EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00 29 JUNE 2025

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.

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:

Soloist: Vivien Liu

Prayer leader: Belinda Mziray

Readers: Adela Bevan, Ndwiga Kamwangi

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

Assisting ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Clare Duran, Rumiko Jaussi,

Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi

Ushers: Nashipai Naing'ola, Queen King'ori *Offering counters:* Fulata Moyo, Sam Mungure *Flowers:* German-Speaking Congregation

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Music Director: Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Third Sunday after Pentecost + 29 June 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Kenya, Tanzania

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

Even if tasks are pressing and distractions compelling, we gather in the freedom of Christ, to rest, to consider, to remember that we are disciples of Jesus, who calls us to follow his way, empowered by his Spirit, led to gentleness and generosity rather than selfishness and pride. We dare becoming a strange people as we share the Spirit, whose love casts out fear, so we are no longer strangers, but alive to each other and to the Spirit at work in our midst.



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Psalm 16

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Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land,

and our Moth - er who gives

birth!

they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

fall,

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;

their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.
You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

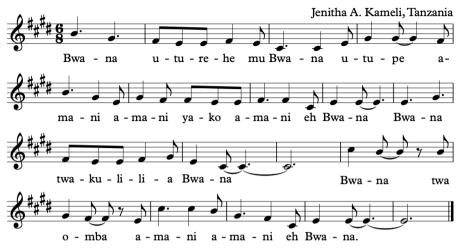
We easily get lost, Christ Jesus, Shepherd of life. It is not easy to love our neighbors as ourselves when brute force seems to prevail.

How do we gain the courage to be gentle, the confidence to be humble, the strength that overflows into joy and love and peace? We would like to think we could just decide to follow you and never turn back.

But we confess that too often we get attracted elsewhere. Forgive us when the turns we take veer from your way. Re-invite us into your company and fill us with your Spirit, so we become free as we serve you.



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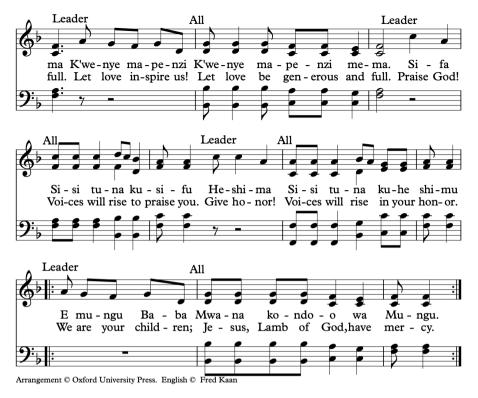
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Lord, have mercy on us. Give us your peace.

We cry to you asking you to give us your peace, O Lord.

Words of Assurance





Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you, and also with you.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you

want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Luke 9:51-62

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 9. *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you*, *O Christ*.

Alleluia

Sermon Andy Willis

O Jesus, I have promised



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

Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts I Waited For The Lord
From "Hymn of Praise," Felix Mendelssohn
Vivien Liu, Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg, voice and organ

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, He heard my complaint, O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

Your gifts are essential to our congregation's ministry.

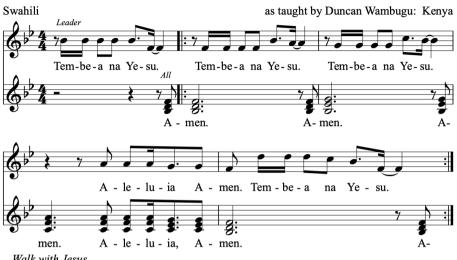
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Walk with Jesus.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



Preface



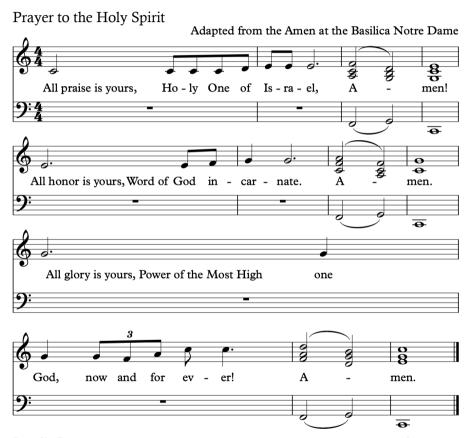
Holy holy, holy Lord, God Almighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Let's praise Him, the one in heaven. Let's thank Him, the one sent by God.

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

At this table we remember Jesus Christ, eternal hope offered like a piece of bread, gracious giving poured out like wine.
We proclaim the mystery of our faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.



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

Hena Mwana



- 1. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away all our sins,
- 2. He took it away through his death,

Refrain: The Lamb of God, has taken away all our sins.

3. In his blood, all our sins are washed away

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome for communion.

We gather around the table. Take any empty space. You will receive the bread. Then choose a cup: a dark cup for receiving wine, a lighter cup for grape juice. Place the used cup on the next tray before returning to your seat.

Songs during Communion

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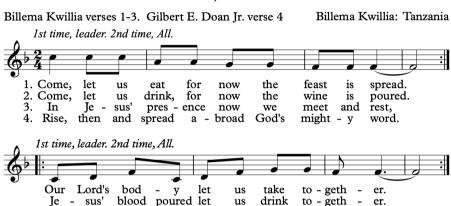
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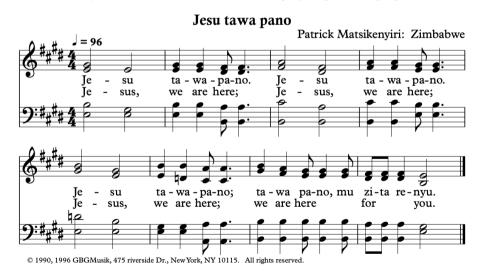
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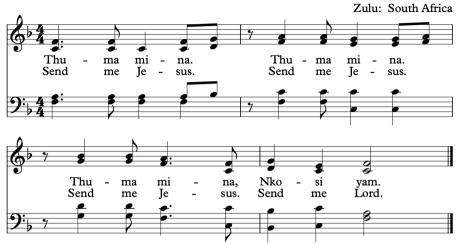




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- 2. Utufanye waamini Wa Yesu Mwokozi. Tukaishi kikundini, Kanisani mwako.
- Kwa huruma tubariki, Tuishi na wewe.
 Tukatende kila kitu Kuongozwa nawe.
- 4. Roho Mwema, Mfariji, Utupe hekima; Tukiwaza na kutenda, Yote yawe yako.
- 5. Tudumishe, tuwe hai Na ukweli wako. Tusivutwe na dunia, Tushu'die neema.

- 2. Loving Spirit, come and kindle faith in our Lord, God's Son. Make your people in their worship and in their action one.
- 3. Spirit, bless us with awareness that you are down-to-earth. Give us courage, bring among us love like a child to birth.
- 3. Loving Spirit, let your wisdom guide what we think and do. Make us willing and responsive as you make all things new.
- 4. From the grip of fear and conflict, Spirit, your world release. Help your people to discover things that will make for peace.

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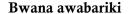


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Optional verses: Use me, Jesus. Lead me, Jesus. Fill me Jesus. etc.

Sending Forth

Benediction





Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June, July, and August - Worship at 11h00 Every Sunday

During the months of June, July, and August, our congregation will worship at 11h00 every Sunday (including the first Sunday of each month). So please note that on 1 June, 6 July, and 3 August, worship will take place at 11h00, not in the evening.

Church School and Choir - Break for the Summer

Both church school and choir are now taking a break for the summer. Regular classes and rehearsals will resume in September.

Prayer Group – Meeting on 1 July

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. The next meeting will take place at church, on Tuesday, 1 July from 19h until 20h. If you cannot join in person, it will also be possible to join online, via Zoom. Please contact Kiki Lawal with any questions you have or prayer requests you like to share: kiki.lawal@gmail.com.

Looking for Musicians in Worship this Summer

Warm up your voices and tune your instruments! As the choir takes a break during the summer holidays, you are invited to sing or play one of your preferred pieces of music during the offertory in worship. If you'd like to play on one of the Sundays, between 29 June to 7 September, please put your name on the sign up sheet or contact Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg.

Music Camp for All Ages: 10-15 August

This year's kids' music camp has now transformed into a retreat open to all ages. For five nights, anyone is welcome to join the group in the beautiful village of Vers-l'Eglise, near Les Diablerets.

- The program will include singing, making music, hiking, arts and crafts, treasure hunting, barbecue, dancing, and leisure time.
- Regine Kummer will serve as head cook, providing fresh and delicious meals.
- Accommodation is in a simple but lovely youth hostel with shared bunk rooms. The hostel can hold just over 50 people, so there's lots of room.
- The total cost (food and lodging) is 250 CHF per person. (Travel costs are not included).

Please contact Katharina by 2 July to sign up!

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: 12 July, 9 August, 13 September. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler or the office for more information.

Next Sunday after Worship - Singing without Bulletins

The Congregation Council is exploring ways we might reduce our paper usage; one possibility could be using screens to project songs and readings during worship. We're going to experiment a bit after worship on 6 July—so plan to grab a coffee and join in.

Serving at the Soup Kitchen - 6 September

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 6 September 2025. It takes place from **8h00** 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

Administrative Assistant on Vacation

Riza Le Geyt will be away for the next two weeks and will be back in the office on Tuesday, 15 July 2025. Office mail and voicemails will be monitored, but response times may be slower while Riza is away, and the office will only be open by appointment.

Evening Prayer with Taizé Brothers - Today at 17h00

On Sunday, 29 June, a group of brothers from Taizé will be leading a service of evening prayer at the Temple de la Madeleine at 17h00. This service is particularly in solidarity with the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. All are welcome to attend.

Summer Concerts at the ELCG

From 26 June to 9 August, there will be a concert at the ELCG every day (excluding Sundays) from 12h30 to 13h30. These concerts are organized by Musique et Vie, a local charitable organization. All are free and open to the public, and this year's freewill offering will be given to La Banda de Música, an association supporting music education in Cuba. The full schedule of the concerts is available online: https://musique-vie.ch/

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

6 July – Group D 20 July – Group A 13 July – Group E 27 July – Group B

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:

Tue, 1 July	19h00	Prayer group		
Sun, 6 July	11h00	Worship		
	13h00	Congregation Council meeting		
Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30				

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:

By bank transfer: Using the banking app on your phone, scan one of the QR codes below:



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Thank you for your support of our ministry together!

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.

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