---|--|
| 2. Gloria a Dios, Gloria a Dios,
Gloria a_Jesucristo. | 2. Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to Christ Jesus. |
| 3. Gloria a Dios, Gloria a Dios,
Gloria_al_Espíritu Santo. | 3. Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit. |

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
 "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord had done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O lord, Like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy carrying their sheaves.

Alleluia

Bigin $\text{♩} = 100$ Communauté Ste-Thérèse: Guadeloupe
Refrain F Am C⁷

A - le - lou - ya! A - le - lou - ya! A - le - lou - ya! Se les - pwi
 A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! The Ho - ly

Dm Am B^b C F B^b

sen ka fè nou viv, A - le - lou - ya! 1. Ré - si - si - té a - vè Jé - zi
 Spir - it gives us life. A - le - lu - ia! Ris - en to life in Je - sus

F B^b F B^b F Dm

kri, a - vè Jé - zi - kri, a - vè Jé - zi - kri, Nou ka fó -
 Christ, in Je - sus Christ, in Je - sus Christ. We form one

Am C⁷ F C⁷ F C⁷ F

mé on sél fan - mi a - vè Jé - zi - kri, a - vè Jé - zi - kri.
 close - ly knit fam - i - ly in Je - sus Christ, in Je - sus Christ.

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Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 10.

Glory to you, O Lord.

They came to Jericho. As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

Amazing Grace

John Newton: UK

19th cent. American



1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Apostles' Creed

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

*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 again to judge the living and the dead.*

*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. Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Announcements

Gathering of Gifts

Mwamba, Mwamba

Swahili, Luganda

sung by Arnold Sawai, Bernard Mushi, Godson Mushi,

Magar Emmanuel Yayoune

Mwamba mwamba, mwamba mwamba.

Mwamba mwamba, Yesu ndiye mwamba

Chorus: Yesu ndiye (mwamba), Yesu ndiye (mwamba)

The solid rock, Jesus is the solid rock.

Offering

Gracias, muchas gracias

Rafael Zamora: Costa Rica

The musical notation is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a time signature of 6/8. It is labeled 'Refrain' and includes chord markings: F, C, G7, and C. The lyrics are: 'Gra - cias, mu - chas gra - cias, siem - pre gra - cias mi Se - ñor.' The second staff continues the melody with chord markings: F, C, G, and C. It ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'. The lyrics are: 'Gra - cias, mu - chas gra - cias, siem - pre gra - cias mi Se - ñor.'

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God,

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Like the burst of a word, you sent light racing,
expanding the universe, filling creation.

Now we see and give thanks.

You breathed into the earth you had formed
and breathed into humanity your image.

Now we see and give thanks.

You suffered from our inhumanity,
so you sent prophets and poets to stir us to justice,
to open our eyes to what is right.

Now we see and give thanks.

When he was tending sheep, you fired within Moses
the dream of your people freed,
and his energy was not consumed, neither the bush.

Through a slave girl, you convinced
a leprous leader to bathe in the ordinary Jordan,
obeying the instructions of a prophet, that he might be clean.

When we became content with the night,
you gave to us the light without end,
the gift of your only Beloved, Jesus Christ.

Now we see and give thanks.

So with the church on earth,
and all the saints whose spirits guide like the stars,
and the choirs of angels, we join the unending hymn of praise.

Sanctus

Plena Rhythm

William Loperena O.P.: Puerto Rico

B E

Le lo le lo lay lo. Le lo le lo lay lo.

F# B Fine B

1 Leader 2 People

Le lo le lo lay lo lo le lo le lo lai. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

F# B B 1 Leader 2 People

ho - ly God of pow - er and might. Hea - ven and earth are

F# 1. B 2. B E D#m

full of your glo - ry. glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -

C#m F#7 B E D#m C#m F#

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

B 1 Leader 2 People F#

high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the

1. B 2. B E D#m C#m F#7

Lord. Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

B E D#m C#m F# B

D.C. al Fine

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

As we gather round this table, Jesus remembers us.
As we eat this bread, Christ transforms us into his body.
As we drink from the cup, our life together is poured out
so that in Christ, others might live.
We proclaim the mystery of our faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.***

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God

Andrew Donaldson: Canada

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The first system is marked 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.' The second system is also marked 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sin, have mer - cy on us.' The bass line in both systems has a long note under 'mer - cy'.

All Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,
 Je - sus, re - deem - er,
 Je - sus re - deem - er,
 Je - sus re - deem - er, grant us peace

Je - sus re - deem - er, grant us peace.
 Je - sus, re - deem - er, grant us peace.

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Communion

Please take a small cup of either wine or grape juice, and then gather around the altar, keeping some distance from others. You will receive the bread from the pastor or communion assistant and will then be invited to drink the wine or juice from your cup. After communing, return the empty glass to the basket provided and return to your seat.

Songs during Communion

We come now to your table, Lord

Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop

St. Vincent melody
adapted by Patrick Prescod

We come now to your ta - ble Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.

We come now to your ta - ble Lord, let ev - ery soul be fed.

You are the Liv - ing Bread; let ev - ery soul be fed,

and now may ev - ery soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

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Let us talents and tongues employ

Fred Kaan: UK

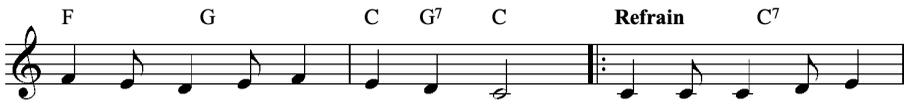
Jamaican folk song Adapt. Doreen Potter



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at this ta - ble he
 3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy; bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain,
 love in word and in deed ex - press.
 God, Em - man - u - el ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

G D G C

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal

Am D G

- le - lu - ia. Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le -

B⁷ Em Am D⁷ G C G D

lu - ia. Hal - le - lu - ia, Hal - le - lu - ia.

Sending Prayer

Benediction

Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doers of the Word – Giving for 2022

Every autumn, members of the congregation are asked to reflect on how we will each support the church with our time, talents, and money in the year ahead. These offerings are all essential to our congregation's ministry.

Over the past Sundays in worship, we've heard about three particular opportunities to serve—the outreach team, the children's ministry team, and the fellowship team. There are lots more ways to serve, of course, and there are two ways to complete your giving forms this year: you can complete them online, or you can complete paper forms and send them by post or email to the church office. You'll find links to both options here:

<https://genevalutheran.church/2022-giving/>

*Please submit your giving forms by next Sunday, the end of October.
Thank you for your generosity and your part in our congregation's life!*

Returning to Weekly Communion

After a long season without, we are returning to the rhythm of weekly Communion as part of worship. Bread and wine will be distributed in a safe way for those attending in person (no need to bring your own bread). The celebration of Communion will not be filmed, so those joining the service by livestream are invited to use this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Please be sure to sign up for worship when you're intending to come—we are still strictly limited to 45 persons in the sanctuary each week. You can sign up here:

<https://genevalutheran.church/in-person-worship/>

If you sign up and then realize you won't make it to church, please remove your name from the list by 9h00 Sunday to make room for others to attend.

Sign Up to Assist in Leading Worship

A number of volunteers are needed in our worship service each week—reading scripture, leading prayers, welcoming worshippers, preparing and serving Communion. How might you serve in an upcoming worship service? You can sign up using the link in the church's weekly email. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions.

No Choir Rehearsal this Thursday

The choir will take a break this week during the school vacation, and will resume on Thursday, 4 November, at 19h30. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join—no previous experience necessary! Please note that masks are required. Come and sing!

Extra Reading Glasses?

Do you have any non-used reading glasses in your drawers at home? Seng Ra wants to send them to her country, Myanmar, as she knows people who can distribute them to the those who need glasses but cannot afford them. If you have any, please bring them to the church by 7 November. There will be a box designated for the reading glasses.

2021-2022 Interreligious Calendar for Sale

The beautiful *Calendrier des Religions 2021/22* with the theme “Les Montagnes et le Sacré” is available after worship today (special price: 10 CHF). It is a good interreligious resource initiated by the Plateforme Interreligieuse de Genève and produced in Suisse Romande. You can find further information about the calendar here: <https://interreligieux.ch/wp/calendrier-des-religions/> and you can buy calendars from Simone Sinn, our congregation’s representative to the interreligious platform.

Interreligious Panel Discussion on 2 November

On Tuesday, 2 November, at 18h30 an interesting panel discussion will take place on “Religions and State” at Salle Gandhi-Carson, Maison internationale des associations, 15 rue des Savoises, 1205 Genève. Initiated by the Interreligious Platform in Geneva, representatives from different religious communities as well as state authorities will debate on how constructive relationships can be built within the framework of *laïcité* (secularism) in Geneva. This event will take place in French. For more information, see: <https://interreligieux.ch/wp/evenement/debat-public-religions-et-etat/>

Online Centering Prayer – Thursdays at 12h00

The online Centering Prayer group meets via Zoom on Thursdays at 12h00. Here’s the link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86798266012>

Centering Prayer is silent prayer for around 20 minutes, often done in a group setting. More details about Centering Prayer are here: <https://www.contemplativeoutreach.org/centering-prayer-method/>

Andy Willis Away this Week

Andy Willis is away until 28 October. For pastoral concerns during this time, you can contact Rev. Terry MacArthur: 079 652 32 96.

Thank You for Your Generosity

Generous contributions from members and friends have enabled our community to continue worshipping, serving, and sharing the good news of God's love near and far over the past year. Your support remains essential to our ministry together. Please continue to give as you are able this season—details are on our website: <https://genevalutheran.church/giving/>

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This Week's Schedule:

Thursday, 28 Oct.	12h00	Centering Prayer*
Sunday, 31 Oct.	10h00	Church school*
	11h00	Worship – Confirmation Sunday
	13h15	Congregation Council meeting

* denotes online-only activities

Our church is entirely self-supporting. We count on our members and visitors to give generously to support our congregation. You may contribute in cash through the offering bags. We can also accept your check in US dollars made out to “Evangelical Lutheran Church in America”. On the memo portion, please write GMG 0858. There are post transfer slips at the back of the church if you would like to offer your support through our Post Account. Thank you very much! Bank and PostFinance details below:

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If you are a guest in our congregation this morning, *please fill out the connection card below—you can place it in the offering bag or hand it to the pastor or one of the ushers. We would love to learn more of your story and answer any questions you might have about our congregation.*

ELCG Connection Card	
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