

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

20 FEBRUARY 2022

# THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

***We are followers of Jesus, seeking God's justice, peace, and grace in personal and common witness.***

*Our hope each Sunday is to go out of God's house with good courage into our diverse jobs and obligations—with family, civil society, government, business and education. We pray for the peace and well-being of all peoples. The Gospel calls us wherever we are to use our time and talents for others and for the common good.*

Read more about who we are at: [www.genevalutheran.church](http://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.



*We are glad you are here this morning—welcome!*

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

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany + 20 February 2022

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *France, Germany, Monaco*

Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Opening Words

Because of the love of God reaches way beyond  
what we can imagine,  
*not bound by our borders, our categories, our preferences,*  
but moving further than we often want to go,  
*exploring options we consider too risky, too naive, too self-effacing,*  
we gather within the wideness of God's mercy,  
*attempting within the arms of love to attain love,*  
to dare compassions crossing our fixations and frailties,  
*and become more who we are meant to be,*  
*more fully human, more fully alive,*  
in Jesus Christ, whose hands stretch far and wide  
*to embrace, even in death, the whole messy, beautiful world.*

Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Frederick William Faber

Calvin Hampton

Instrumental



1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness  
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than  
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the meas - ure  
4. Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing



of the sea; there's a kind - ness in God's jus -  
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -  
of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -  
more than all: great - er good be - cause of e -



tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come  
ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -  
nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. But we make this  
vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall. If our love were



for the sin - ner, and more grac - es for the good; there is mer - cy  
ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for  
love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
but more faith - ful, we should glad - ly trust God's word; and our life would



with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in this blood.  
all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked;

*do not be envious of wrongdoers,*

for they will soon fade like the grass,

*and wither like the green herb.*

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

*so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.*

Take delight in the LORD,

*who will give you the desires of your heart.*

Commit your way to the LORD;

*put your trust in the Lord and see what God will do.*

The Lord will make your vindication shine like the light,

*and the justice of your cause like the noonday.*

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently;

*do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.*

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

*Do not fret--it leads only to evil.*

For the wicked shall be cut off,

*but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.*

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

*though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.*

But the meek shall inherit the land,

*and delight themselves in an abundance of peace.*

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD,

*who is their refuge in the time of trouble.*

The LORD helps them and rescues them;

*rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,  
because in the Lord they take refuge.*

Gloria

## Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

Nikolaus Decius: Germany

Al-lein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr und Dank für sei - ne Gna - de,  
All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be - friend-ed;

dar-um daß nun und nim - mer - mehr uns rüh - ren kann kein Scha de.  
to us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is end - ed.

Ein Wohl - ge - falln Gott an uns hat; nun ist groß Fried ohn  
God shows good - will to one and all, and peace when trou - bled

Un - ter - laß, all Fehd hat nun ein En - de.  
sin - ners call. Thank God for grace and mer - cy!

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Invitation to the Reading of the Gospel

Alleluia

Gregorian chant



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

The Gospel according to Luke chapter 6:

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said,] "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

*Silence*

God, whose love is broader than the measure of the mind,  
teach us how to listen anew.  
*Forgive us all that is not love, and turn us to the way of Christ.*

Sung Response **Aber du weißt den Weg für mich**

Text adapted from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Taizé

Gott, laß mei-ne Ge-dan-ken sich sam-meln zu dir. Bei dir ist das Licht,  
du ver-gißt mich nicht. Bei dir ist die Hil-fe, bei dir ist die Ge-duld.  
Ich ver-ste-he dei-ne We-ge nicht, a ber du weißt den Weg für mich.

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den Weg für

*God, gather and turn my thoughts to you. With you there is light, you do not forget me. With you there is help and patience. I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me.*

“Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

*Silence*

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
we hear, but often fail to follow.

*Forgive us all that is not love, and turn us to the way of Christ Jesus.*

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*God, gather and turn my thoughts to you. With you there is light, you do not forget me.  
With you there is help and patience. I do not understand your ways,  
but you know the way for me.*

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

*Silence*

God, kind even to the ungrateful and wicked,  
move in us so we become merciful as you are merciful.  
***Forgive us all that is not love, and turn us to the way of Christ.***

Sung Response **Aber du weißt den Weg für mich**

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

Alleluia

Sermon

Rev. Andy Willis

Prayer

God, gather and turn my thoughts to you.  
***With you there is light, you do not forget me.  
With you there is help and patience.  
I do not understand your ways,  
but you know the way for me.***

# Hymn

# Your ways are not our own

Lavon Bayler

Cantica Laudis: Lowell Mason and G. J. Webb

1. Your ways are not our own, O gra - cious God most high,  
 2. Christ teach - es us to bless the ones who curse and harm,  
 3. Yet, we can - not ex - cuse a - buse in an - y form,  
 4. How shall we show your love, your par - don to be - lieve?  
 5. For - give - ness is our joy, re - ceiv - ing, giv - ing, too.

yet we would fol - low in your paths and on your love re - ly.  
 to turn the oth - er cheek when struck, at - tack - ers to dis - arm.  
 for all are chil - dren of your care, and love must be our norm.  
 You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re - ceive.  
 Keep us from judg - ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

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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.*

## Gathering of Gifts *Laisserons nous à notre table*

Michel Scouarnec

Jo Akepsimas

1. Lais - se - rons nous à no - tre ta - ble un peu d'es - pace à  
2. Lais - se - rons nous à nos pa - ro - les un peu de temps à  
3. Lais - se - rons nous à no - tre fê - te un pas de danse à  
4. Lais - se - rons nous à nos fon - tai - nes un peu d'eau vive à  
5. Lais - se - rons nous à nos é - gli - ses un peu d'es - pace à

l'é - tran - ger? Trou - ve - ra - t-il quand il vien - dra  
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un peu de pain et d'a - mi - tié? Ne lais - son pas mou -  
un cœur ou - vert pour l'é - cou - ter?  
des main ten - dues pour l'in - vi - ter?  
des hom - mes libres et as - soif - fés?  
des cœurs de pauvres et d'af - fa - més?

rir la ter - re, ne lais - son pas mou - rir le feu!  
Ten - dons nos mains vers la lu - miè - re pour ac - cueil - lir le  
don de Dieu, pour ac - cueil - lir le don de Dieu!

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*1. Will we leave at our table a little space for the stranger?  
Will she find, when she comes, a little bread and some friendship?*

*Refrain: We will not let die the earth. We will not let die the fire.  
We hold our hands near the light to welcome the gift of God.*

*2. Will we leave in our speaking a little space for the stranger?  
Will he find, when he comes, an open heart to listen?*

*3. Will we leave in a celebration a few dances for the stranger?  
Will she find, when she comes, a hand outstretched to invite her?*

*4. Will we leave at our founts a little living water for the stranger?  
Will he find, when he comes, persons free and thirsty?*

*5. Will we leave within our churches a space for the stranger?  
Will she find, when she comes, hearts of the poor and hungry?*

### Offertory Hymn **Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

Thomas Ken: England

Louis Bourgeois, adapted: Geneva

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be low; praise God above, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

In an age of anger,  
where striking out is encouraged,  
when the impunity of autocrats seems on the rise  
and war is in the air,  
*we trust in you, gracious God,  
and take delight in your word,  
so that we need not be lost in fretting,  
in anxious nights and daily troubles.*

When lies seem to win  
and the powerful play with us  
as if we were pawns in their games,  
we pray for your promise  
that wrongdoing will fade,  
that those who carry out evil devices will be cut off,  
that goodness will gain respect.

***We commit our ways to you, holy God;  
and put our trust in you  
that you will make our vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of our cause like the noonday.***

In the stillness we wait, albeit not patiently.  
Power for power's sake,  
wealth for wealth's sake,  
winning solely for winning's sake  
keep on making their claims and insisting on their covetous pull.

***Turn our eyes in your direction, God of forgiveness,  
so we see the meek inheriting the land,  
delighting themselves in an abundance of peace,  
and taking refuge in you.***

Save us, God of life,  
so we learn not to fret over those whose only goal is to prosper,  
but discover more and more your presence in our lives,  
***enabling us to refrain from anger and forsake wrath,  
sparing us from the evil they bring,  
ushering us into your realm of justice and light,  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

*In our many languages*

***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.***

Sending Prayer

Benediction

Announcements and Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Closing Song **My love colors outside the lines**

F Gordon Light: Canada

F Fmaj7 Bb Bbmaj7 C

1. My love col - ors out - side the lines, ex - plor - ing paths that  
 2. My Lord col - ors out - side the lines, turns wounds to bless - ings,

Fmaj7 Bb Bbmaj7 Gm C

few could ev - er find; and takes me in - to pla - ces where I've  
 wa - ter in - to wine; and takes me in - to pla - ces where I've

F C/E Dm Dm/C Bb C7 F [1.]

nev - er been be - fore, and o - pens doors to worlds out - side the lines.  
 nev - er been be - fore, and o - pens doors to worlds out - side the lines.

[2.] F7 Bb C F C/E Dm

3. We'll nev - er walk on wa - ter if we're not pre - pared to drown,

Dm/C Bb C7 F

bo - dy and soul need a soak - ing from time to time.

F7 Bb C F C/E

And we'll nev - er move the grave - stones if we're not pre - pared to die,

Dm Dm/C Bb C7 F

and re - al - ize there are worlds out - side the lines.

F Fmaj7 Bb Bbmaj7 C F

4, My soul longs to col-or out - side the lines, tear back the cur - tains,

Fmaj7 Bb Bbmaj7 Gm C

sun, come in and shine, I want to walk be-yond the boun-daries where I've

F C/E Dm Dm/C Bb C7 F

nev-er been be-fore, and o- pen doors to worlds out-side the lines.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Weekly Worship – Up to 50 Each Sunday**

At the moment, the sanctuary can accommodate up to 50 people at a time, and masks must be worn at all times in the building (age 8 and over). Covid passes are no longer required.

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.*

## **Interested in Joining the English-Speaking Congregation?**

Membership in our congregation is simple, a way of claiming this as your home church in Geneva for however long you are here. You can still retain membership in a church in your home country if you wish.

An orientation for those new to the congregation will be held this week, and we are planning to receive new members next Sunday, 27 February. Please contact Andy Willis for more information.

## **Sign Up Now for Lent Study – *Embracing Justice***

The season of Lent begins on 2 March this year, and for the six weeks of the season, groups will meet weekly to discuss the new book "Embracing Justice," by Isabelle Hamley. The book examines various biblical portrayals of justice and invites us to imagine how we, as churches, communities and individual Christians, can seek and practice justice even when enmeshed in a fractured world.

While it's no longer possible to order a book through the church, you're still welcome to order a book on your own and join the study. If you'd like to participate, please sign up soon using this online form:

<https://forms.gle/vxkdt7ReKynNSOVC9>

## **Attestation for Swiss Taxes**

Contribution statements for 2021 have been mailed. If you need an attestation for filing Swiss taxes and did not receive one, please contact Donna in the office.

### **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.

### **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:**

<b>Thursday, 24 Feb.</b>	12h00	Centering Prayer*
	19h30	Choir practice
<b>Sunday, 27 Feb.</b>	10h00	Church school*
	11h00	Worship on Transfiguration Sunday

\* 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.*

<b>ELCG Connection Card</b>	
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