

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

10 NOVEMBER 2024

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a congregation where music, liturgy,
and prayer reflect the richness of the global church.*

We gather each week for worship that is both firmly rooted in the ancient forms and traditions of Christian liturgy and attuned to contemporary concerns. We encounter the good news of Jesus in scripture, in song, in the sacraments, and in the gathered community. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle shapes our weekly worship, leading us to pray for and sing songs from different parts of the world.
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 and Presider: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mtata

Reader: Arnav Suna

Prayer leader: Kiki Lawal

Altar care: Clare Duran

Assisting ministers: Rumiko Jaussi, Vivien Liu, Nyambura Njoroge,
Nathan Day Wilson

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A Home away from Home: Stewardship 2025

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia*

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

Embraced by the steadfast love of God,

we are released from the selfishness that imprisons us.

The grace of Christ, that matchless gift, that beckoning goal,

frees us from the consuming calculation of gain and loss.

Our hearts are warmed

by the sighs of the Spirit, singing in those near us,

praising together the Blessed Trinity,

gathering us into the arms where peace abounds.

Hymn

Tama ngakau marie

Traditional para. Shirley Murray

Maori traditional melody: Aotearoa/New Zealand

1. Ta - ma nga - kau ma - ri - e, Ta - ma a Ta -
 1. Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most
 2. Take a - way our sin - ful - ness, e - vil that im -
 3. Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to

tu - a, Te - nei to - nu
 Ho - ly, to your pres - ence
 pri - sons us, free us from what
 save us, gath - er us with -

ma - tou, A - ro - hai - na mai.
 we have come; give us now your love.
 trou - bles us, give our soul re - lease.
 in your arms, Je - sus, on this day.

- 2. Murua ra nga hara: /Wetekina mai, / Enei here kino, /Whakararu nei.
- 3. Homai he aroha / Mou i mate nei /Tenei ra, e lhu / Takina e koe.

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Invitation to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of life,
the influence of money is like a virus in the air we breathe.

*We cannot seem to escape its pull,
even when we want to be loving and gracious.*

It shapes our world, our cultures, even our dreams.

“What’s in it for me?” becomes the standard question,
until self-interest infects our moral bearings
and we become stiff, unable to turn aright.

Save us, Christ Jesus.

Save us, Christ Jesus, for we are lost.

*Forgive us the selfish wanting without end,
the selfish jockeying for status,
the selfish having.*

Remove the fear that keeps us bound.

Release us from the constant running round trying to get ahead.

*Return to us the appreciation of treasures you provide,
the embrace of love,*

the community in which your Spirit comes near,

the ancient word that suddenly speaks anew when read.

the gratitude that comes from giving,

the delight when someone listens well and hears

Teach us how to follow you so we honor your name.

Sung Response

Lord, have mercy

Swee Hong Lim: Singapore

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a double bar line and repeat sign, followed by the melody for 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The second staff continues the melody for 'Lord, have mer - cy on us.' with a final double bar line and repeat sign.

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Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

O Lord Jesus Marrkapmirr

Aboriginal people of Arnhem Land
versified by D'Arcy Wood

Aboriginal: Australia

O Lord Je - sus Marr - kap - mirr, all the power be -
Now we praise you for your Word, liv - ing, true and
longs to you. Hold me by this power, O Lord.
full of light. Yours the hands that rest on me:
You a - lone are king. hold me for all time.

'Marrkapmirr' is a term of endearment, and means in this context 'altogether lovely, and worthy of affection'.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
*Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.*

Know that the Lord is God,
*our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.*

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,
*and the courts with praise.
Give thanks and bless God's holy name.*

Good indeed is the Lord;
*whose steadfast love endures for ever,
whose faithfulness endures to all generations.*

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker: Australia

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

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

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Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 12.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

Kenneth Mtata

Hymn

Take my gifts

Shirley Erena Murray

Colin Gibson: Aoteroa/New Zealand

1. Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2. Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
 3. Take whatever I can offer, gifts that I have yet to find,

gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free.
 harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God;
 skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,

Now be-cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a-way;
 spiced with hu-mor, laced with laugh-ter fla-vor of the Je-sus life,
 things made beau-ti-ful for oth-ers in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is ris-ing, loaves of love to mul-ti-ply!
 tang of risk and new ad-ven-ture, taste and zest be-yond be-lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

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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

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Anthem

I saw the rich ones
English and Music by Pat Mayberry: Canada
Arranged by Margaret Stubbington

Choir

*1. I saw the rich ones, I saw what they gave;
 the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved;
 and I saw she was smiling and I knew she was glad,
 and I wondered because she gave all that she had.*

Refrain

*But with God the world is turned upside down;
 the poor are embraced and the lost they are found.
 Let's work for a world where all people are free;
 where it's good to feel good about God loving you and me.*

*2. I saw Zaccheus, a sinner they said,
 but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread;
 and I knew something special had happened that day
 when Zaccheus gave half of his riches away.*

*3. The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day;
 I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been paid;
 for the ones who came later were paid just the same
 as the workers who greeted the dawn when they came.*

Offertory

Mi pela i bung

Psalm 68:26 Neo-Melanesian

Traditional: Papua New Guinea

Mi pe - la i bung pa - pa God long on - rim yu na long
 God of all the world, we have come to give you thanks and be -
 drum simile

1. ten - kim yu tru. Long dis - pe la
 come more like you. you. In wor - ship we

2. tru. Long dis - pe la
 you. In wor - ship we

lo - tu ol pi - pel i bung wan - taim yu.
 long to be one with each oth - er and you.

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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

For the light shining through the chaos,
thanks.
 For the breath that gives life,
thanks.
 For the dancing on freedom's side of the sea,
thanks.
 For the manna in the desert,
thanks.

For the water from the rock,

thanks.

For the widows giving all they have,

thanks.

For the prophets drumming justice and rhyming hope,

thanks.

For the gift of Jesus Christ, loving the whole world,

thanks.

With the church on earth,

with all the saints and angels, we join in the ongoing hymn of praise.

Sanctus

Kudus, kudus, kuduslah Tuhan

Sakamoto: Indonesia

Ku - dus, ku - dus, ku - dus - lah Tu - han Al -
Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
lah se - ga - la ku - a - sa. Sur - ga dan bu - mi are
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
pen - uh ke - mu - lia an - Mu. Ter - pu - ji - lah, Ter - pu - ji - lah,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.
Eng - kau di sur - ga. Ter - ber - kat - i - lah, yang da - tang
Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
a - tas na - ma Tu - han. Ter - pu - ji - lah
in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na
ter - pu - ji - lah Eng kau di sur - ga.
in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

Love is served at this table, as we remember Jesus.
This bread, the body of Christ.
This wine, the blood of Christ.
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

Anak Domba Allah

M. Karatem: Indonesia

A - nak-dom-ba Al - lah, Yang meng - ha - pus do - sa
du - ni - a. A - nak - dom - ba Al - lah,

- 1. 2. ka - sih - an - i ka - mi, ka - sih - an - i ka - mi.
- 3. b'ri - lah ka - mi da - mai, b'ri - lah ka - mi da - mai.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. 3rd time grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome for communion. Come and take any empty space around the altar. You will receive the bread. Then choose a cup: a dark cup for wine, a lighter cup for grape juice. Place the used cup on the next tray before returning to your seat.

Songs during communion

Far beyond our mind's grasp

Francisco F. Feliciano: Philippines Caturog Na Nonoy, Bicol folksong: Philippines



1. Hin - di ko ma - i - sip, kay la - king hi - wa - ga
1. Far be - yond our mind's grasp and our tongue's de - clar - ing,
2. None of us is worth - y to re - ceive your es - sence,
3. So our hearts are lift - ed to the realm a - bove us,
4. Soon you bid us scat - ter, share what we in - her - it



Kay la - king pag - li - ngap, pag - pa - pa ka - sa - kit,
you are here in mys - tery, qui - et - ly and with - out fail:
in this meal to - geth - er, yet, the gift is yours by choice,
nour - ished and u - ni - ted by the pre - cious bread and wine.
from this home of bless - ings where we taste your peace and grace.



Sa - la na - ming ta - o nang i - yong a - ku - in
lift - ed once on Cal - vary, sin and weak - ness bear - ing,
death can nev - er snatch us from your ho - ly pres - ence,
Here what sweet con - tent - ment know - ing that you love us!
May our lives be al - tars glow - ing with your Spi - rit



Wa - lang hang - ga - nan, Diyos, ang 'yong pag - i - big.
O Lord, how won - der - ful you call us through the veil.
your prom - ise is for life; we on - ly can re - joice.
We thank you for this feast, this fel - low - ship di - vine.
to light the lamps of those who al - so seek your face.

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May we see Christ's loving face

Trisha Watts: Australia

Musical score for the hymn "May we see Christ's loving face". The score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves of music. The first staff has the lyrics "May we see Christ's lov - ing face." and the second staff has "May we be an i - con of his grace." The chords are indicated above the notes: F(sus4)/C, F/C, and C.

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Holy sacred Spirit

Monica Brown: Australia

Musical score for the hymn "Holy sacred Spirit". The score is written in 3/2 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are "Ho - ly sa - cred Spir - it, breathe your breath on us." and "Ho - ly sa - cred Spir - it, breathe your life in us." The piano accompaniment features chords and a steady bass line.

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Nothing is lost in the love of God

GREENLANE: Colin Gibson: Aotearoa/New Zealand

G B7 C D C D(sus4) D

1. Noth-ing is lost on the breath of God, noth-ing is lost for - ev - er;
 2. Noth-ing is lost to the eyes of God, noth-ing is lost for - ev - er;
 3. Noth-ing is lost to the heart of God, noth-ing is lost for - ev - er;

G B7 C D C

God's breath is love and that love will re - main, hold - ing the
 God sees with love, and that love will re - main, hold - ing the
 God's heart is love, and that love will re - main, hold - ing the

D(sus4) D G D C

world for - ev - er. No feath - er too light, no hair too
 world for - ev - er. No jour - ney too far, no dis - tance too
 world for - ev - er. No im - pulse of love, no of - fice of

G Em G/D D

fine, no flow - er too brief in its glo - ry, no
 great, no val - ley of dark - ness too blind - ing, no
 care, no mo - ment of life in its full - ness, no be -

G D C G

drop in the o - cean, no dust in the air, but is
 crea - ture too hum - ble, no child too small for
 gin - ning too late, no end - ing too soon, but is

Em Am7 D7 G

count - ed and told in God's sto - ry.
 God to be seek - ing and find - ing.
 ga - thered and known in its good - ness.

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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

Pastoral Care while Andy is gone

If you should need pastoral care, please contact Maureen Gumbe, whelminaweekes@aol.com, 079 331 2981. She will put you in contact with one of the pastors of our community. Andy will be back next Sunday, but his plane arrives too late to be in worship.

Congregational Meeting

The next congregational meeting will be on Sunday 24 November after church. During the meeting we will adopt the budget for 2024 and elect a nominating committee for new members of the church council. Although it is preferred that you be present in the sanctuary, you may also attend by Zoom. The documents will be sent by email. If you prefer a printed copy, please contact the church office.

Stewardship for 2025 – “A Home Away from Home”

Every autumn, we as congregation members are invited to reflect on what this community means to us and on how we will each offer our support in the coming year in terms of time, talents, and money. Today, Clare Duran gave witness and the following Sundays, Njoroge Njuguna and Sivin Kit will do so as well. We are now encouraged to offer our estimates of giving for the coming year. Giving forms will be sent out by email and by post in the coming week and we ask each member to bring its time and talents form on Sunday, 24 November. Please take this step of participating in our ministry in an intentional way.

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: **23 November from 10h00 to 12h00, for an art workshop, and 6 December at 18h30, for a Christmas dinner.** Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; maritbmoore@hotmail.com) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; cwilbers@gmail.com) for more information.

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!

Church School

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.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

17 November – Group A

24 November – Group B

1 December – Group C

8 December – 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:

Thurs, 14 Nov	19h30	Choir practice
Sun, 17 Nov	10h00	Church school
Sun, 17 Nov	11h00	Worship on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Terry MacArthur preaching

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

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