

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a home away-from-home,
with people from different places becoming sisters and brothers in Christ.
Our members come from 40 countries and six continents. Some are in Geneva for
decades, others for only a few months. All help the parish to be a community of
shared beliefs, experiences and concerns. Opportunities for fellowship, spiritual
growth and recreation bring families, friends and acquaintances together. Such
bonds are precious in a city of so many welcomes and farewells.
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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this evening:

Reader: Nanah Naing'olah

Prayer leader: Kiki Lawal

Altar care: Damaris Hassink

Assisting ministers: Grace George, Elieshi and Ndeoya Mungure,
Hiromi Yano

Ushers: Nashipai Naing'olah, Queen King'ori

Offering counters: May Chin Long, Tom Taylor

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost + 8 September 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Ghana, Nigeria*

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

Dependent on God's mercy,
we leave aside, for a moment, our likes and dislikes
to savor thanksgiving rather than success,
to hear the needs of others,
to discover unexpected healing and expanded understanding.
In the praise of God,
mercy and love open our ears and awaken our eyes.
In singing the goodness of God,
we find our faith, our food, our freedom.

Hymn

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Isaac Watts

Matthäus Greiter 1525

Harmonized by V. Earle Copes

1. I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath, and when my voice
 2. Hap - py are they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3. The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4. I'll praise my God who lends me breath, and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers;
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train:
 the faint - ing mind; and sends the la - boring con - science peace;
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers;

my days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure; who saves the op - pressed,
 God helps the stran - ger in dis - tress, the wid - ow, and
 my days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 who feeds the poor, for none shall find God's pro - mise vain.
 the fa - ther - less, and grants the pri - soner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

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My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Prayer of Confession

God of the poor,
we are part of a red-carpet world,
looking longingly on those with designer clothes and lavish affairs.
You promise the poor will inherit the earth,
*but what we see is not blessing,
but ill health,
a lack of meaningful choices,
the long grind of exhausting insecurity.*
*Many of us have fled poverty.
Some of us teeter on its edge.*
Red carpets invite ranking, evaluation, status, judgment.
We confess we get nervous
when the begging hands stretch in our direction,
when the sidewalk before us has become someone's bed.
The divides grow wide.
*We often fail at loving our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us the pride that comes from having,
the judgments that try to prove we are better than others,
the fears that keep us from daring mercy.*
*Turn us so we trust you
to pour eyesight on our blinded spirits,
and to encourage us when our minds grow faint.
Set us free to do the will of your beloved, Jesus Christ,
and follow him.*

Sung Response Kyrie eleison

Dinah Reindorf: Ghana

Lento, espressivo

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, be strong, do not fear!
 Your God will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
 God will come and save you. The eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped; the lame shall leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break
 forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand
 shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

from Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers

and upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,

for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

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: 24-37

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

From there [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the

demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn **Coming to Jesus from outside the fold**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette adapted

Traditional Irish melody



1. Com - ing to Je - sus from out - side the fold Ca - naan - ite
 2. Claim - ing a bless - ing, a touch of God's grace, she knew God's
 3. God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer, wel - com - ing
 4. Bless by your Spir - it this min - is - ter here, who has served



wo - man, per - sist - ent and bold, look - ing to Je - sus, she
 love was not bound - ed by place. Je - sus, you lis - tened, de -
 dream - ers who faith - ful - ly dare. In Christ, now ris - en, your
 faith - ful - ly year af - ter year— break - ing down bar - riers, per -



want - ed to see one who would help her and set her child free.
 bat - ed—then healed—for in her ask - ing, her faith was re - vealed.
 mer - cy ex - tends: those on the out - side are wel - comed as friends.
 sist - ent and bold, lead - ing your peo - ple back in - to your fold.

This hymn was written for the 35th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Dr. Dorothea Brooks. After that occasion, the fourth verse is usually omitted. But it is a good prayer upon the return of Andy Willis after his sabbatical.

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

Violin, Greg Wierznyska, Piano, Nelia Wierznyska

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. Jookanjala 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't oo n' yall kalal fo rool waa
 Too Kiristaa na ci'taa.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda



Pastor *People*

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

Preface

Sanctus **Angels in the sky are singing "Holy!"**

Karin Runow; Sweden

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

Remembering

Indeed, we do remember Christ when we eat and drink together.

Christ is as close as the bread we eat, the wine we drink.

In this sharing, we practice the love Christ preaches.

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.

Agnus Dei

Itonde Kakoma

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.
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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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 Rehearsal – Thursday 12 September

Choir rehearsals will be resuming this **Thursday, 12 September at 19h30.**

Church School – Sunday 15 September

Church School classes will be resuming next **Sunday, 15 September at 10h00.**

Women’s Circle Invitation – Saturday 14 September at 10h00

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. Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; maritbmoore@hotmail.com) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; cwilbers@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

15 September – Group B

22 September – Group C

29 September – Group D

6 October – 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:

Thur, 12 Sep 19h30	Choir practice
Sat, 14 Sep 9h00	Congregation Council retreat
Sat, 14 Sep 10h00	Women's circle
Sun, 15 Sep 10h00	Church school
Sun, 15 Sep 11h00	Worship on the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>	

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