

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

11 AUGUST 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a congregation where music, liturgy,
and prayer reflect the richness of the global church.*

We gather each week for worship that is both firmly rooted in the ancient forms and traditions of Christian liturgy and attuned to contemporary concerns. We encounter the good news of Jesus in scripture, in song, in the sacraments, and in the gathered community. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle shapes our weekly worship, leading us to pray for and sing songs from different parts of the world.

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

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Sarah Stephens

Reader: Anotidashe Mtata

Prayer leader: Maureen Gumbe

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

Assisting ministers: Rumiko Jaussi, Kristen Namigai, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Maarten Wilbers

Ushers: Aguste Alweendo, Anotidashe Mtata, Naomi Mungure

Offering counters: Johnny Camaddo, Ngoni Hove

Flowers: Rumiko Jaussi

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group B

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost + 11 August 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Guest Preacher and Presider: Rev. Sarah Stephens

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

To practice kindness,

we gather in the name of God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

In the mercy of Jesus Christ,

we leave behind malice and wrangling so our hearts might open to tenderness.

Marked by the seal of the Holy Spirit,

we seek the words, which build up each other and give grace to those who hear.

We become one body,

tasting and seeing that the Lord is good,

looking to God, who makes us radiant,

exalting God's name together.

Hymn

Break, now the bread of life

Mary A Lathbury

William F. Sherwin

1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
 3. You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me.
 4. Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me,

as once you broke the loaves be - side the sea.
 as when you blest the bread by Gal - i - lee.
 Your ho - ly word the truth that res - cues me.
 that it may touch my eyes and make me see.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek you, Lord;
 Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;
 Give me to eat and live with you a - bove;
 Show me the truth con - cealed with - in your word,

my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing word.
 and I shall find my peace, my all - in - all!
 teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
 and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Word of life,
 we confess all the speech that grieves the Holy Spirit,
false words, brutal words,
divisive words, bitter words,
angry words, grudging words,
conniving words, slanderous words,
cutting words, self-serving words,
evil words.

Forgive us when we do not build up each other.

Turn us to words of grace,
words which lead to loving and bringing peace,
words that become a fragrant offering and sacrifice
honoring with each word the gift of Jesus Christ,
the word of God embodied,
the way, the life, the truth
now and ever Amen.

Sung Response

Jamée ma

as taught by Marie-Catherine Ngoa Azombo: Cameroon



1. Ja - mée ma. Ja - mée ma. Ja - mée ma A - ta - to
 2. Voo - lo ma. Voo - lo ma. Voo - lo ma A - ta - to
 3. Voo - lo bia. Voo - lo bia. Voo - lo bia A - ta - to



ja - mée ma. E E E E
 voo - lo ma.
 voo - lo bia.



Ja - mée ma. Ta - me ja - mée ma.
 Voo - lo ma. Ta - me voo - lo ma.
 Voo - lo bia. Ta - me voo - lo bia.

1. *Forgive me. Lord, forgive me. I need your forgiveness.* 2. *Save me. Lord, save me. I need your help.* 3. *Save us. Lord, save us. We need your help.*

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Comment ne pas te louer

Cameroon traditional

English adaptation, Andrew Donaldson

Com-ment ne pas te lou-er, com-ment ne pas te lou-
How can we not praise your name, how can we not praise your

er? Com - ment ne pas te lou - er,
name? How can we not praise your name,

Fine
Sei - gneur Jé - sus? Quand je re - garde au - tour de
Je - sus our Lord? Quand je re - garde au - tour de
I look a - round me and I

moi, je vois mes soeurs. A - lors je dis mer - ci, Sei-
moi, je vois mes frères. A - lors je dis mer - ci, Sei-
see all gath - ered here; we heard your call, and we came

gneur. Com - ment ne pas te lou - er,
gneur. Com - ment ne pas te lou - er,
near. How can we not praise your name,

Sei - gneur Jé - sus?
 Sei - gneur Jé - sus? (Com - ment et pour - quoi?)
 Je - sus our Lord?

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

I Kings 19:4-8

But [Elijah] himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
 My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
 O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.
 I sought the Lord, and God answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
 Look to God, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
 This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of God encamps around those who fear God,
and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

as taught by Jonas Maïna: Cameroon.



A - le-lu-ia A-men. A - le-lu-ia. A - le-lu-ia A-men. A - le-lu-ia.



A - le-lu-ia A-men. A - le-lu-ia. A - le-lu-ia A-men. A - le-lu-ia.

The Gospel according to John, chapter 6

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’ They were saying, ‘Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, “I have come down from heaven”?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught by God.” Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Rev-Sarah Stephens

Hymn

Jesus, you are the bread we long for

Bernadette Farrell: UK



Je - sus, you are the bread we long for. Je - sus,



you are the word we need. Je - sus, here in your



ga - thered peo - ple to - day, you live to show us the way.



- 1. For those who starve you be - come bread,
- 2. For those in need you be - came poor.
- 3. For those who weep your arms are wide.
- 4. For those a - lone you speak your word.
- 5. King of all Kings, choos - ing to serve.



For those who thirst you be - come wine.
 For those in shame your love is sure.
 Those who are lost you sit be - side.
 For those op - pressed your cry is heard.
 To the world's eyes failed and ab - surd.

D.C.



Do this in me - mo - ry of me

English and Music, Bernadette Farrell © OCP Publications.

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,

Prayer of Great 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

To the Creator of wheat and water, yeast and salt,

we give you praise and honour.

To the Liberator, who sent from heaven an unknown bread,
saving your people in the wilderness,

we remember your acts of deliverance.

To the Wisdom, who visited Elijah in his despair
and sent angels with food for the journey ahead,

we rejoice in your encouragement.

To the Word, so intent on love,
that you entered our world,
embodied,

the living bread that leads to life eternal,

we join our ancestors in the faith, who shared bread,

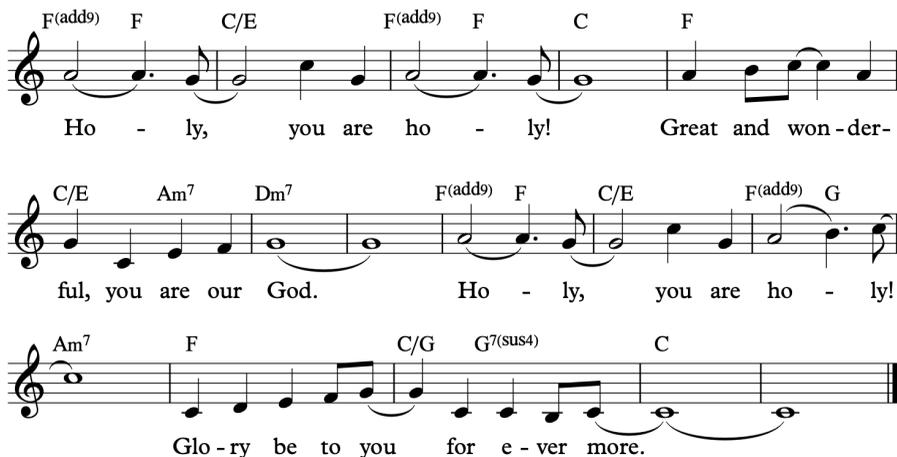
singing with the angels the hymn of praise.

Sanctus

Angels in the sky

Karin Runow: Sweden

Musical score for "Angels in the sky" by Karin Runow. The score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is accompanied by chords: C, C/E, Dm7, G7, C(add9)/E, and Am7. The lyrics are: "An - gels in the sky are sing - ing 'Ho - ly!'". The second staff continues the melody with chords: F, C/G, Am7, Dm7, C, and C/E. The lyrics are: "We can sing a - long with their song. Earth and hea - ven, all". The third staff concludes the melody with chords: Dm7, G7, C(add9)/E, Am7, F, F/G, and G. The lyrics are: "— you have cre - at - ed sing the songs of prais - es;".



Ho - ly, you are ho - ly! Great and won - der -
ful, you are our God. Ho - ly, you are ho - ly!
Glo - ry be to you for e - ver more.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembrance

Present for us is the Bread of Life. As we eat and drink we remember how he feeds us, how in this feast we become his body and blood. We proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

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.***

Agnus Dei

A qui to - lis pe - ca - ta mun - di
 Ag - nus De - i

mi - se - re - re no - bis mi - se - re - re no - bis

Ag - nus De - i qui to - lis pe - ca - ta mun - di.
 A

Second time sopranos sing the words on Bb

mi - se - re - re no - bis mi - se - re - re no - bis

Pa - cem, Pa - cem, Pa - cem,
 Ag - nus De - i don - na no - bis pa - cem.

Pa - cem. Pa - cem.
 Don - na no - bis pa - cem. Pa - cem.

Invitation to Communion

Songs during communion **Come, let us eat**

Billema Kwillia verses 1-3. Gilbert E. Doan Jr. verse 4

Billema Kwillia: Tanzania

1st time, leader. 2nd time, All.



1. Come, let us eat for now the feast is spread.
2. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
3. In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4. Rise, then and spread a - broad God's might - y word.

1st time, leader. 2nd time, All.

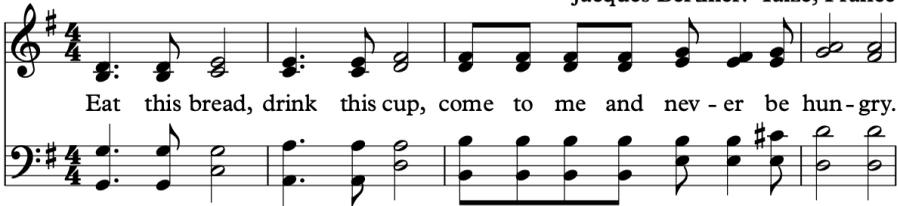


Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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Eat this bread

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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Togamuchi ra

Shona

as taught by Tsitsi Mtata, Zimbabwe

Leader ♩ = 134

To - ga - mu - chi ra

Ching - wa cho - ku - de - nga ti - chi - ku -

1.

To - ga - mu - chi ra

dza zi - ta ra - Mwa - ri. Ching - wa cho - ku - de -

Last time for ending

To - ga - mu - chi ra

nga. Ching - wa cho - ku - de - nga.

We receive heavenly bread with praises to God.

Nita

Asata Choir: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Leader

1. Ni - ta mwi - mbi - ya Bwa - na kwa ku - wa Ye - ye A -

All

me - ni - o - na. (Ni - ta) 1. Ni - ta mwi - mbi - ya Bwa - na

Leader

kwa ku - wa Ye - ye A - me - ni - o - na. Ni - ta mwi - mbi - ya

Bwa - na kwa ku - wa Ye - ye A - me - ni - o - na. (Ni - ta)

All

Ni - ta mwi - mbi - ya Bwa - na kwa ku - wa Ye - ye A -

A - me - ni - o - na. A - me - ni - o - na.

me - ni - o - na. A - me - ni - o - na. A -

A - me - ni - o - na. A - me - ni - o - na.
 me - ni - o - na. A - me - ni - o - na. A -
 (A - me - ni - o - na.)
 me - ni - o - na. (A)

1. *I will sing to the Lord because he cares for me.*
2. Ni-ta mwi-mbi-ya Bwa-na kwa ku-wa Ye-ye a-na ni pen-da. (Ni-ta)
2. *I will sing to the Lord because he loves me.*
3. Ni-ta mwi-mbi-ya Bwa-na kwa ku-wa Ye-ye a-na ni ju-wa. (Ni-ta)
3. *I will sing to the Lord because he knows me.*

Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group organized by Kiki Lawai will meet in the church on Thursday, 15 August at 18h00. If you have requests for prayer, please contact Kiki. Use the side door entrance.

Women's Circle – Meeting on 14 September

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: **14 September, 12 October, 9 November from 10h00 to 12h00**. Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; maritbmoore@hotmail.com) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; cwilbers@gmail.com) for more information.

Administrative Assistant on Vacation

Riza Le Geyt is currently on vacation and will be back in the office on Tuesday, 20 August 2024. Office email and voicemails will be monitored, but response times may be slower while Riza is away, and the office will only be open by appointment.

Andy Willis on Sabbatical – June to August

The Sabbatical for Andy continues until the end of August. He will be back 1 September. For pastoral care contact Maureen Gumbe (079 331 29 81 / whelminaweekes@aol.com), and she can connect you with people ready to help. You can leave a message at the the church office (022 310 50 89 / office@genevalutheran.ch) but Riza is on vacation. For emergencies contact Terry MacArthur, 079 652 3296 or Nina Kiderlin, the council president.

SAVE THE DATE! Church retreat to take place in Romainmôtier on Saturday, 21 September

This year's day-long church retreat will take place at Romainmôtier Abbey, one of the oldest Romanesque churches in Switzerland (c. 11th C). We'll enjoy a walk through the woods and worship in the Abbey, and we'll share a picnic lunch as well as plenty of fun and games. All ages welcome! If you plan to participate, please send your name, the name of accompanying children (with ages) and your phone/email to office@genevalutheran.ch.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday. Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

11 August – Group B

18 August – Group C

25 August – Group D

1 September – Group E

*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:

Today until Friday	Music camp, La Lécherette
Thur, 15 Aug 18h00	Prayer Group
Sun, 18 Aug 11h00	Worship on the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Rev. Dr. Friedrich Lohmann preaching and presiding

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