

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

18 FEBRUARY 2024

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

*We are a parish of many cultures and traditions,  
with deep Lutheran roots and wide ecumenical branches.*

*Geneva is a crossroads city and our doors are open to people from all over the world. About half of our members come from Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Anglican and other traditions, and half have Lutheran links. The Lutheran Church of Geneva was started by German expatriates in the 18th century, and the English-Speaking Congregation was formed in the 1950s after the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, World YWCA and United Nations agencies opened offices in Geneva.*

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

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*We are glad you are here—welcome!*

**Thank you** to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

*Readers:* George Breidy, Ewan Kit

*Prayer leader:* Judy Davis

*Altar care:* Mee Ji

*Assisting ministers:* Elisabeth Benn, Cynthia Wilbers

*Ushers:* Adam, Vivienne, Aamizara, and Aariya Talsma

*Offering counters:* Njoroge Njuguna and Tom Taylor

*Church School:* Grete Willis, Nina Kiderlin

*Flowers:* German-Speaking Congregation

*Coffee hour:* Neighborhood Group B

*Videographers:* Breanna Ndwiga, Ray Woodcock

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First Sunday in Lent + 18 February 2024, 11h00  
Baptism of Katharine Shell Breidy

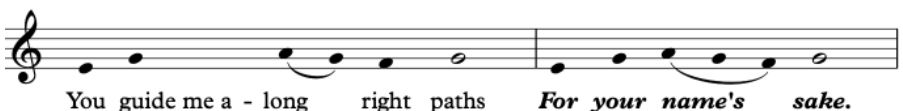
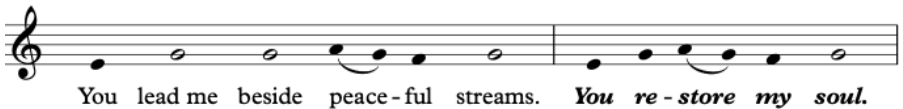
Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *France, Germany, Monaco*

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Greeting

Psalm 51:15, 10. Psalm 23:4



Your rod and your staff *they com - fort me.*

Lead me in your truth, and teach me.

*For you are the God of my sal - va - tion.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:

*as it was in the be - gin - ning is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.*

Gathering Psalm **Mily gyönyörűség**

Zoltán Sumonyi, adapted from Psalm 133

Dániel Gryllus, Hungary

*First time leader then the people repeat.*

La la la la etc.

1. Mily gyö - nyö - rű - ség, í - me lásd,
1. How good it is, oh do you see,
2. Like pre - cious oil poured on the head,
3. Noth - ing com - pares to won - drous sound

a - mi - kor az a - tya - fi - ak e - gyütt  
 when God's peo - ple meet to - geth - er as if  
 run - ning down on Aa - ron's beard and fur - ther  
 when God's peo - ple play to - geth - er as if

mu - zsi - kál - nak Ott van az ál - dás, hi - szed - é,  
 they were one, there is the bless - ing, do be - lieve:  
 down his long robe, like when the dew of Her - mon falls  
 they were one. Here is the bless - ing, do be - lieve:

csak o - da küld a mi U - runk pen - gő ci - te - rá - kat.  
 God com - pos - es life and mu - sic so his king - dom comes.  
 on the Mount of Zi - on and is seen by all the peo - ple.  
 God com - pos - es life and mu - sic so his king - dom comes.

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2. Lámpaolaj, mely lefolyik  
 a hajadon,  
 le a köntös prémes pereméig.  
 Hogyha Sionnak tetején  
 megül a Hermon harmatja,  
 s csillog Ninivéig.

3. Ez sem olyan jó s gyönyörű,  
 mint mikor az atyafiak  
 együtt muzsikálnak.  
 Itt van az áldás, hiszed-é,  
 csak ide küld a mi Urunk  
 pengő citerákat.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

from Psalm 25

For your name's sake, O Lord,  
 pardon my guilt, for it is great,  
*pardon my guilt.*

Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
*be gracious to me,*  
 for I am lonely and afflicted,  
*lonely,*  
*afflicted.*

Relieve the troubles of my heart,  
*and bring me out of my distress.*

Consider my affliction and my trouble,  
 and forgive all my sins.  
*Forgive all my sins.*

O guard my life, and deliver me;  
*do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.*  
 May integrity and uprightness preserve me,  
*for I wait for you.*

### Kyrie

From the Mass of the Holy Family

Yusuf Khill: Palestine

Ky-ri - e e-le - i - son. Ya - Rab ya Ra - bur - ham ya Ra - bur -  
 ham. Chris - te e - le - i - son. E - yu - hal - Ma si - hur - ham e - yu -  
 hal - Ma - si - hur - ham. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri -  
 e e - le - i - son ya Ra - bur - ham.

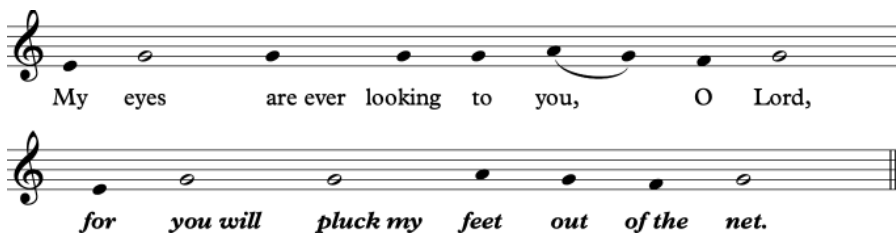
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### Words of Grace Psalm 25:5, 14-15

God leads us in truth and teaches us,  
 the God of our salvation, for whom we wait all day long.

#### Psalm 25:14-15

You Lord, are a friend to those who fear you,  
 and you show them your covenant.



My eyes are ever looking to you, O Lord,  
*for you will pluck my feet out of the net.*

My eyes are ever looking to the Lord,  
*who will pluck our feet out the net.*

Prayer of the Day

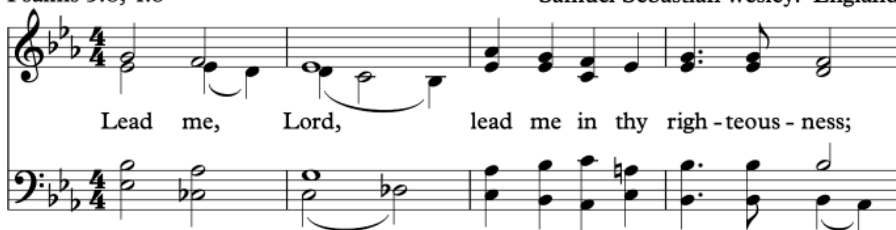
Sung Prayer

**Lead me, Lord**


*While we sing, the children gather at the front*

Psalms 5:8, 4:8


Samuel Sebastian Wesley: England



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness;



**Fine**  
 make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord,



**D.C. al Fine**  
 thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*Read in Arabic*

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 25:1-10

Antiphon

Psalms 5:8, 4:8

**Lead me, Lord**

Samuel Sebastian Wesley: England

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.



Antiphon

**Lead me, Lord**

*We hum the music under the following words*

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

Antiphon

**Lead me, Lord**

*We sing the words now*

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Antiphon

**Lead me, Lord**

*Read in French*

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

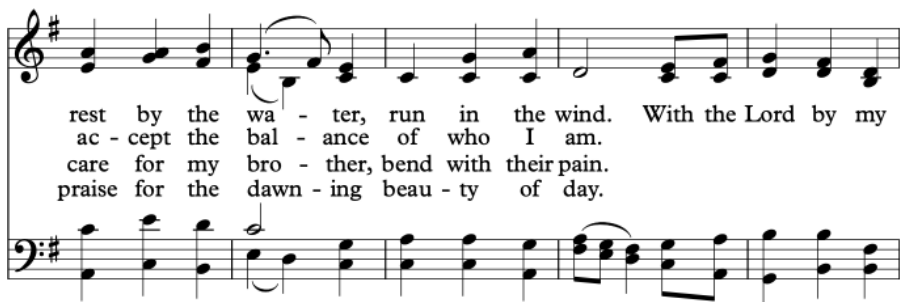
**With the Lord as my guide**

*During the last verse the baptismal party gathers around the font*

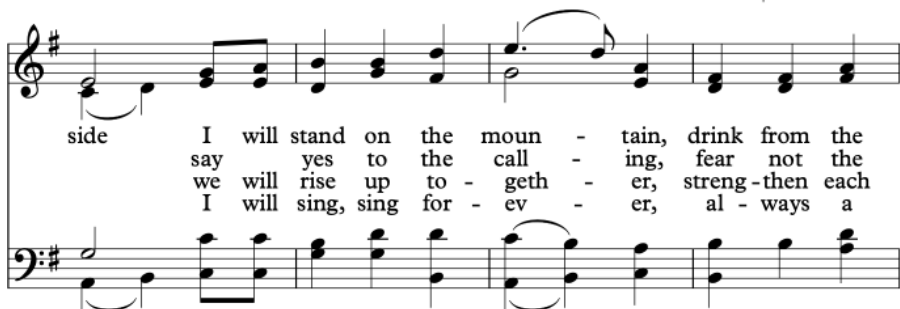
Jim Strathtdee

With the Lord as my guide

1. I	will walk	through	the	des - ert,
2. I	will see	all	the	tal - ents,
3. I	will work	with	my	sis - ter,
4. I	will rise	in	the	morn - ing,



rest by the wa - ter, run in the wind. With the Lord by my  
ac - cept the bal - ance of who I am.  
care for my bro - ther, bend with their pain.  
praise for the dawn - ing beau - ty of day.



side I will stand on the moun - tain, drink from the  
say yes to the call - ing, fear not the  
we will rise up to - geth - er, streng - then each  
I will sing, sing for - ev - er, al - ways a



foun - tain of love deep with - in.  
fall - ing, trust in God's plan.  
oth - er, cour - age re - gain.  
lov - er, seek - ing God's way.

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## Baptism of Katharine Shell Breidy

### Presentation

### 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.*

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?

*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 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. Amen.*

Thanksgiving at the Font

Baptism

Welcome

Sung Response

**Thank you, Lord**

arranged by Hezekiah Brinson, Jr.

African-American

Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you,  
 Lord. I just want to thank you, Lord.

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Prayers of Intercession

Be mindful of your mercy, Lord,  
*and lead us in your truth,*

Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts

*God be in my head*

Choir

*English, R. Pynson (1514) / Music, John Rutter*

*God be in my head and in my understanding;  
 God be in mine eyes and in my looking;  
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking;  
 God be in my heart and in my thinking;  
 God be at mine end and at my departing.*

Offertory

**Thank you, Lord**

## 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

Psalm 100:5; 19:1; 77:11, 13, 19, 20; 107:1-2; 2:7

We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good,  
and your steadfast love endures forever.

The heavens are telling your glory,  
and the firmament proclaims your handiwork.

***We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good,  
and your steadfast love endures forever.***

We will call to mind your deeds

We will remember your wonders of old.

Your way, O God, is holy.

With your strong arm you redeemed your people,

Your way was through the sea,

your path, through the mighty waters;

yet your footprints were unseen.

You led your people like a flock

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

***We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good,  
and your steadfast love endures forever.***

The redeemed you have gathered in,

from the east and from the west,

from the north and the south.

***We give thanks to you, O Lord, for you are good,  
and your steadfast love endures forever.***

We give thanks for the one to whom you said,  
“You are my son; today I have begotten you.”

So with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name.

## Sanctus

Repeat several times Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

San - ctus, san - ctus Do - mi - nus

The musical score for 'Sanctus' is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'San - ctus, san - ctus Do - mi - nus' written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

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*Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

## Hosanna in the Highest

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis. Ho -

The musical score for 'Hosanna in the Highest' is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis. Ho -' written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes that support the vocal line.

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*Cantor: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

### Words of Institution

### Remembrance

Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
With this bread, the body of Christ,  
the Lord comes near to the broken-hearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.  
With this wine, the blood of Christ,  
deep calls to deep; the song of the Lord is with us.  
We proclaim the mystery of our faith.  
***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*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

Ya hamalaLah

From the Mass of the Holy Family

Yusuf Khill: Palestine

Ya ha - ma - la - Lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal - 'a - lam Ir -  
 O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
 ham - na. Ya ha - ma - la - Lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal -  
 mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 'a - lam im - nah - na - sa - lam, im -  
 sins of the world, grant us your peace, grant  
 nah - na - sa - lam, im - nah - na - sa - lam.  
 us your peace, grant us your peace.

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## Communion

*Because this is the table of Jesus Christ, all people are welcome and invited to his feast. From the tray, take a light-colored cup if you wish to receive grape juice or a dark-colored one if you wish to receive wine. After being served, place your cup on the tray for used cups.*

## Songs during Communion

### Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

Isaac Watts

William H. Havergal: England

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To  
2. O send your Spir - it down to write your  
3. From van - i - ty turn off my eyes; Let  
4. Or - der my foot - steps by your Word And  
5. My soul has gone too far as - tray, My  
6. Make me to walk in your com - mands, A

keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would  
law up - on my heart! Nor let my tongue in -  
no cor - rupt de - sign, Nor co - ve - tous de -  
make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -  
feet too of - ten slip; Yet since I've not for -  
most de - light - ful road; Nor let my head or

grant me grace To know and do his will!  
dolge de - ceit, Nor act the li - ar's part.  
sires, a - rise With - in this soul of mine.  
mi - nion, Lord, But keep my cons - cience clear.  
got your way, Re - store your wan - dering sheep.  
heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

## Jesus, remember me

Jacques Berthier: France

Je - sus re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

Je - sus, re-mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus, remember me'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.' and 'Je - sus, re-mem - ber me when you come in - to your King - dom.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

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# Precious Lord, take my hand

Thomas A. Dorsey: USA

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;  
2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near;  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is al - most gone.  
and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Sending Forth

Benediction

Announcements and Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **The Season of Lent – Prayer and the Psalms**

Lent is a season calling the church to fasting, reflection, and prayer, and one of the great resources for prayer in our tradition is the book of Psalms. These ancient poems and songs offer us profound language for speaking to God, inviting us to bring the whole of our lives and experience into God's presence. We'll be paying particular attention to the psalms in worship this Lent, as well as the path of prayer we are called to walk.

## **Lent Study on the Psalms – Sign Up Now**

In addition to worship, we'll be exploring the psalms in weekly small group meetings during Lent. These groups will be reading and discussing portions of Ellen Davis's book *Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament*. Groups will meet at a variety of times during the week, primarily on Zoom. Interested in participating? Mark the signup sheet available after worship today or signup online using the link provided in the weekly church email. Contact Andy Willis with any questions.

## **Geneva Gospel Choir – Workshop and Concert Next Weekend**

The Geneva Gospel Choir is a workshop-based choir, coming together several weekends each year, under the leadership of Nehemiah H Brown, to prepare music, sing in a local church service, and perform a concert. The next Gospel Choir weekend will be 23-25 February:

- 23 Feb: Practice at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 18h-21h
- 24 Feb: Practice at Holy Trinity Church, 9h-16h30
- 25 Feb: Worship at Evangelical Baptist Church of Geneva, 11h45
- 25 Feb: Concert at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 19h

Cost is Chf 50 for students and Chf 100 for adults. All are welcome to participate! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3ObDQtK>

## **Women's Circle Invitation**

Ladies! You're invited to come to our Church Women's Circle! We will gather in our church, which is our village, on one Saturday each month for coffee and croissants and to share in fellowship and fun. All women church members and regular attendees are welcome in the Circle. We plan to meet on the following dates: **16 March, 13 April, 18 May from 10h00 to 12h00**. Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; [maritbmoore@hotmail.com](mailto:maritbmoore@hotmail.com)) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; [cwilbers@gmail.com](mailto:cwilbers@gmail.com)) for more information.

## **Serving Weekly Coffee Hour**

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday.

Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

25 February – Group C

3 March – Group D

10 March – Group E

17 March – Group A

*If you can help on a week when your group is assigned,  
please let your group's coordinator know.*

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## This Week's Schedule:

**Sun, 25 Feb 10h00** Church school  
**11h00** Worship on the Second Sunday in Lent

*Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30*

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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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