

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a church with open arms,
where each person is welcome in God's all-inclusive love.*

Jesus shared God's gracious love with all people, and we seek to follow this example. People of any economic status, marital or family situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability are welcome to full participation in our congregation. We honor the unique gifts of each.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Sarah Stephens

Guest Presider: Rev. Judy Davis

Reader: Marit Bauer, Judy Sarriot, Maritza Vitela

Prayer leader: Fulata Moyo, Irene Ndwiga

Altar care: Kim Avafia, Clare Duran

Assisting ministers: Clare Duran, Faith Fookes, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler,
Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi

Ushers: Margaret Kehoe-Winkler, Queen King'ori

Offering counters: Ngoni Hove, Fulata Moyo

Church School: May Chin Long, Irene Ndwiga, Grete Willis

Flowers: German-Speaking Congregation

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group B

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost + 15 September 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay*

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Welcome

Prelude Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

The wisdom that comes from hearing ancient stories,
the wisdom that shines when the fog of false witness claims control,
the wisdom that reaches into the imagination
to divine a new way through,
the wisdom that gives order so we might understand,
the wisdom that became Word, that became flesh
passes into our souls and makes us friends of God and prophets.
This wisdom takes as its sign of freedom, the cross.
This wisdom rejoices not in what is gained but in what is given
and praises the Blessed Trinity,
one God, now and ever.

Hymn

Take up your cross

During the last verse, the children and church school teachers gather around the font.

Charles W. Everest, adapted

William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies: USA



- 1. "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would my dis -
- 2. Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spir - it
- 3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool - ish
- 4. Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till death to



ci - ple be; take up your cross with will - ing
 with a - larm; Christ's strength will bear your spir - it
 pride be still; for Christ did not re - fuse to
 lay it down, for on - ly those who bear the



heart and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
 up and brace your heart, sup - port your arm.
 die up - on a cross on Cal - vary's hill.
 cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Blessing of Church School Students and Teachers

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Right answers are important, God over all and in all,
but they have not given us right lives.
 Cars can now drive themselves,
but we cannot seem to steer ourselves towards peace and love and joy.
 Too often in our world, we know more and care less.
Constant stimulation seems to have outlawed patience.
Unending demand has swept away gratitude.
Getting leaves little space for giving.
Forgive us all that is not love.
Cross out our selfish striving,
so we might learn the wisdom of following your Beloved, Jesus Christ,
and become more like him.

Sung Response

Ore poriaju

Guarani: Paraguay

The musical notation consists of two staves in 3/4 time. The first staff is in C major and contains the first line of lyrics. The second staff is in A major (one sharp) and contains the second line of lyrics. Chords are indicated above and below the notes.

Chords: C, F, G, C, A7, Dm, G7, C

Lyrics:

O - re po - ria - ju ve - re ko Ñan - de - ja - ra. O -
 O - re po - ria - ju ve - re ko Je - su - cris - to. O -
 re po - ria - ju ve - re ko Ñan - de - ja - ra
 re po - ria - ju ve - re - ko Je - su - cris - to.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Gloria, gloria, gloria

Luke 2:14

Pablo Sosa: Argentina

Cueca E ♩ = 72 B⁷ E

La, la, la

B⁷ E B⁷ E E

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria

B⁷ B E

en las al - tu - ras a Dios. Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos
glo - ry to God on high. And on earth peace to the peo - ple in

B E For the ending repeat 2 times each time softer

que a - ma el Se - ñor. Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria.
whom God is well pleased.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

First Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease without dread of disaster."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 – 8:1

For [wisdom] is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness.
Although she is but one, she can do all things,
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
in every generation she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God and prophets,

for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.
 She is more beautiful than the sun
and excels every constellation of the stars.

Compared with the light she is found to be more radiant,
for it is succeeded by the night,
 but against wisdom evil does not prevail.
She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well.

Alleluia from **El cielo canta Alegría**

C **Refrain** F C⁷ F C F Gm Am Dm

A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 8
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Sarah Stephens

Hymn

Come and seek the ways of wisdom

Ruth Duck

Donna Kasbohm

F C Bb F Gm F/A

1. Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who danced when
 2. Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing in the
 3. Sis - ter Wis - dom, come as - sist us; nur - ture all who

Bb C7 F C Bb F

earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
 mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,

Bb F/A C F F/A Bb

for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -

F/C Bb/D /E F Gm Bb C7

path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 root and rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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 The melody of the last line adapted by Terry MacArthur.

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

She flies on

Women's circle

English and Music, Gordon Light: Canada

*Refrain: She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun;
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

*1. Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.*

*2. Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight,
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
The deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.*

*3. To a gentle girl from Galilee, a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark, in the dark,
the promise of a child of Peace, whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.*

*4. Flying to the river, She waited circling high,
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, She swept down from the sky,
and She carried him away in her embrace.*

*5. Long after the deep darkness, that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun.
The Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as She flew on.*

Offertory

El cielo canta Alegría

Pablo Sosa: Argentina

Lively ♩ = 120

El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 Hea - ven is sing - ing for joy, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.
 2. por - que a tu vi - da y la mí - a las u - ne el a - mor de Dios.
 3. por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a pro - cla - ma - rán al Se - ñor.
 1. for in your life and in mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.

Refrain

¡A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya!

2. for your life and mine are one in the love of God.
 3. for your life and mine will al - ways pro - claim the Lord.

Music, Español and English © Pablo Sosa, Camacué 282, 1406 Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

Pastor The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

Sanctus

Santo, santo, santo, santo

Misa Popular Salvadoreña: El Salvador

Introducción y Final *Muy movido*

Refrain E

San - to,
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

B⁷

San - to es nues - tro Dios, Se - ñor de to - da la tie - rra, San - to,
Ho - ly is our God, God the Lord of earth and hea - ven, Ho - ly

E E

San - to es nues - tro Dios, San - to,
Ho - ly is our God. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly,

B⁷

San - to es nues - tro Dios, Se - ñor de to - da la his - to - ria San - to,
Ho - ly is our God, God the Lord of all of his - tory, Ho - ly,

Second time to Final E *E Verse* A

San - to es nues - tro Dios. Que a - com - pa - ña a nues - tro pue - blo, que
Ho - ly is our God. Who ac - com - pa - ña our peo - ple, who

B E B

vi - ve en nues - tras lu - chas, del u - ni - ver - so en - te - ro el
lives with - in our strug - gles, of all the earth and hea - ven the

E

ú - ni - co Se - ñor. Ben - di - tos los que en su
one and on - ly Lord. Bless - ed those who in the

E

ú - ni - co Se - ñor. Ben - di - tos los que en su
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B7

D.C. Refrain et Final

bue - nay gran no - ti - cia de la li - be - ra - ción.
 claim - ing forth the Good News: our li - be - ra - tion comes.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

As we eat and drink together,
 we remember Jesus Christ is with us.
 In this bread, we see his body.
 As the cup is poured out, we see his blood.
 We proclaim the mystery of our 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.***

Argentina

A D A⁷ Bm D G A⁷

Ben - dí - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que tien - en
 Lord, bless the bread you have given, and give bread to all who are

D G A

ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que tien - en
 hun - gry, give hun - ger for jus - tice to those with

D F^{#m} G A⁷ D

pan. Ben - dí - ce Se - ñor nues - tro pan.
 bread. Lord, bless the bread you have given.

English, Donald Wetherick

Tú eres amor

Baguala ♩ = 170

Teresita Savall: Argentina

1. Gm Dm Gm 2. Dm Gm

Tú e - res a - mor, tú e - res bon - dad,
 You, source of all love, you Giv - er of good,

3. Dm Gm 4. Dm Gm

Se - ñor, da - nos la paz, que el mun - do no pue - de dar.
 O God, grant us your peace, the peace that the world can't give.

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Follow the way

Shirley Erena Murray

Julian Bray: Aotearoa/New Zealand

Fol - low the way, the way of the cross, go where the foot - steps lead.

Fol - low the way of sor - row and loss, love is its crime and creed.

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Elas estão chegando

Valdomiro de Oliveira: Brazil

Marcus Gianelli, Xico Esvael: Brazil

Refrain



E - las es - tão che - gan - do pe - las por - tas e ja - ne -
Sis - ters are bring - ing a new day, to our homes, our world, a new



- las, a - ve - ni - das e vi - e - las;
way touch - ing our lives like the sun's ray,



E - las es - tão che - gan - do.
sis - ters bring in the day.



1. Che - gan - do co - mo um ven - to for - te, che -
1. A day that calls for chang - es, a



gan - do com vi - da e nor - te, che - gan - do pa - ra - ques - tio - nar,
day that blows us clean, a day for ask - ing



questions, che - gan - do pra mu - dar.
a day for find - ing what we mean.



2. Che - gan - do pra sa - rar as jun - tas, che -
2. A day that's filled with cour - age, a



gan - do pra jun - tar as for - ças, che - gan - do pa - ra cons - tru - ir,
day that brings de - light, a day where jus - tice tri -

che - gan - do pra pros - se - guir.
 umphs, a day where wrongs are put right.

3. Che - gan - do pa - ra ques - tio - nar che - gan - do pra mu - dar
 3. A day to bind the bro - ken, and change the weak to strong,

che - gan - do pra en - can - tar, che gan - do pra a - le - grar.
 to wel - come in the stran - ger, a day which says you be long.

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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

Congregation Retreat in Romainmôtier - 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. (Or you can use the signup form sent with the congregation's weekly email.) Contact the church office with any questions.

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: **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.

Thank you to the Women's Circle for preparing and leading today's service!

Next Sunday, 22 September – A Wedding during Worship

Matteo and Jayne Magistris, longtime members of our congregation, will be exchanging their wedding vows as part of our worship service next Sunday, 22 September. They were married in a civil ceremony 14 years ago and now wish to make their vows before God and our community. All are welcome to join in this happy occasion!

Church School – Now in Session!

After a pause for the summer months, church school is now back in session! We meet each Sunday from 10h00 to 10h45 during the school year (except on the first of each month, when worship is in the evening, and during school vacations). There are two classes—one for ages 3-8, and one for 9 through confirmation age—both meeting in the top floor classrooms. Questions? Contact the church office or Andy Willis.

Choir Rehearsals - Thursday Evenings

The choir of the English-Speaking Congregation is open to anyone—we meet on Thursday evenings from 19h30 until 21h00 to learn the music for the upcoming Sunday worship service and work on additional pieces. Come and sing!

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

22 September – Group C

29 September – Group D

6 October – Group E

13 October – 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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Sophia, Wisdom of God “Kievskaya” icon

This Week’s Schedule:

Thurs, 19 Sep	19h30	Choir practice
Sat, 21 Sept	11h00	Retreat at Croy/Romainmôtier
Sun, 22 Sep	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship on the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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