

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TRINITY SUNDAY



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

15 JUNE 2025

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*We are glad you are here—welcome!*

**Thank you** to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

*Prayer leader:* Judy Davis

*Reader:* Clare Duran

*Altar care:* Clare Duran, Ana Villanueva

*Assisting ministers:* Elisabeth Benn, Grace George, Nyambura Njoroge,  
Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi

*Ushers:* Ben Le Geyt, Natalya Le Geyt, Maarten Wilbers

*Offering counters:* Tom Taylor

*Church school:* Kiki Lawal, Alyssa Ndwiga, Irene Ndwiga, Grete Willis

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Trinity Sunday + 15 June 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Botswana, Zimbabwe*

Welcome

Prelude

Greeting

The Spirit of wisdom invites us into her presence,  
*to hear ancient words rustle in us*  
*like a stream rushing over Alpine rocks.*

The Spirit of truth gathers us into Christ's body,  
*where his word inspires, corrects, informs, forms,*  
*encourages us in the better way.*

The Spirit of compassion breathes in us the love of God,  
*that opens us to forgiveness and grace, blessing and mercy,*  
so our lives honor the blessed Trinity, one God, now and ever,  
*Amen.*

Hymn

**Holy, holy, holy**

*During the hymn, the children may go to church school*

Reginald Heber

John B. Dykes: England



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to  
 cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y  
 though the eyes of hu - man-kind your glo - ry may not  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and



thee: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y.  
 sea; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 see, on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 sea, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty!  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Save us, Spirit of Truth.  
*Save us from thieving scams,*  
*Save us from false publicity and manipulating misinformation,*  
*Save us from sly addictions, ever more clever in their traps.*  
 Save us.

Strengthen us in your grace,  
*so distrust does not pull us away from community.*  
 Even if we live in a winner-takes-all world,  
*keep us steady in your way,*  
*in which we do not strive to get ahead of others,*

*but join with them  
in loving you with our whole heart and strength and mind  
and our neighbors as ourselves.*

Whenever fear crowds out love,

*forgive us and return us to following you.*

Save us, so we can inhale the oxygen of inspiration,

*the fresh air of grace and peace,*

*cleansing us, healing us,*

*raising us up with your Beloved, Jesus Christ,*

*our hope, our glory.*

Kyrie eleison

**Nkosi, Nkosi**

♩ = 72 G. M. Kolisi: South Africa

Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba ne - nce - ba.  
Lord have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Kres - tu, Kres - tu, yi - ba ne - nce - ba.  
Christ have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

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*In 'ne-nce-ba' the middle syllable, 'nce,' is pronounced by making a 'tsch' sound that a mother uses to reprimand a child, with the addition of a nasalized beginning.*

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Praise

A ivangeli ya famba

Xitswa, Mozambique

♩ = 126  
Leader

A i-va-nge-li ya fa-mba, a i-va-nge - li ya fa-mba,  
 People Ya fa-mba, ya fa-mba, ya fa-mba,

a i-va-nge-li ya fa-mba, yi ya ma - ti - kwe - nhi hi-nkwa-wo.  
 a i-va-nge-li ya fa-mba, yi ya ma - ti - kwe - nhi hi-nkwa-wo.

*The Gospel is going, (going) all over the world.  
 The soloist then sings "We take it to Africa.  
 Then the names of other countries or continents can be used.*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you,  
*and also with you.*

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call  
 and understanding raise her voice?  
 On the heights, beside the way,  
 at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
 beside the gates in front of the town,  
 at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
 "To you, O people, I call,  
 and my cry is to all who live. . .

“The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,  
when he had not yet made earth and fields  
or the world’s first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there;  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker,  
and I was daily his delight,  
playing before him always,  
playing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.”

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
***You have set your glory above the heavens.***  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded  
a bulwark because of your foes,  
***to silence the enemy and the avenger.***  
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
***the moon and the stars that you have established;***  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
***mortals that you care for them?***  
Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
***and crowned them with glory and honor.***  
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

*you have put all things under their feet,  
 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,  
 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.  
 O LORD, our Sovereign,  
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Alleluia

*Refrain* Dumisani Abraham Maraire: Zimbabwe

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Gospel

John 16:12-15

The Gospel according to John, chapter 16.

*Glorify to you, O Lord.*

[And Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak

whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

Alleluia

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

**Womb of Life**

Ruth Duck

Ronald Arnatt: USA



1. Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery rest-less  
 2. Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond  
 3. Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our  
 4. Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have loved  
 birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing weak  
 friend. When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us whose we are,  
 Son; we would praise your name for - ev - er, one - in - three,



us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er round you,  
 - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles,  
 what we in - tend. La - bor with us, aid the birth - ing  
 and three - in - one. We would share your life, your pas - sion,



at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing stor -  
 Life of Life, and Death of Death, Ris - en Christ,  
 of the new world yet to be, free of ser -  
 share your word of world made new, ev - er sing -



- ies, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
 come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
 - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
 - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

## Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

*We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## Prayers of Intercession

### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

# Gathering of Gifts    Come join the dance of Trinity

Richard Leach: USA

English folk tune



1. Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,
2. Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new-born in Beth - le - hem;
3. Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
4. With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The un - i - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move.  
to shape in song this joy this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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Offertory

Mhepo iyapuki

Jackson Wahengo: Oshikwanyama: Namibia

♩ = 110

Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki.

i - la u - ka - le mu - fye. Fye o - twe - ku pu - mbwa

Mhe - po i - ya - pu - ki. i - la u - ka - le mu - fye.

*Holy Spirit come into us. We need you.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Pastor* The Lord be with you. *People* *Sursum corda* 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

using an adaptation of Psalm 8

Sanctus

Musande

Mr. Mandewo: Shona, Zimbabwe

**S**

Mu - sa - nde 1.  
mu - sa - nde

Mu - sa - nde, m'sa - nde, m'sa - nde, Ma mbo mwa - ri.  
Mu - sa - nde, m'sa - nde, m'sa - nde, wa - ma - si -

*For the first verse only*

de - nga na pa - si Zvi - ze - re ne - mbi - ri ye -  
a - ri ku - mu - so - ro - so -  
Sa - mu - tu - mwa wa - mwa - ri

**Fine**

Mba. Mwa - ri wa - ma - si - mba.

1,2 3 **D.S. al Fine**

nyu Nгаа - ru - mbi - dzwe  
ro. Nгаа - du - dzi - we.

Mu - sa - nde

Mwa - ri wa - ma - si - mba. mba.

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*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.**

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

Hwayana ya-Mwari

Emanuel F. Kumbirai Ribeiro: Zimbabwe

*Leader*

Hwa - ya - na ya-Mwa - ri! Hwa - ya - na ya-Mwa -  
Spot - less Lamb of God, Spot - less Lamb of God,

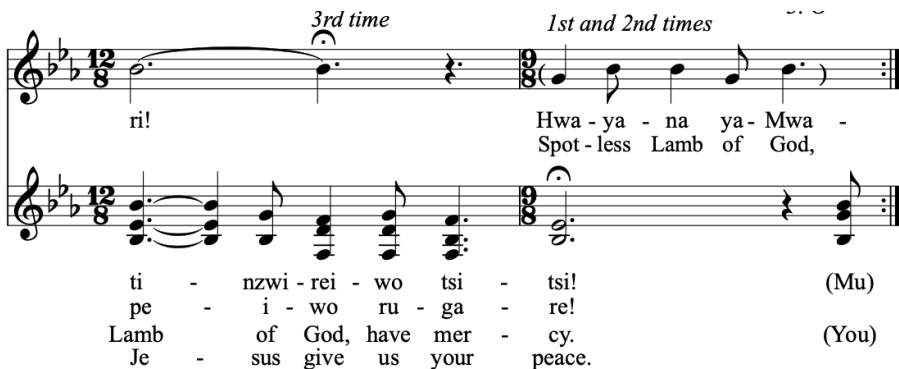
*All*

Mu - no-bvi-sa ma - ta - dzo, ma  
You take a-way the world's sin, the

ri! Hwa - ya - na ya - Mwa -  
Spot - less Lamb of God,

ta - dzo a - pa - si. 1.2. Mu -  
world's sin you car - ry. 3. Ti -  
1.2. O  
3. O

3rd time 1st and 2nd times



ri! Hwa - ya - na ya - Mwa -  
Spot - less Lamb of God,  
ti - nzwi - rei - wo tsi - tsi! (Mu)  
pe - i - wo ru - ga - re!  
Lamb of God, have mer - cy. (You)  
Je - sus give us your peace.

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## 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.*

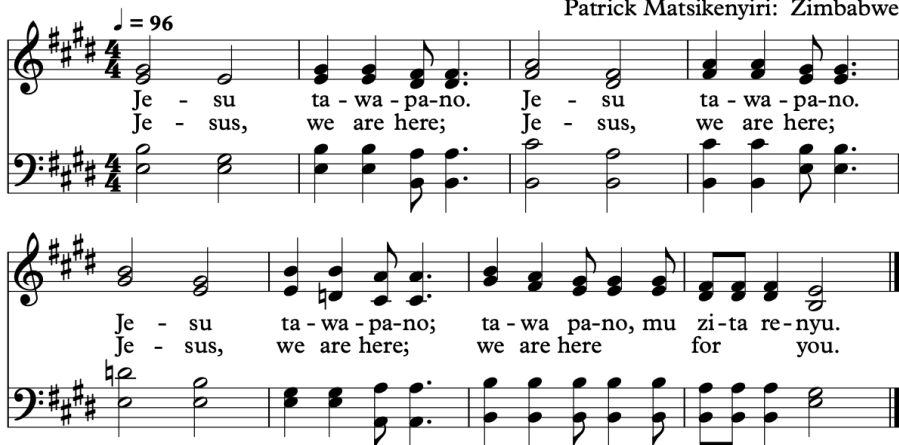
*Place the used cup on the next tray before returning to your seat.*

## Songs during Communion

### Jesu tawa pano

Patrick Matsikenyiri: Zimbabwe

$\text{♩} = 96$



Je - su ta - wa - pa - no. Je - su ta - wa - pa - no.  
Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here;  
Je - su ta - wa - pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.  
Je - sus, we are here; we are here for you.

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# Togomuchira

Shona

as taught by Tsitsi Mtata, Zimbabwe

*Leader* ♩ = 134

To - ga - mu - chi ra

Ching - wa cho - ku - de - nga ti - chi - ku -

1.

To - ga - mu - chi ra

dza zi - ta ra - Mwa - ri. Ching - wa cho - ku - de -

*Last time for ending*

To - ga - mu - chi ra

nga. Ching - wa cho - ku - de - nga.

*We receive heavenly bread with praises to God.*

# Uyaimose

4 beats per measure

Alexander Gondo: Shona, Zimbabwe

U - ya - i - mo - se      ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,      U - ya - i - mo - se  
Come all you peo-ple,      come and praise the Most High;      come all you peo-ple,

The first system of musical notation for 'Uyaimose'. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

ti - na    ma - te Mwa - ri,      U - ya - i - mo - se  
come and    praise    the Most High;      come    all    you    peo - ple,

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri,      U - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.  
come and praise the Most High;      comenow and wor-ship the Lord.

The third system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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notated by I-to Loh; English paraphrased by I-to Loh.

*The basic beat is 4 to the measure while the voices sing 6 to the measure making a rhythm of 3 against 2.*

# Masithi

S.C. Molefe: Xhosa, South Africa

$\text{♩} = 126$

Ma-si - thi: A-men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa, Ma-si - thi:  
Sing a - men: A-men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men:

A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa, Ma-si - thi: A-men, Ba wo,  
A - men, we praise your name, O Lord. Sing a - men: A-men, a-men.

A - men, Ba - wo, A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.  
A - men, a - men. A - men, we praise your name, O Lord.

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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

### Creative Writing Group – Tuesday, 17 June

Everyone who loves to write is invited to join a new creative writing group, meeting in the Gemeinderaum, once a month on Tuesday evening, 19h00 - 20h30. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 19h00. Bites will be provided. All welcome! Please contact Cynthia Wilbers or the church office for further info.

## **Children's Choir – 21 and 22 June**

On 21 June, 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 22 June. Kids of all ages are welcome! Contact Katharina: [katharina@genevalutheran.ch](mailto:katharina@genevalutheran.ch)

## **Fête de la Musique – Looking for Volunteers on Sunday 22 June**

Our church is once again a venue for the Fête de la Musique—concerts will take place in the sanctuary throughout the weekend—and our congregation will be selling food and drinks in the church garden on Sunday 22 June, from 14h to 18h. We are looking for bakers who can donate something for the sale (sweet or savory) and helpers who can sell food and drinks throughout the afternoon. Please mark the signup sheet this morning if you're able to help, or contact Dorine van Teeseling or the church office.

## **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 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:

22 June – Group B

29 June – Group C

6 July – Group D

13 July – 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:**

<b>Tue, 17 June</b>	<b>19h00</b>	Writer's group
<b>Thurs, 19 June</b>	<b>19h30</b>	Choir practice
<b>Sat, 21 June</b>	<b>10h00</b>	Rehearsal - Children's and adult choirs
<b>Sun, 22 June</b>	<b>11h00</b>	Worship and church school

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

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