

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00
14 NOVEMBER 2021

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

We are church with open arms,

where each person is welcome in God's all-inclusive love.

Jesus shared God's gracious love with all people, and we seek to follow this example. People of any economic status, marital or family situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability are welcome to full participation in our congregation. We honor the unique gifts of each.

Read more about who we are at: www.genevalutheran.church

If you are worshipping with us for the first time or if you have been here before and would like to know more about our community, please fill out a connection card. You can scan this QR code to submit one online, or you can fill out the card on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering basket or give it to one of the ushers.



SCAN ME

We are glad you are here today—welcome!

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

Assisting minister: Elisabeth Benn

Readers: Suna family

Prayer leader: Philippa Bowen

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo Zanetti

Ushers: Ana Villanueva, Hiromi Yano

Flowers: Fulata Moyo

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost + 14 November 2021

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Aotearoa-New Zealand, Australia*

Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Opening Words

Blessed to be able to meet together,

to encourage one another,

to provoke one another to love and good deeds,

to counter all the fabrications that would lead us astray,

we are centered in Jesus Christ, by the spirit of Jesus Christ,

who shines like the brightness of the sky.

In the midst of the raging of the powers of this world,

we worship the Holy Trinity,

who calls us to what is life-giving,

a world made whole in God's embrace.

Hymn

Lord of life and Lord of nations

Anthony Kelly: Australia

Christopher Willcock, SJ: Australia

1. Lord of life and Lord of na - tions, giv - ing peace, you
2. Lengths of love be - yond all mea - sure, heights of love which
3. Vi - sions new and an - cient dream - ing see the Love be -
make us one; heart of flesh for heart of stone,
now do call, breadth of love as room for all,
yond all death; new the heav - ens, new the earth;
break the walls of all di - vi - sions. Your king - dom come, with
depths of love where hides the trea - sure: through Christ, our Way, we
prom - ise of the king - dom com - ing. Through Christ the wounds of
this its sign; our song this prayer: let peace now reign.
find true peace, a world made whole in God's em - brace.
all this world in God's own peace will then be healed.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope,
fear surrounds us.

The economies of exploitation threaten to throw down
what has been built up, stone upon stone.

The protection of some livelihoods risks life itself.
We keep hoping that we don't need to change much.

Keep us grounded in your vision of creation, restored and whole.

Forgive us when we lock ourselves into what is,

when we give up in despair,

when we lose sight of what might be

if we loved you with our whole being,

if we cared for the earth as a gift from you.

Sung Kyrie

Tuhan kasiani

Adapted from a Moluccas melody by Christian I. Tamaela: Indonesia

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is for 'Sung Kyrie' and the second for 'Tuhan kasiani'. Both staves are in common time (indicated by '4'). The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. The notes are primarily eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff. The 'Tuhan kasiani' staff includes a fermata over the last note.

Tu - han, ka - sih - an - i, Kris - tus, ka - sih - an - i,
Tu - han, ka - sih - an - i ka - mi.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

God of life,
danger surrounds us.

Misinformation is as prominent as knowledge and truth;
and knowledge is more often used for profit
than for the prophesy that might lead to healing change.

***Keep us grounded in the presence of your Beloved, Jesus Christ,
pointing us to what is good and just and right.***

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God of peace,
struggle surrounds us,
the push and pull of what will be better for me and mine,
the temptation to grab,
the constant demand that we climb, gain, win.

*Keep us grounded in your love
that turns us to care for others
and for the earth you gave us,
that leaves behind selfish wants and desires,
discovering the serenity of serving,
the harmony that accompanies compassion.*

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Words of Grace

Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hymn of Praise

Mi pela i bung

Psalm 68:26 Neo-Melanesian

Traditional: Papua New Guinea

Mi pe - la i bung, pa - pa God long on - rim yu na long
God of all the world, we have come to give you thanks and be -
drum
simile

ten - kim yu tru. tru. Long dis - pe la
come more like you. In wor - ship we

lo - tu ol pi - pel i bung wan - taim yu.
long to be one with each oth er and you.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel:

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

from Psalm 16

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-8

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that

no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

O Day of God, draw near

R. B. Y. Scott: Canada

Trente quatre Pseaumes: Geneva

1. O day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in power, come
2. Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3. Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
4. Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace, that
5. O day of God, draw near as at cre - a - tion's birth;
let
with your time - less judg - ment now to match our pre-sent hour.
qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
there be light a - gain, and let your reign be - gin on earth.

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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

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Announcements

Introduction of Harvest Fundraiser

Refrain: Christ yesterday, Christ today, Christ in eternity.

*You came to the world from the glory of heaven,
became human, liberated us from sin and death.*

You are always near.

You are present in your word;

You go with us on our way;

You are near to us in the poor.

You will take us forever to the glory of heaven.

You hold all things in your hand

You are worshipped forever.

Offering

Give thanks for life

Shirley Erena Murray

Nancy M René

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days;
 2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays,
 caught from the Christ - flame, burst - ing through the night,

yet sing to God, our hope, our love, our praise:
 who touched the truth, who burned for what is right:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Preface

Sanctus

Sakamoto: Indonesia

Ku - dus, ku - dus, ku - dus - lah Tu - han Al -
Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
lah se - ga - la ku - a - sa. Sur - ga dan bu - mi
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
pen - uh ke - mu - lia an - Mu. Ter - pu - ji - lah, Ter - pu - ji - lah,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.
Eng - kau di sur - ga. Ter - ber - kat - i - lah, yang da - tang
Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
a - tas na - ma Tu - han. Ter - pu - ji - lah
in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na
ter - pu - ji - lah Eng kau di sur - ga.
in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

In a mere crumb of bread, we see the body of Christ.

In a drop of wine, we see the surge of life

as we remember Christ, his teaching, his giving of himself, his rising.

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

M. Karatem: Indonesia

A - nak - dom - ba Al - lah, Yang meng - ha - pus do - sa
du - ni - a. A - nak - dom - ba Al - lah,
1. 2. ka - sih - an - i ka - mi, ka - sih - an - i ka - mi.
3. b'ri - lah ka - mi da - mai, b'ri - lah ka - mi da - mai.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. 3rd time grant us peace.

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

May we see Christ's loving face

Trisha Watts: Australia

The musical notation consists of two staves of music for a single voice. The first staff starts with a key signature of F(sus4)/C and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are "May we see Christ's lov - ing face." The second staff starts with a key signature of F/C and a time signature of common time. The lyrics are "May we be an i - con of his grace." The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

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Deep water

Trisha Watts: Australia

The musical notation consists of two staves of music for a single voice. The first staff starts with a key signature of F/C and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are "Deep wa - ters flow - ing, call - ing all to fol - low." The second staff starts with a key signature of C and a time signature of common time. The lyrics are "Watch - ing, listen - ing, wait - ing, si - lence finds a home." The music features eighth and sixteenth note patterns.

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Nothing is lost

GREENLANE: Colin Gibson: Aotearoa/New Zealand

1. Noth - ing is lost on the breath of God, noth - ing is
 2. Noth - ing is lost to the eyes of God, noth - ing is
 3. Noth - ing is lost to the heart of God, noth - ing is

lost for - ev - er; God's breath is love and that love will re-
 lost for - ev - er; God sees with love, and that love will re-
 lost for - ev - er; God's heart is love, and that love will re-

main, hold - ing the world for - ev - er. No feath - er too
 main, hold - ing the world for - ev - er. No jour - ney too
 main, hold - ing the world for - ev - er. No im - pulse of

light, no hair too fine, no flow - er too brief in its
 far, no dis - tance too great, no val - ley of dark - ness too
 love, no of - fice of care, no mo - ment of life in its

glo - ry, no drop in the o - cean, no dust in the
 blind - ing, no crea - ture too hum - ble, no child too
 full - ness, no be - gin - ning too late, no end - ing too

air, but is count - ed and told in God's sto - ry.
 small for God to be seek - ing and find - ing.
 soon, but is ga - thered and known in its good - ness.

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Sending Prayer

Benediction

Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Worship – Up to 75 Each Sunday, Covid Pass Required

Our Congregation Council has now voted to raise the maximum number of worshippers in the sanctuary to 75 each Sunday. With this many in the room, a Covid pass is required for each person attending (16 years and over). We will still wear masks at all times in the building.

Please be sure to sign up for worship when you're intending to come. You can sign up by visiting our website and clicking on "Worship Options":

<https://genevalutheran.church>

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.

Please Submit Your Estimate of 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, 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 as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generosity and your part in our congregation's life!

Attention Teenagers – Pizza and a Movie on 21 November

After worship next Sunday, 21 November, teenagers are invited to share pizza and a movie at the church. Contact the church office to sign up! Contact Maritza Vitela, Isaiah Toroitich, or Sam Mungure with questions.

Harvest Fundraiser – Now through 28 November

*Every autumn, our congregation selects one or more outside projects to support—an opportunity to give back generously as a community. Many years we raise funds through a Harvest Festival; this year we are not planning a festival but rather simply inviting everyone to give. We have selected two important projects to support—flood relief for **Mekane Yesus Seminary (MYS)** and **Seeds for Solutions** in Chad. Today we are hearing a presentation on MYS.*

The Mekane Yesus Seminary (MYS) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (a ministry partner of our congregation) was hit by severe flash floods on 17 August 2021. Eight people lost their lives. Students, faculty members and their families lost their homes, property and personal belongings. Significant parts of the seminary compound and institutional property of MYS were destroyed. The project aims to support MYS with rehabilitation of damaged institutional property of the seminary (students' dormitory, kitchen, dining hall, roads, drainage system, sewage system etc.). The project is jointly funded by different Lutheran churches and partners from the Lutheran communion.



Our goal is to raise Chf 5,000 for each project (Chf 10,000 in total). To make a contribution, simply make an electronic bank transfer to the church's account or bring a cash donation to worship on an upcoming Sunday. If you're making a bank transfer, be sure to note "Harvest contribution" as part of the transfer.

Donations are being accepted from now through Sunday, 28 November.
<https://genevalutheran.church/giving/>

An Update from Our Treasurer

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings, we hope that you and your families are all doing well. Firstly thank you for your continued support of our church and its ministries. As we begin the last stretch of the year, it is important to provide you all with an update of our financial position. As of the 31st October, the total undesignated income was 255,543.95CHF. This is 12,842CHF behind where we had budgeted to be by the end of October (268,386CHF). This means that going into November and December (which are normally strong giving months) we will need to raise the amount of 66,519CHF (roughly 33,000CHF a month) in order to reach our targeted budget amount. We thank you for your continued and gracious giving throughout this challenging year.

Thank you and God bless,

Samuel Mungure

Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays at 19h30

Choir rehearsals take place on Thursdays at 19h30 with Regine Kummer. Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join—no previous experience necessary! Please note that masks will be required. Come and sing!

To help Regine know how to plan, please indicate which rehearsals and worship services you will participate in by signing up here:

<https://signup.zone/mJbtE3dPymSwuQbNJ>.

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/>

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/>

Interreligious Events in Geneva Today

Today there is a "journée de l'entre-connaissance" taking place at the Grand Mosque of Geneva and the Grand Synagogue Beth Yaacov. The program includes guided visits to the two buildings, food, performances, and lectures. All are welcome to attend any portion of the day. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our Jewish and Muslim neighbors in Geneva. More information is here: <https://interreligieux.ch/>

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This Week's Schedule:

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| Thursday, 18 Nov. | 12h00 | Centering Prayer* |
| | 19h30 | Choir practice |
| Sunday, 21 Nov. | 10h00 | Church school* |
| | 11h00 | Worship on Reign of Christ Sunday |
| | 13h00 | Youth activity – Movie and pizza |

* 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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For Geneva taxpayers, contributions to the ELCG can be deducted from the "cantonal et communal" tax. For more information, please contact the church office.

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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|----------------|
| Name _____ |
| Phone _____ |
| Email _____ |
| Comments _____ |

New to Geneva? Y/N _____ Date _____