

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

19 JANUARY 2025

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

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Marc de Chassey, Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

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Offering counters: Johnny Camaddo, Ngoni Hove

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19 January 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

To seek the common good, we bring our gifts
so the Spirit might draw us to one another,
and together we rejoice to proclaim, “Jesus is Lord.”
Jesus is Lord.

For the common good,
we celebrate the ordinary and the unusual.

For the common good,
we receive what is offered and learn how it matters.

For the common good,
we lift each other up.

For the common good,
we become one in faith, one in hope, one in love.

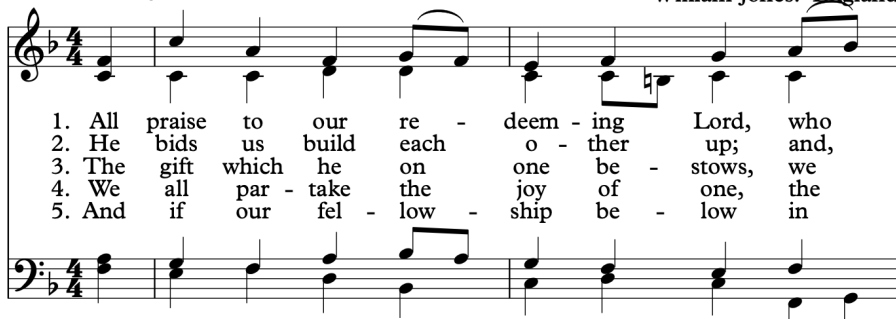
We praise Jesus Christ, working with us and in us
for the common good.

Hymn

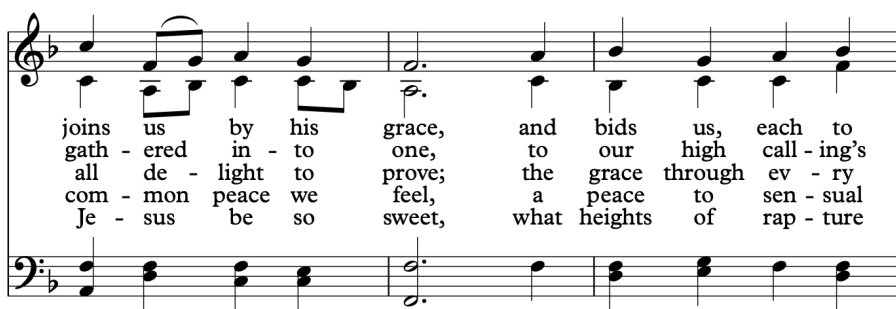
All praise to our redeeming Lord

Charles Wesley

William Jones: England



1. All praise to our re - deem - ing Lord, who
 2. He bids us build each o - ther up; and,
 3. The gift which he on one be - stows, we
 4. We all par - take the joy of one, the
 5. And if our fel - low - ship be - low in



joins us by his grace, and bids us, each to
 gath - ered in - to one, to our high call - ing's
 all de - light to prove; the grace through ev - ry
 com - mon peace we feel, a peace to sen - sual
 Je - sus be so sweet, what heights of rap - ture



each re - stored, to - geth - er seek his face.
 glo - rious hope, we hand in hand go on.
 ves - sel flows, in pur - est streams of love.
 minds un - known, a joy un - speak - a - ble.
 shall we know when round his throne we meet!

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God who is one, holding all things together,
when our gifts become a source of pride
and our knowledge puffs us up,
forgive us.

When education becomes a means for gaining wealth
rather than a source for serving others better,
forgive us.

When our words deceive rather than clarify,
and we reduce our humanity to the measures of what we gain,
forgive us.

When we are lost in ourselves,
locked away in our own wants,
smothered by a cloud of publicity chosen just for us,
*turn us to the grace that joins us
and restores us to one another,
sharing each other's joy and peace
as we seek together your face,
the liberating face of Jesus Christ, our redeemer,
whose forgiveness draws us into one.*

Kyrie eleison/Lord, have mercy

Syriac

as taught by Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim: Syria
Fine



Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

Children of the light

Nejat Productions

Farsi

1. Ay far - zan - da - ne nur, ger - de ham bi - ya - eid
 1. Oh chil - dren of the light, lift up your voice in praise,
 Ba sha - di o so - rood, oo ra a be sa - ra - eid
 with glad - ness and with songs come sing his high - est praise.
 Aan - dar ho - zo - re vey, das - tha ba - ra - fra - zid Mon -
 In the pre - sence of the Lord lift up your hands to praise the
 gee ye a - lam ra - sho - kroo se - pas go - eid. Mon -
 Sav - ior of the world. Give high - est thanks and praise. To the
 gee ye a - lam ra - sho - kroo se - pas go - eid.
 Sav - ior of the world give high - est thanks and praise.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
 and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
 until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
 and her salvation like a burning torch.
 The nations shall see your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory;
 and you shall be called by a new name
 that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit;
 and there are varieties of services,
but the same Lord;
 and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good.
 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to
 another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit,
 to another faith
by the same Spirit,
 to another gifts of healing
by the one Spirit,
 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another
 the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to
 another the interpretation of tongues.
All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,
 who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

♩ = 108 as taught by Metropolitan Mar Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim: Syria

Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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The Gospel according to John, chapter 2.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon

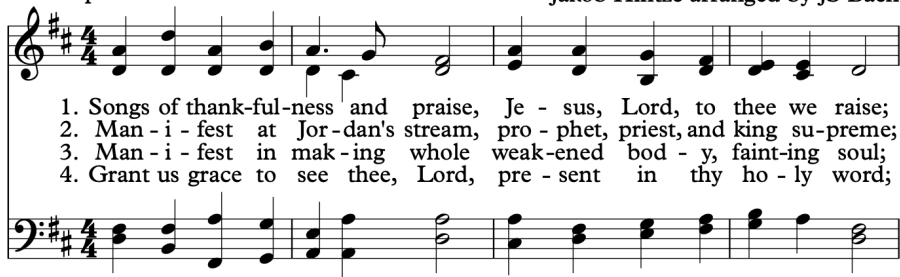
Andy Willis

Hymn

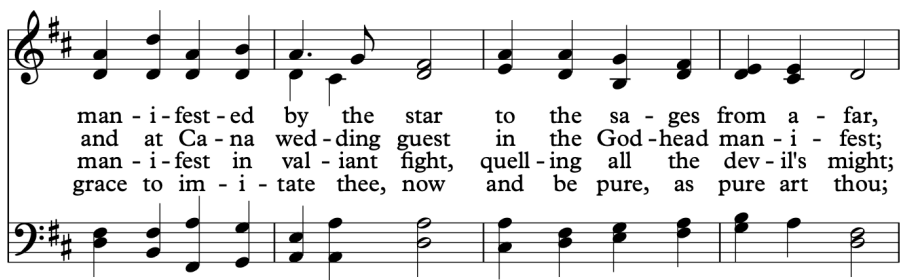
Songs of thankfulness and praise

Christopher Wordsworth

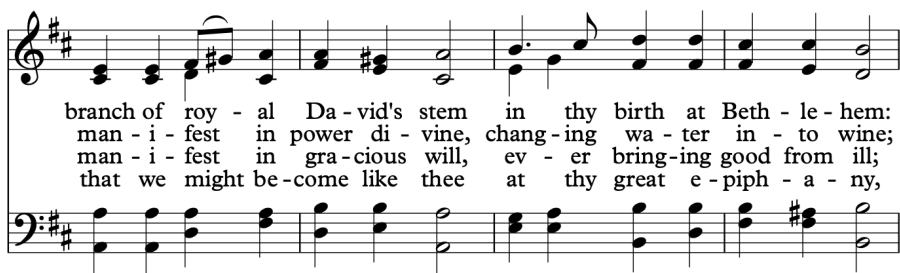
Jakob Hintze arranged by JS Bach



1. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, pro - phet, priest, and king su-preme;
 3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pre - sent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in the God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee, now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 and may praise thee ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

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.

Gathering of Gifts

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Anthem

Jesus, come! For we invite you
Words, Christopher Idle. Music, Harold Friedell: USA

Choir

- 1. Jesus, come! For we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;
now as once at Cana's wedding speak and let us hear your word;
lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.*
- 2. Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone;
though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.*

3. *Jesus, come! in new creation, heaven brought near in power divine;
give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine;
rouse the faith of your disciples; come our first and greatest sign!*

4. *Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!*

Offertory

We give you thanks

Greek Orthodox

Bass G
We give you thanks, Christ, our God,
Bass D
for your earth - ly gifts!
Bass E
Do not de - prive us of your hea - ven - ly king - dom,
Bass D
but as you came a - mong your dis - ci - ples, O Sav - ior,
Bass G
giv-ing them your peace, come al - so a - mong us and save us.

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

Quduson

From the Mass of the Holy Family

Yusuf Khill: Palestine

Qu - du - son qu - du - son qu - du - so - ni - Ra - bul - qa
Most Ho - ly, Most Ho - ly, Most Ho - ly Lord God of

wi - yu I - la - hu - sa - ba - - 'ot a - sa -
power and might, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth. All of

ma - 'u - wal - 'ar - du mam lu - 'a - 'ta - ni min maj - di - ka Hu -
hea - ven and all of the earth are full of your ma - jes - ty. Ho -

sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li, hu - sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li, hu sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a -
sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high

li, Mu - ba - ra - kon al - 'a - ti mu -
est. Most bless - ed is the one who comes, the

ba - ra kon - al - 'a - ti bis - mi - Rab. Hu - sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li, hu -
one who comes to us in our Lord's name. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho -

sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li, hu - sha' - na fil - 'a - 'a - li.
sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

At this table, Christ gathers us round as if we were at a wedding feast. With this wine, we remember his life poured out. With this bread we remember his body. 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

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.

Music ©Yusuf Khill.

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

Chon rizad

Roozbeh Najarnejad: Farsi

Chon ri - zad ba - ra - né roo - hé to bar ka - vi - ré 'al -
 As the rain of your Spir - it pours out ov - er my de - sert

bam bi - ya - ba - nha boo - stan mi - gar - dan
 heart, gar - dens spring from the wil - der - ness and

ba lam - sé roo - hat 1. Em 2. Em G
 flowers bloom with your touch. hat sha - fa - hi
 touch. A sur - prise,

ta - zeh bak - shad jo - nam ra sier gar - da - nad. so - roo - di
 heal - ing comes near. I'm re - newed, ful - ly a - live. A new song

ta - zeh na - had D Em Bm Em
 flows from my lips, bar lab - hoy - yé tar - sa - nam
 and its sound count - ers my fear.

a - za - dim ba lam - sé ou pi - roo - zim dar na - mé ou
 With his touch, I be - come free. My suc - cess found in his name,

bi - ya - banan boo - stan sha - vad Em Bm Em
 all the dry plac - es made green, and the green burst - ing with flowers.

English paraphrase by Terry MacArthur based on a translation by Neda Gehl.

One bread, one body

John Foley SJ: USA



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all;
 one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and we, though
 man - y through - out the earth, we are one
 bod - y in this one Lord.

1. Gen - tile or Jew,
 2. Man - y the gifts,
 3. Grain for the fields
 4. Fruit of the vine,

ser - vant or free, wo - man or man no more.
 man - y the works, one in the Lord of all.
 scat - tered and grown, gath - ered to one for all.
 gath - ered and crushed, poured out and blest for all.

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I danced in the morning

Sydney Carter: England

Shaker Tune: USA



1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I
2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar-i-see, but they
3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame; the
4. I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black; it's
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
would not dance and they would -n't fol-low me; I
ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the de-vil on your back. They
I am the life that -'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll



came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth; at
danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; I they
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and they
bur-ied in my bo-dy, and they thought I'd gone, but
live in you if you'll live in me;



Beth-le-hem I had my birth.
came with me and the dance went on.
left me there on a cross to die.
I am the dance, and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance, then, wher-ev-er you may be; I am the Lord of the



Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher-



ev-er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

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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

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.

Lunch and Games for Teens – Today after worship

Following worship today, teens are invited to spend the afternoon together at the church. We'll have lunch as a group and play board games together. All youth ages 13-19 are welcome to join!

Prayer Group – Tuesday 21 January

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. The next meeting will take place online via Zoom, on Tuesday, 21 January from 19h until 20h. Please contact Kiki Lawal for the Zoom link or with any prayer requests you like to share: kiki.lawal@gmail.com.

Young Adults Invitation – Friday, 24 January

If you are between the ages of 18 to 30 years old (or slightly older), you're invited to join the young adults group! Our next meeting will be on Friday, 24 January 2025 at 19h. We will be discussing the topic of "Violence in the Bible" with Pastor Andy as our guest speaker. If you're interested in joining this time or joining future young adult activities, you may contact either Olivia Anderson at 076 449 31 37 or Naomi Mungure at 076 214 6607, so that you may be added to the young adults' group chat and be updated in real time on the young adults' group gatherings and outings.

Women's Circle Invitation

Ladies, come and join our Women's Circle! We gather in our church, our village, on one Saturday each month from 10am to 12pm for coffee and croissants and for fellowship and fun. All women church members and regular attendees are welcome. Dates for your calendars in 2025: 8 February, 15 March, 19 April, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November and Friday, 5 December from 18h30 for the dinner. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046) Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503) Gladys Yegon (077 916 5476) Margaret Kehoe-Winkler (077 422 0681) for more information.

Choir Rehearsals – Thursday Evenings at 19h30

The choir of the English-Speaking Congregation is open to all. We meet weekly on Thursday evenings to prepare music for the upcoming Sunday and work on additional pieces. Come and sing!

Worship Committee – Meeting on 22 January

Stars, Lent, Easter: these will be on the agenda for the next worship committee: Wednesday 22 January, 19h00 at the church. We start by evaluating Advent/Christmas and then brainstorm ideas for Lent/Easter. We bring food to share, and over bread and cheese, and whatever other food is brought, plan the worship life of our congregation. It is not a closed committee. One-time visitors are welcome as well as others who might like to get further involved in the planning. There are rumors that someone is going to propose we plant potatoes this Lent.

Men's Group – Drums and Waffles, 25 January

Bring some percussion, or just yourself. We have many percussion instruments in church you can try. No percussion experience is required, just a willingness to join in the sound. Terry MacArthur will animate the rhythm. We'll meet at the church on Saturday 25 January from 10h00 to 11h30 with a coffee pot on and waffles for a break. Invite a friend.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

26 January – Group A

2 February – Group B

9 February – Group C

16 February – Group D

*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:

Tues, 21 Jan	19h00	Prayer group
Thurs, 23 Jan	19h30	Choir practice
Fri, 24 Jan	19h00	Young Adults group meeting
Sat, 25 Jan	10h00	Men's group
Sun, 26 Jan	10h00	Church school
	11h00	Worship on the Third Sunday after Epiphany
	13h15	Congregation Council meeting

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

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