

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

18 AUGUST 2024

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

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—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Dr. Friedrich Lohmann

Reader: Ana Villanueva

Prayer leader: Fulata Moyo

Altar care: Marian Frerichs

Assisting ministers: Grace George, Fulata Moyo, Cynthia Wilbers,
Margaret Kehoe

Ushers: Sam Mungure, Anastasia Shimakela

Offering counters: Fulata Moyo, Tom Taylor

Flowers: Anastasia Shimakela

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group C

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost + 18 August 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Liberia, Sierra Leone*

Guest Preacher and Presider: Rev. Dr. Friedrich Lohmann

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

With the shakers from Zimbabwe and the congas from Brazil,
the rhythm of praise seeps into our veins with joy.

With a crafted chorale and the resonance of bells,
the Spirit draws us into one.

With a prayer of thanksgiving and a simple feast of bread and wine,
we become the body of Christ,

receiving life, offering life, celebrating life,
sharing life, singing life,

in the name of the Blessed Trinity,
one God, now and ever.

Hymn

Summoned by the God who made us

Delorus Dufner OSB

Jean Slates Hawk: USA



1. Sum - moned by the God who made us rich in our di -
 2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter; robed in ho - li -
 3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; trust the Spir - it
 4. Bring the hopes of ev - ery na - tion; bring the art of
 5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble all the hu - man



ver - si - ty, ga - thered in the name of Je - sus,
 ness and light, male and fe - male in God's i - mage
 strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion pro - mised
 ev - ery race. Weave a song of peace and jus - tice:
 fam - i - ly; shape a cir - cle e - ver wi - der



rich - er still in un - i - ty:
 male and fe - male God's de - light:
 sprung from seed of what has been.
 let it sound through time and space.
 and a peo - ple ev - er free.

Refrain



Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer and, in splen - did, var - ied ways,



sing a new church in - to be - ing, one of faith and love and praise.

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Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You call us to live wisely, God of Life,
 but, too often, we do not understand why we do what we do.
 Coming out ahead can suddenly seem more important
 than doing good.
 A little foolishness becomes a synonym for having a good time.

We risk becoming so attentive to screens
 that we retain little energy for understanding your will
 or even discerning our own.

Forgive us when we are lost in the evil around us.

*Fill us with your Spirit, so goodness marks us,
 and we find peace because we are attuned to you.*

*Turn us from swallowing the surrounding grumpiness,
 to practice a thankfulness that frees us for compassion,
 and a rejoicing that celebrates following Jesus Christ,
 the Wisdom from of old, who invites us in,
 the Living Bread, in whom we find life.*

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-er,
How can we not praise your name, how can we not praise your

er?
name? Com-ment ne pas te lou-er,
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,

Leader: *D.S.*
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

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

‘You that are simple, turn in here!’

To those without sense she says,

‘Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:9-14

O fear the LORD, you God’s holy ones,

for those who fear God have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good;

seek peace, and pursue it.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

as taught by Jonas Maïna: Cameroon.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are written below the notes: A - le-lu-ia A-men. A - le-lu-ia. A - le-lu-ia A-men. A - le-lu-ia.

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-60

The Gospel according to John, chapter 6

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 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 Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Friedrich Lohmann

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,
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.

The Passing of the Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts

Gotta Serve Somebody
Words and Music by Bob Dylan
Ben LeGeyt and Thomas Wilson

*1. You might be an ambassador to England or France.
You might like to gamble, you might like to dance.
You might be the heavyweight champion of the world.
You might be a socialite with a long string of pearls.*

*Refrain: But you're gonna have to serve somebody, serve somebody.
Well, it may be the Devil or it may be the Lord
but you're gonna have to serve somebody.*

*2. Might be a rock 'n' roll addict prancing on the stage.
You might have drugs at your command, women in a cage.
You might be a businessman or some high-degree thief.
They might call you doctor or they may call you chief. Refrain.*

*3. You may be a state trooper, you might be a young Turk.
You may be the head of some big TV network.
You may be rich or poor, you may be blind or lame.*

1. So - ki Ke - mbo, Ke - mbo. *All* Ah, ah, ah, ah,

2. Ke - mbo, Ke - mbo. *All* ah, Ke - mbo. To - ko - mo - na Ke - mbo na Ya - we.

When we love one another, God blesses us.

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 honor.

To the Liberator, who sent from heaven an unknown bread,
saving your people in the wilderness,
we remember your acts of deliverance.

To Wisdom, who welcomes all at her table,
we rejoice together in the feast where no are denied.

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "An - gels in the sky are sing - ing 'Ho - ly!' We can sing a - long with their song. Earth and hea - ven, all — 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

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

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 **In the singing**

Shirley Erena Murray: Aoteroa/New Zealand

Calton R. Young: USA

1. In the sing - ing, in the si - lence,
 2. In the ques - tion, in the an - swer,
 in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen, in the bless - ing,
 in the mo - ment of ac - cep - tance, in the heart's cry,
 in the break - ing, in the Pres - ence at this ta - ble -
 in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple.
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace:
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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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 -

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.

Eat this bread

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

The first system of music is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry."

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

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We are coming Lord, to your table

Sierra Leone arranged by Greg Scheer

We are com - ing, Lord, to the ta - ble. We are com - ing, Lord,

to the ta - ble. 1. With the gift of bread, we are com - ing, Lord.
2. To re - ceive the bread, we are com - ing, Lord.

Leader
Oh, sing it o - ver.
With the gift of wine, we are com - ing, Lord. Oh,
To re - ceive the wine, we are com - ing, Lord.

1. We of - fer you the gift of bread. We
2. We're com - ing to re - ceive the bread. We're
we are com - ing, Lord. Oh, we are com - ing,

of - fer you the gift of wine.
com - ing to re - ceive the wine.

Lord. Oh, we are com - ing,

Oh, sing it o - ver.

Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

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Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Circus comes to our church

This afternoon at 16h00, the children who participated in camp this past with with Katharina will be presenting what they have prepared since last Sunday. Their theme has been the circus, so be prepared for some surprises. You are invited to attend.

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: **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.

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.

Household items for sale at giveaway prices! Living room and bedroom furniture, office desk and chair, carpets, bookshelves, crockery and houseware, electronics, storage boxes, and much more. Contact me if you have any questions or would like to arrange for a visit. *See list on church bulletin board outside of the sanctuary.* Gladys Noko (078 802 4960 or 079 346 3600)

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

25 August – Group D

1 September – Group E

8 September – Group A

15 September – Group B

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

Andy Willis on Sabbatical – June to August

After ten years with our congregation, Andy Willis has been granted a three-month sabbatical this summer. From 1 June through the end of August, he will be away from the congregation, taking time for rest, reflection, and time with his family.

Worship will be led by a number of different people during these months, including both members of the congregation and visiting clergy. You can find the schedule on our website.

A **care team**, composed of both lay and ordained members, is in place to offer support at any time. Contact Maureen Gumbe (079 331 29 81 / whelminaweekes@aol.com), and she can connect you with people ready to help.

For **administrative matters or other questions** related to the congregation and its ministries, contact the church office (022 310 50 89 / office@genevalutheran.ch) or congregation president Nina Kiderlin.

Pastor Andy will be back in our midst on Sunday 1st September, kindly note this is the first Sunday of the month and so we will gather in the evening for worship - starting at 17h30 – mark your calendars!

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Third Century graffiti mocking a Roman follower of Christ.

This Week's Schedule:

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Sun, 25 Aug 11h00 Worship on the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost;
Rev. Dr. Elaine Neuenfeldt preaching and presiding

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

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If you are a guest in our congregation today, 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 be in touch and answer any questions you might have about our congregation.

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