

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

13 OCTOBER 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.

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:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Judy Davis

Reader: Bethany Rosenkrans

Altar care: Grace George

Assisting ministers: Caetano de Chassey, Eva de Chassey,
Filipa de Chassey, Alyssa Ndwiga

Ushers: Alessia de Chassey, Naomi Mungure

Offering counters: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti, May Chin Long

Church School: Nina Kiderlin, Nanah Naing'ola, Grete Willis,
Gladys Yegon

Flowers: German-Speaking Congregation

Coffee hour: Neighborhood Group A

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost + 13 October 2024, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico*

Weekend of Prayer and Action against Hunger

Guest Preacher: Rev. Judy Davis

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

Whenever the hands of the hungry no longer plead in vain,
a light breaks forth like the dawn.

Whenever we lose our fear and find our compassion,
the glory of the Lord becomes our protector.

When the pointing of the finger and the speaking of evil are put
away,

we hear God's tender voice, "Here I am."

In the body of Christ, the hungry child cries in our stomachs,
and the worried mother stares in us with eyes of desperation.

The needs of the afflicted wound our spirits like a parched place,
until we cry out,

and in the crying, we find Jesus crying out with us, for us, in us,
gathering us, the hungry, the hurting, the insecure, into one.

Hymn

Until all are fed

Tommy Brown and Bryan McFarland

Sally Morris and Bryan McFarland: USA

1. How long will we sing? How long will we pray?
2. How long will we talk? How long will we prod?
3. How can we stand by and fail to be agh - ast?
4. On the green, green grass they gath - ered long a - go

How long will we write and send? How long will we bring?
 How long must we fret and hoard? How long will we walk
 How long till we do what's right? How could we stand by
 to hear what the Mas - ter said. What they had they shared:

How long will we stay? How long will we make a - mends?
 to tear down this fa - cade? How long, how long, O Lord?
 and choose a les - ser fast? How long till we see the light?
 some fish - es and some loaves. They served un - til all were fed.

Refrain

Un - til all are fed we cry out! Un - til all on earth have bread.

Like the One who loves us each and ev - ery one we serve un - til all are fed.

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Invitation to Confession

Silence

Prayer of Confession

We cry out, gracious God:
the bonds of injustice still shackle many;
the yoke grows heavier;
those fleeing poverty often face walls and waves rather than
welcoming arms;
the hungry are used as pawns by the powerful
rather than valued as persons.

Forgive us when we pull ourselves away and fail to hear.

Turn us from patterns and practices that cheapen the lives of others.

Heal us of our worries and fears,

so our self-giving shines with the light of your love,

reflecting the free gift of life in Jesus Christ,

whose word is our way,

whose cross is our sign.

Sung Response

Oye, Señor

Betty Hernández and Maritza Dixon: Mexico/Panama

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 2/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a Dm chord and a 7-measure rest. The second staff includes Dm, C, A7, and Dm chords. The third staff includes A7, Dm, A7, Dm, A7, and Dm chords. The lyrics are: O - ye, Se - ñor, tu pue - blo te cla - ma. O - ye, Se - Hear us, O Lord, your peo - ple cry to you. Hear us, O ñor, tu pue - blo te cla - ma. Dá - nos tu for - ta - le - za y a Lord, your peo - ple cry to you. Give us your stead - fast cour - age to vi - va nues - tra fé. O - ye, Se - ñor! O - ye, Se - ñor! live out our faith with strength. Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord.

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Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Tal ainu kuwesi ta Alla

As taught by Beatrice Mukhtar Mamuzi: Sudan

Tal ai - nu ku - we - si ta A - lla.
Come, and see the Lord is good.

Tal ai - nu ku - we - si ta - a - lla.
Come, and see the Lord is good.

Ma fi ha - ja bi - ga - si A - lla.
There is no - thing that God can - not do.

Tal ai - nu ku - we - si ta A - lla.
Come, and see the Lord is good.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:6-12

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the Lord at all times;
whose 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, who 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 the Lord 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.

Alleluia

Honduras

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - to.
 Now the Lord is risen in - deed.

The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Rev. Judy Davis

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

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Apostles' Creed

During the creed the children are invited to come to the front.

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.*

Invitation to Prayer

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

Greg Wierzynski and Nellia Wierzynska, violins

Offertory

Bendice Señor nuestro pan

Argentina

Ben - di - 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

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

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

English, Donald Wetherick

comes in the name of the Lord. Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

Since this is the table of Jesus Christ, we remember that we do not eat and drink on our own. With this bread, broken, we become part of his body. With this cup poured out, we become part of 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.***

Agnus Dei

Ya hamalaLah

From the Mass of the Holy Family

Yusuf Khill: Palestine

Ya ha - ma - la - Lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal - 'a - lam Ir -
 O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
 ham - na. Ya ha - ma - la - Lah al - ha - mel kha - ta - yal -
 mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 'a - lam im - nah - na - sa - lam, im -
 sins of the world, grant us your peace, grant
 nah - na - sa - lam, im - nah - na - sa - lam.
 us your peace, grant us your peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion

Somos pueblo que camina

English Carolyn Jennings

Misa Popular Nicaragüense

1. So - mos pue - blo que ca - mi - na por la sen - da del do - lor.
 1. We are peo - ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.
 2. God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum - ble and the poor.
 3. This is bread that God pro - vides us, nour - ish - ing our u - ni - ty.
 4. Christ is ev - er pres - ent with us to u - nite us all in love.
 5. All who tru - ly thirst for jus - tice seek their lib - er - a - tion here.
 a - cu - da - mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - ni - ón.
 Joy - ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

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We come now to the table, Lord

Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop

St. Vincent melody
adapted by Patrick Prescod

1. We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.
2. We drink the cup, it was for us your sa - cred blood was shed,
3. A ho - ly feast trans - form - ing us, the sa - cred bread and wine,

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - ery soul be fed.
we drink the cup, it was for us you suf - fered pain and blood;
a ho - ly feast trans - form - ing us, that makes our lives di - vine;

You are the Liv - ing Bread; let ev - ery soul be fed,
your sa - cred blood was shed, you suf - fered pain and bled;
the sa - cred bread and wine, that makes our lives di - vine;

and now may ev - ery soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.
we drink the cup, it was for us your blood was shed.
a ho - ly feast trans - form - ing us, this bread and wine.

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Sera la paz

Elizabeth Hernández: Mexico

E G#m A

Y el fru - to de la jus - ti - cia se - rá la paz.
The har - vest of do - ing jus - tice will be true peace,

B7 E B7 E

Paz pa - ra tu vi - da, paz pa - ra tu pue - blo;
peace in all your be - ing peace for all your peo - ple,

F#m E B E E7

paz que en Je - su - cris - to pue - des en - con - trar.
peace you can dis - cov - er given by Je - sus Christ,

A E B E

Paz que en Je - su - cris - to pue - des en - con - trar.
peace you can dis - cov - er given by Je - sus Christ.

English paraphrase by Terry MacArthur

Canto de esperanza

Ester Camac: Peru

Edwin Mora G.: Costa Rica



Cuan-do se va la es-pe-ran-za El nos ha-bla y nos di-ce:
Just when our hope was de-feat-ed, clear was the voice of the Spir it:



1. mi - ra a tu her - ma - no que vi - ve y lu - cha bus -
2. a - cér - ca - te a tu her - ma - no y tra - ba - jen
3. no se a - le - jen de mi la - do, per - ma - nez - can
1. See how your bro - thers have not giv - en up in the
2. Reach out to all of your bro - thers and build with each
3. I will be with you and I will up - lift you and



can - do un mun - do me - jor; mi - ra a tu her - ma - na que
jun - tos bus - can - do la paz; a - cér - ca - te a tu her
fir - mes, que siem - pre es - ta - ré. no se a - le - jen de mi
strug - gle to bet - ter the world. See how your sis - ters have
oth - er a world of peace. Reach out to all of your
give you the strength to en - dure. I will be with you and



vi - ve y lu - cha - bus - can - do un mun - do me - jor.
ma - na y tra - ba - jen jun - tos bus - can - do la paz;
la - do, per - ma - nez - can fir - mes, que siem - pre es - ta - ré.

not giv - en up in the strug - gle to bet - ter the world.
sis - ters and build with each oth - er a world of peace.
I will up - lift you and give you the strength to en - dure.



Can - te - mos a nues - tro Dios, El es el Dios de la vi - da,
God is up - lift - ing the peo - ple! God is the pow - er with - in us!



porque El es - tá con no - so - tros crean - do la es - pe - ran - za y la li - ber - tad.
Hope is our mus - ic and free - dom our song and to - geth - er our voic - es will ring.

Sending Forth

Benediction **The peace of the Lord be with you**

Guatemalan traditional

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heav - ens
too; the peace of the riv - ers be with you, the
peace of the o - ceans too. Deep peace fall - ing ov - er
you. God's peace grow - ing in you.

The image shows a musical score for a benediction. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, written in treble clef. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heav - ens too; the peace of the riv - ers be with you, the peace of the o - ceans too. Deep peace fall - ing ov - er you. God's peace grow - ing in you.'

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Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Joining the English-Speaking Congregation?

Membership in our congregation is simple, a way of claiming this as your home church in Geneva for however long you are here. You can still retain membership in a church in your home country if you wish. If you'd like to learn more about joining the congregation as a member, please contact the church office or Andy Willis soon. We plan to receive newmembers shortly and will hold an orientation session in the coming weeks.

Young Adult's Group – Friday, 18 October

Young Adults Group is back on! If you are between the ages of 18-30 years old, you are welcome to join us on Friday, 18 October at 19h00. For this first meeting after the summer break, we plan to connect, play games, and get to know each other better. You can contact either Olivia Anderson at (076 449 31 37) or Naomi Mungure at (076 214 66 07) for more information.

Serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 26 October

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 26 October 2024. It takes place from 9h00 until about 13h00 at Le Jardin de Montbrillant (Rue de Montbrillant 3) just behind Geneva Cornavin train station. All are welcome to sign up and help prepare and serve a warm meal. Contact the church office or Elisabeth Benn (chriselis_benn@bluewin.ch) for more information.

Harvest Festival – Postponed to May 2025

Our congregation has a long tradition of holding an annual Harvest Festival, where we raise funds for one or more outside projects. This year we have decided to postpone the event until the spring, so it can have more of its own space in a moment in our church's life when it doesn't overlap with other fundraising efforts. We remain committed to supporting other organizations and churches engaged in meaningful and important work, and we will continue to do so through our sharing fund this season.

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:

20 October – Group B

27 October – Group C

3 November – Group D

10 November – 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:

Thurs, 17 Oct	19h30	Choir practice
Fri, 18 Oct	19h00	Young adult's group
Sun, 21 Oct	10h00	Church School
	11h00	Worship on the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

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