

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30

1 SEPTEMBER 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..

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this evening:

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Elaine Neuenfeldt

Reader: Nina Kiderlin

Prayer leader: Fulata Moyo

Altar care: Marian Frerichs

Assisting ministers: Christoph and Elisabeth Benn, Fulata Moyo,
Alyssa Ndwiga

Ushers: Aguste Alweendo, Anotidashe Mtata

Offering counters: Sam Mungure, Johnny Camaddo

Flowers: German-Speaking Congregation

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group E

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost + 1 September 2024, 17h30

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo*

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Elaine Neuenfeldt

Welcome

Prelude

Greeting

Rejoicing in the generosity of God,

we open ourselves to the word implanted by the Holy Spirit.

Remembering the gifts coming from above, arising within us,

we worship Jesus Christ, the word embodied.

Re-ordering our lives so our doing reflects our calling,

we await the rebirth of love, which becomes our living.

Hymn

O God in whom all life begins

Carl P. Daw Jr.

England



1. O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2. U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3. Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

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Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,

and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,

nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When will you lead us back to compassion, God of mercy?

When will healing replace brokenness,
and gratitude root out the jealousy

that grouses about being left behind?

We confess we are stained by the world.

*We end up lost in claims and counterclaims,
in desires we can barely explain,*

in fears that restrain us from loving as you love.

Forgive us when we go to bed on our anger.

Forgive us when we fail to listen.

Forgive us when we speak before we understand.

*Renew in us thanksgiving, humility, kindness, and love,
following Jesus Christ.*

Sung Response

Toi, le Seigneur

J Löytty: Senegal

Toi, le Sei-gneur, prends pi - tié, prends pi - tié. Toi, le Sei-
Wo Yaal o - xe, yir - mii - di, yir - me in. Wo Kir - is -

gneur, prends pi - tié, prends pi - tié. Toi, le Sei-gneur, prends
taa, yir - mii - di, yir - me in. Wo Yaal o - xe, yir -

pi - tié, prends pi - tié. C'est ta paix que nous im - plor-ons.
mii - di, yir - me in. Jam re - fu ke i nge - ðoo-nga.

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You, O Lord, have mercy. We ask you for your peace.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

O Ndamnn

Ibou Ndiaye: Serere, Senegal

Bb Dm Gm F Gm C

1. 3. O ndam - m O ndam - m O ndam a he - la Roog
 2. Te - daa - nga Te - daa - nga Te - daa - nga he - la Roog

F C Bb Dm Bb/F

na moos boo moos O ndam a he - la Roog O ndam a he - la Roog
 na moos boo moos Te - daa - nga he - la Roog Te - daa - nga he - la Roog

Gm F Gm C F Bb Bb C Bb

O ndam a he - la Roog na moos boo moos Wo i si - ma - taa too
 Te - daa - nga he - la Roog na moos boo moos

C Bb C Dm F C Dm Bb F Bb

wo i ta - ga - saa, wo Ki - ris - taa Mbaal o - nqe Roog na wat - naa pa - kaad ad - na.

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- 1. and 3. *Glory to God forever and ever.*
It is to you that we give praise, O Christ.
- 2. *You are the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins.*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act--they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Traditional Yoruba

as taught by Emmanuel Badejo: Nigeria

$\text{♩} = 126$

A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa A - le - lu - ya
Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia,

Y'in O - lu - wa O seun, o seun, o seun,
praise the Lord. Prais - es, high prais - es, now

o seun ba - ba A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa
bring to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord.

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 7
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to

them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Elaine Neuenfeldt

Hymn

God gives us a future

E J Smith

Carlton R. Young



1. God gives us a fu-ture, dar- ing us to go
 2. We must leave be - hind us sins of yes - ter - day,
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, teach us how to read the signs,



in - to dreams and dan - gers on a path un - known.
 for God's new be - gin - ning is a bet - ter way.
 how to meet the chal - lenge of our trou - bled times.



We will face to - mor - row in the Spir - it's power;
 Fear and doubt and ha - bit must not hold us back.
 Love us in - to ac - tion stir us in - to prayer,



we will let God change us for new life starts now.
 God gives hope, and in - sight and the strength we lack.
 till we choose God's life, and find our fu - ture there.

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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.

The Passing of the Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts

Sancta Maria

by Pietro Mascagni from "Cavalleria Rusticana"
Bernice Dörig, soprano, Christophe Gunther, piano

Hail Mary, full of grace.

Hail, the Lord be with you.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us, sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Offertory music

Yeesu Kristaa'm gimanaa

Nicolas Ng. Sarr: Senegal



Yee - su Kris - taa'm gi - ma - naa Maad no maad waa'm
 Refrain: Je - sus Christ, of whom we sing, whom we praise as
 1. Thanks we bring to God, our Lord, who up - lifts the
 2. All our works will not suc - ceed. Christ can help us



si - wa - ndaa Mbaal o - nqaa Roog a ci - na ad - na
 King of kings, God has giv - en to ev - ery peo - ple.
 meek and poor. Je - sus Christ can o - pen the king - dom
 in our need. We be - lieve in Je - sus, who saves us.



ndax da mbat - tel fo' - oy um.
 By this Lamb the world is healed.
 that we lack when on our own.
 This, the gift, and this, our creed.

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1. Jookanjel Roog o Yaal in
 Andna neew doole wiin waa
 Reefangee Yeesu Kiristaa fee
 Yaag arjana jomb a in.

3. Arjana reefangaa nen
 Kenand kaa o ndakaaru
 Yaal kalal kaa njikin a ngen teen
 Tool axaa ndet fidel laa.

2. I njalee muc aleene
 Ci't oo ndeer no wiin waa
 O leng waagkee o fakoox a paam
 Gimna Yeesu a muchlaang.

4. Ndaa Roog a fi'a jam meen
 Arjana xaay no bay Roog
 Ci'it oo n' yall kalal fo rool waa
 Too Kiristaa na ci'taa.

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

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna and the highest.
Blessed is the one, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

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 **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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Na jijoho

English: John Bell

Benin

One Na ji - jo - ho, na ji - jo - ho,
Peace be with you, peace be with you,

All Ji - jo - ho ni tin, ji - jo - ho ni
Peace be with you, peace be with

po ome-po - po, A - men.
and with all of us. A - men.

tin, po ome-po - po, A - men. Po ome-po - po, A - men.
you, and with all of us. A - men. And with all of us. A - men.

Pronunciation using English sounds: na jee-jo-ho jee-jo-ho nee tin po ohm-po-po

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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.

Sending Forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals will be resuming on **Thursday, 12 September, 19h30-21h00**. The choir sings most Sundays and practices every week except for Geneva-school holidays. Start warming up your voices.

Church School Resuming Soon!

After a pause for the summer months, Church School classes will be resuming on **Sunday, 15 September at 10h00**. Church school takes place every Sunday except on the first Sunday of the month, when the service is in the evening, and during Geneva-school holidays. We will be needing teachers and helpers and also someone to take over from Thomas Wilson as the coordinator. The most important criterion is loving children. Caring that children learn the basics of the Christian faith also helps. We have on-line curriculum that we adapt to our needs, so you are not on your own. In fact, we always hope to have enough teachers that no one is in a class-room alone.

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:

8 September – Group A

15 September – Group B

22 September – Group C

29 September – Group D

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

This Week's Schedule:

Thur, 5 Sep	Jeûne genevois, church office closed
Sun, 8 Sep 11h00	Worship on the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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