

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

23 MARCH 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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Third Sunday of Lent + 23 March 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania*

The Lord's Prayer:

"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven."

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

On earth, as in heaven,  
***we pray God's will be done.***  
On earth, not just in heaven,  
***we await God's coming reign,***  
around us, among us, with us, in us.  
***We gather as citizens of God's heaven,***  
without borders or walls,  
***as members of God's extended family of grace,***  
giving glory and dominion to the one who loves us  
***and freed us from our sin,***  
praising the Alpha and the Omega,  
***who was and who is and who is to come.***  
We are drawn close in the mothering arms of the Eternal,  
***who has made us to be a kingdom,***  
grounded in the blessed Trinity, one God, now and ever.  
***Amen.***

# Hymn Lord Christ, when first you came to earth

*During this hymn, children who wish to go to church school are invited to do so.*

W. Russell Bowie alt.

*Mit Freuden Zart* Bohemian Brethren, Kichengesang, 1566

1. Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -

2. O awe - some Love, which finds no room in

3. New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will

4. O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in

on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing

life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall

we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of

us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our

king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And

bring to doom the power which cru - ci - fies you, till

hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From

vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O

still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that

not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'

an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom

Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -

stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.

pride, o'er - thrown, will ne - ver - more de - fy you!

of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.

fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,



and its people as a delight.  
 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
 and delight in my people;  
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
 or the cry of distress.  
 No more shall there be in it  
 an infant that lives but a few days,  
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
 They shall not build and another inhabit;  
 they shall not plant and another eat;  
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
 They shall not labor in vain,  
 or bear children for calamity;\*—  
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
 and their descendants as well.  
 Before they call I will answer,  
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
 They shall not hurt or destroy  
 on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.  
  
 This is God's holy word,  
*life for all people.*

## Call to Prayer

### Prayer of Lament

The uncertainties keep crashing over us and our world,  
 holy God, whose will is love and whose reign is justice.  
 Morality, empathy, communal responsibility, love  
 seem to have been abandoned.  
 We are left breathless at the destruction of what we had cherished.  
 A corrosive flood courses through our lives,

as if a dam had burst and we are tossed about  
like cars washed downstream in the mud.

*Your kingdom come,  
your kingdom,  
yours.*

## Sung Prayer

## How can we sing

## verse 1

Andrew Donaldson: Canada

Comment vouloir qu'une personne chante  
Troubadour Song from the French alps 1552



1. How can we sing? our souls a - gha - st and sha - ken?
2. How can we sing? What good will come with prais - es?
3. How can we sing? for who will hear our voic - es?
4. How can we sing, yet how can we stand si - lent?



Sing, when our hope has bro - ken like a bone?  
Songs fill the air; they soar, then soon are gone.  
Why does a lie sound wis - er than a psalm?  
Long - si - lent tongues have sung us to this day:



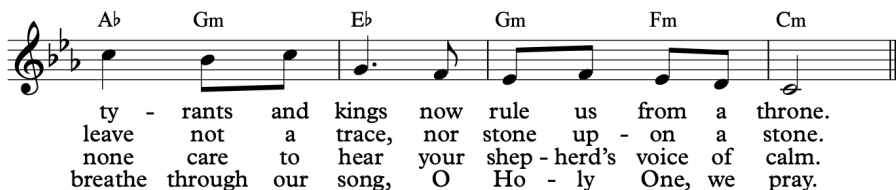
Long - whis - pered schemes now rise up, proud and o - pen.  
Hordes ov - er - turn our safe and sa - cred plac - es,  
Shrewd pow - ers lead from cris - is in - to cris - is;  
Saints voiced a hope both ho - ly and de - fi - ant.



Ty - rants and kings, ty - rants and kings now  
leave not a trace, leave not a trace, nor  
None care to hear, none care to hear your  
Breathe through our song, breathe through our song, O



rule us from a throne. Ty - rants and kings,  
stone up - on a stone, leave not a trace,  
shep - herd's voice of calm. None care to hear,  
Ho - ly One, we pray. Breathe through our song,



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We grieve for those losing their jobs, their dreams, their hope.  
 We grieve for those who now face the long demise of starvation  
 because someone powerful thought their food was worthy of cuts.  
 We grieve the babies who will be born with HIV  
 and the mothers who will die.  
 We grieve the loss of trust, the loss of cooperation,  
 the loss of openness to others.

Gracious God, we name before you, either silently or aloud,  
 other things for which we grieve this day...

Your will be done, God,  
*Your will be done,*  
*your will,*  
*yours.*

Sung Prayer

**How can we sing**

**verse 2**

The lies tumble over us, like bushels of weedy pollen.  
 We cannot breathe for all the dust.  
 The sirens wail of danger,  
 but the warnings howl only betrayal.  
 Where is your voice in all the tumult?  
*On earth, as in heaven,*  
*on earth your will be done,*  
*on earth,*  
*your will,*  
*spoken,*  
*done.*

Sung Prayer

**How can we sing**

**verse 3**

We need you, God of life.  
 We become exhausted from gasping,

unless you breathe in us a new spirit.  
 Sing us courage.  
*Sing us compassion.*  
 Sing us into community.  
*Sing us the perfect love that casts out fear.*  
 Sing us life that, even in the confusion,  
     reaches toward us from the new earth and the new heavens  
     you bring in Jesus Christ.  
*Your Kingdom come.*  
*Yours.*  
*Your will be done.*  
*Yours.*  
*On earth,*  
*Yours.*

Sung Prayer

How can we sing

verse 4

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Epistle Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:  
 Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to  
 come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from  
 Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the  
 ruler of the kings of the earth.  
 To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and  
 made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him  
 be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.  
 Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
     every eye will see him,  
 even those who pierced him;  
     and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
 So it is to be. Amen.  
 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and  
 who was and who is to come, the Almighty.  
 This is God's holy word,  
*life for all people.*

# Gospel Acclamation

## May your cross, Christ

Latvia

May your cross, Christ, be a bless - ing for those bound in tyr-an - ny;  
by the power of res - ur - rec - tion loose them from cap - tiv - i - ty.

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# Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-50

The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus] put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

# Gospel Acclamation      **May your cross, Christ**

Sermon

Andy Willis

## Hymn      **Lord, of light, whose name and splendor**

Howell Elvet Lewis

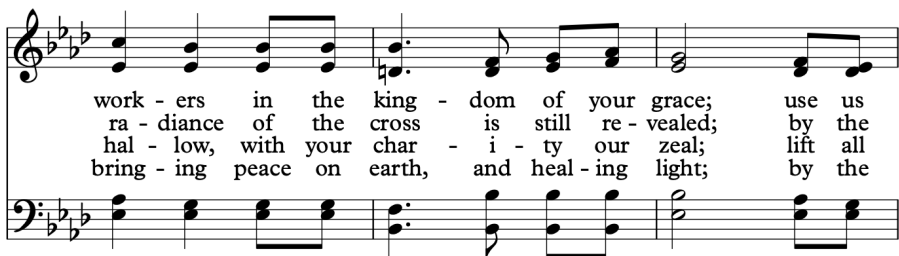
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1. Lord of light, whose name and splen - dor far out -  
2. By the faith - ful - ness of work - ers, serv - ing  
3. Grant that know - ledge, still in - creas - ing, at your  
4. By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er



shine the suns of space, deign to make us your co -  
you in ev - ery field; by the cour - age where the  
feet might hum - bly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs  
si - lent day or night; by the cross of Je - sus



work - ers in the king - dom of your grace; use us  
ra - diance of the cross is still re - vealed; by the  
hal - low, with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift all  
bring - ing peace on earth, and heal - ing light; by the



to ful - fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ, your Son.  
vic - to - ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - fering won.  
na - tions from the sha - dows to the glad - ness of the sun.  
love that pass - es know - ledge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one.

*Refrain*

As in high - est heav-en, Ab - ba, so on earth your will be done.

As in high - est heav-en, Ab - ba, so on earth your will be done.

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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.*

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*

## Gathering of Gifts

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## Gathering of Gifts

*The Lord's Prayer*  
*Music by Rihards Dubra, Latvia*

Choir

## Offertory

### In the distance day is breaking

Fr. Karpinski

T. Kiewicz: Poland

1. Kie - dy ran - ne wsta - ja zo - rze, To - bie zie - mia,  
1. In the dis - tance day is break - ing, earth and sea a  
2. Lord, be - fore you I am stand - ing, your hand grasp - ing,  
3. Friends who walk with us no long - er, held by death, yet

To - bie mo - rze, To - bie śpie wa,  
glad sound mak - ing. All cre - a - tion  
love a - dor - ing, your own dwell - ing  
love is strong - er. Day dawns bright, new



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Sursum corda

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

When you spoke light and created the world,  
*your will was done.*

When you made humanity in your image,  
*your will was done.*

When slaves defied their tyrants and walked through the waters free,  
*your will was done.*

When in the desert you gave your law,  
*your will was done.*

When prophets raised their voice and cried out your word,  
*your will was done.*

When you sent Love to dwell with us, as one of us,  
so we might learn love, live love, become love,  
*your will was done.*

Therefore with all the saints  
 who throughout the centuries have done your will,  
 we join their hymn of praise,  
 praying that your reign might come.

Sanctus

**Püha, püha, püha on Issand**

Missa No 3, Urmas Sisask: Estonia



Pü - ha, pü - ha, pü - ha on Is - sand, pü - ha on Vä - ge - de  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Al - might - y, ho - ly are you God, Al -



Ju - mal, Ju - mal. Pü - ha, pü - ha, pü - ha on Is - sand, on pü - ha  
 might - y, Lord God. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you God, yes ho - ly,



Vä - ge - de Ju - mal. Tae - vas ja maa on täis Si - nu au.  
 Lord God Al - might - y. Heav - en and earth are full of your glory,



Hoo - si - an - na kôr - ges. Tae vas ja maa on  
 so we sing Ho - san - na. Heaven and earth are



täis Si - nu au, Hoo - si - an - na kôr - ges. Pü - ha, pü - ha,  
 full of your glory, so we sing Ho - san - na. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

pü - ha on Is-sand, pü - ha on Vä - ge - de Ju - mal.  
 ho - ly Al - might - y, ho - ly are you God, Al - might - y.

*Sung by the choir: Õnnistatud olgu, kes tuleb Issanda nimel. Hoosianna kõrges.  
 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Pü - ha, pü - ha, pü - ha on Is - sand, pü - ha on Vä - ge - de  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Al - might - y, ho - ly are you God, Al -

Ju - mal, Ju - mal. Pü - ha, pü - ha, pü - ha on  
 might - y, Lord God. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are

Is - sand, pü - ha on Vä - ge - de Ju - mal.  
 you God, ho - ly are you God Al - might - y.

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## Eucharistic Prayer

### Words of Institution

### Remembering

This is the bread we need for today, the bread that satisfies.  
 This is the wine poured out, so that sins are forgiven.  
 At this table we become Christ's body and blood.  
*We remember the death of Christ until he comes.*

## 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

### O Lamb of God

John L Bell: Scotland

O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer cy up-on us;  
have mer cy up-on us.  
O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world. Grant us, grant us your peace.

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### 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

## Maye nziwe

as taught by George Mxadana, Xhosa, South Africa

Not too quickly

Ma - ye (Ma - ye) nzi - we 'nta-ndo ya - kho. Ma  
Your will, (Your will) be done on earth, O Lord. Your

- ye (Ma - ye) nzi-we 'nta ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi  
will, (Your will) be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be

we done 'nta-ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta-  
done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on

ndo ya - kho. Ma - ye - nzi - we 'nta-ndo ya - kho.  
earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

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## Touch me, God's Spirit eternal

Pia Perkiö

Ilkka Kuusisto: Finland



1. Kos - ke - ta mi - nu - a, Hen - ki! Kos - ke - ta, kirk - ka - us!  
1. Touch me, God's Spir - it e - ter - nal. Touch me, res - plen - dent Light.  
2. Touch me, God's Spir - it, and soothe me deep in my rest - less soul.  
3. Spir - it of God, give me cour - age, Ban - ish my doubts and fears.  
4. Spir - it of God, bright - ly shin - ing, O - pen my eyes to see  
5. Touch me, God's Spir - it e - ter - nal. Teach me to thank and praise.



An - na e - lä - mäl - le suun - ta ja tar - koi - tus.  
Give my life new mean - ing, show me the true and right.  
Give me trust in Je - sus. Heal me and make me whole.  
Show me my vo - ca - tion through all my days and years.  
those who need my friend - ship: join us in un - i - ty.  
By your grace be near me; guide me in all my ways.

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2. Kosketa, Jumalan Henki, syvälle sydämeen.  
Sinne paina hiljaa luottamus Jeesukseen.

3. Rohkaise minua, Henki, murenna pelkoni.  
Tässä maailmassa osoita paikkani.

4. Valaise, Jumalan Henki, silmäni aukaise,  
että voisin olla ystävä toisille.

5. Kosketa minua, Henki! Herätä kiittämään,  
sinun lähelläsi armosta elämään.

## Pater noster



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*Our Father, who is in heaven*

Sending forth

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

## Dismissal

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

### Writing on the Lord's Prayer Card:

"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven."

*On the altar retrieve your card from previous weeks. If you were not here before in Lent, take a blank card. Invite one other person to draw on your card, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven" in their own language. Maybe at the same time you write on theirs. Pens with different colors are on the tables and on the altar for drawing. You might use the printed graphic as a model, but feel free to add your own artistry. We all become scribes. Other phrases of the prayer will be added during the services to come.*

*When the drawing is complete, put your card back its envelope and put it in the box in alphabetical order so you can retrieve it when you next come to church. If you were not here before in Lent, take an envelope, put your name on it, and add it to the others. If you are a visitor, you might ask more than one person to write on the card. Then take the card with you as a reminder of the service and as an invitation to pray.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **The Season of Lent and the Lord's Prayer**

This year for the season of Lent, our congregation is focusing on the Lord's Prayer. We'll move slowly through this central prayer of our faith, focusing on a single line each week. In a time with more than its share of uncertainty and tumult, we root ourselves deeply in communion with God and with one another.

## **New Church School Time**

For the remainder of the school year, we'll be trying out a different schedule for church school: church school for ages 3 to 12 will meet during a portion of the worship service (instead of at 10h00). Children will begin the service with their families and return in time for Communion. We'll give this schedule a try for the coming months—contact Andy Willis or the church office with any questions.

## **Renewing Andy Willis's Contract – Forum today**

Andy Willis's contract with the English-Speaking Congregation of the ELCG will expire in March of 2026, and all members are now invited to participate in the process of evaluating whether to renew the contract for an additional three-year term. Here are two ways to participate:

- A **survey** has been sent to all members (open until 31 March).
- A **forum** on this topic will be held after worship today, where congregation members who prefer to give feedback in person will have an opportunity to discuss Pastor Andy's leadership role in our church or ask questions about the process. The forum will be held in the sanctuary following the worship service, in an informal setting and guided by the CC.

Following the survey and the forum, the Council will make a recommendation on whether or not to renew Andy's contract, and the congregation will vote at our assembly on 25 May. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Nina Kiderlin, congregation president.

## **Planning for the Harvest Festival – Meeting on 30 March**

This year's Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday 17 May—and it's time to get planning! A planning team will meet after worship on Sunday 30 March to work on preparations for the event. If you'd like to help with this annual event in our congregation focused on raising funds for churches and organizations helping the most vulnerable, come and join the meeting—all are welcome!



## **Lent Book Study – *The Practice of Prayer***

In keeping with our Lenten theme this year, the community is invited to join in reading and discussing *The Practice of Prayer* by Margaret Guenther. This lovely book addresses practical questions around topics like listening for God, finding God in the ordinary, and praying through times when God does not seem to be listening. It promises to be a rich and rewarding study, grounding us in a core practice of our faith. Groups meet weekly (mostly online) for discussion through the six week of Lent. If you'd like to join, please contact Andy Willis: [pastor@genevalutheran.ch](mailto:pastor@genevalutheran.ch)

*The church still has a small number of copies of the book available—if you'd like to purchase one, please contact the office.*

## **Lunch and Games for Teens – Sunday 30 March**

Following worship on Sunday 30 March, 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! Please contact Andy Willis to sign up.

## **Lent Quiet Day – Saturday 5 April, 10h00-16h00**

*Time without a phone, or a list of things to do,  
time to reflect, to pray, to take account,  
time to step back, to consider new steps,  
to wonder what steps Christ might put before you,  
the gift of time, healing time, holy time,  
time set apart with others from our church taking time,*

...time will be the gift we offer each other as we meet on Saturday, 5 April at Le Cénacle, a former monastery in Geneva from 10h00 to 16h00. Bring a simple lunch, a Bible, a friend, who also needs some time. While we will have moments of common prayer, most of the day will be for reading, walking, reflecting. Le Cénacle will be responsible for the breaks during the day, so we need to give them an idea of how many might be coming. It will help us if you register on the sign-up sheet available this morning.

## **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 the coming months: **19 April, 10 May**. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers, Gladys Yegon, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler or the office for more information.

## **Children's Choir – 12 and 13 April**

On Saturday 12 April, Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg will be offering a children's choir rehearsal at the church from 10h to 12h. The children will learn a song that they will then sing during the worship service on 13 April. Kids of all ages are welcome! Contact Katharina with any questions: [katharina@genevalutheran.ch](mailto:katharina@genevalutheran.ch)

## **Music Camp this Summer**

From Sunday, 10 August to Friday, 15 August 2025, there will be a summer camp organized by our music director Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg at Maison de Jeunesse de Vers-l'Eglise in Les Diablerets in Vaud. The camp is for children ages 7 to 13, and previous musical knowledge is not required. The whole team together with the children will create a musical with Noah's arc as the theme, and the performance of the musical will be held on Sunday, 17 August at 16h00 at the ELCG. The cost for the week is CHF 550 per child (all-inclusive) with a discount for multiple children from the same family. Contact Katharina ([katharina@genevalutheran.ch](mailto:katharina@genevalutheran.ch)) to sign up or for more information.

## **Serving Weekly Coffee Hour**

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

30 March – Group E

6 April – Group A

13 April – Group B

20 April – Group C

*If you can help on a week when your group is assigned,  
please let your group's coordinator know.*

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CHILDREN'S MUSIC CAMP

# Noah's Arc

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10. TO 15. AUGUST 2025

7-13  
YEARS



PERFORMANCE  
ON  
SUNDAY  
17. AUGUST  
IN GENEVA  
AT 4 PM

Make music, sing, dance,  
act, paint, go hiking in the  
mountains near the  
chalet! We'll create a  
musical together!

Fr. 550,- for transportation,  
food, accomodation and materials.  
Discount for siblings.

Music director Katharina  
Mainberger-Dellweg

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**This Week's Schedule:**

<b>Thurs, 27 March</b>	<b>19h30</b>	Choir rehearsal
<b>Sat, 29 March</b>	<b>18h00</b>	Asian dinner fundraiser
<b>Sun, 30 March</b>	<b>11h00</b>	Worship on the Fourth Sunday in Lent
	<b>11h00</b>	Church school
	<b>12h30</b>	Fellowship group meeting
	<b>12h30</b>	Lunch and games for teens
	<b>13h00</b>	Congregation Council meeting
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

**Our church is entirely self-supporting.** Our ministry is entirely funded by the contributions of members and friends of the congregation. There are three ways you can donate today:

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- By cash:** Place your contribution in the offering bags during worship.
- By U.S. dollar check:** Make the check payable to “Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,” and on the memo portion, write “GMG 0858”.

*Thank you for your support of our ministry together!*

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**If you are a guest in our congregation today,** *please fill out the connection card below—you can place it in the offering bag or hand it to the pastor or one of the ushers. We’d love to be in touch and answer any questions you might have about the church.*

**ELCG Connection Card**

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