# **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA**

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

# 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:

Special music: Swahili choir

Prayer leader: Ndwiga Kamwangi

Reader: Clarissa Balan Altar care: Grace George

Assisting ministers: Margaret Kehoe-Winkler, Nyambura Njoroge,

Kieran O'Dowd, Hiromi Yano

Ushers: Aleida Brun-Auld, Ngoni Hove

Offering counter: Sam Mungure

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost + 6 July 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

#### Welcome

Prelude Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

# Greeting

Even in the summer, when the laborers are few and getting fewer,

God is not on vacation.

We join those around the world,

who gather to rejoice in the Lord,

to hear the good news that the realm of God is near,

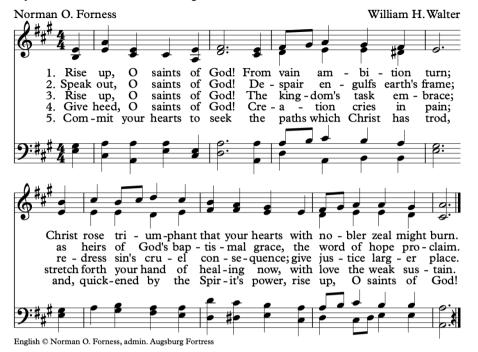
to witness to the love of Christ.

When we are together,

we gain courage to rise with him and live in his way.

#### Hymn

# Rise up, O Saints of God



Psalm 66:1-9

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done:

how awesome are God's deeds among mortals.

God turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in God, who rules by might for ever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

#### Call to Confession

# Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, the harvests may be plentiful, but so are the burdens, the unhealed hurts, the unjust patterns that persist, the inequities that pull us apart. We confess we do not love our neighbors as ourselves.

#### Forgive us.

We confess that we do not trust you with all our heart and strength and will.

# Forgive us.

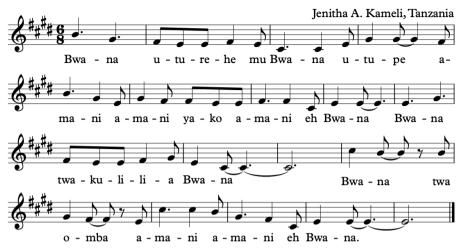
We confess our failures when fear takes over and selfishness becomes our default.

# Forgive us.

Turn us to follow your Beloved, Jesus Christ, laboring in his harvest, sharing his good news, healing, serving, loving in his name.

**Kyrie** 

Bwana uturehe mu Bwana



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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

Hymn of Praise

Utufuku



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you, and also with you.

# **Epistle Reading**

Galatians 6:1-10

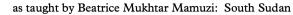
My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.







Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The gospel according to Luke, chapter 10. *Glory to you, O Lord.* 

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating

and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' . . .

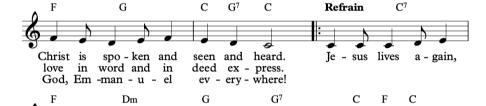
The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

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

Alleluia

Sermon Andy Willis





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# Apostles' Creed

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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.* 

# Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts Wamwendea Yesu Swahili Choir Music and English text: E. A. Hoffman (1839-1929)

Wamwendea Yesu kwa kusafiwa, Na kuoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo? Je, neema yake umemwagiwa? Umeoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo?

Refrain:

Kuoshwa, kwa damu, Itutakasayo ya kondoo, Ziwe safi nguo nyeupe mno, Umeoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo?

Wamwandama daima Mkombozi, Na kuoshwa kwa damu ya

kondoo?

Yako kwa Msulubiwa makazi, Umeoshwa kwa damu ya kondoo?

Refrain

Atakapokuja Bwana-arusi, Uwe safi kwa damu ya kondoo! Yafae kwenda mbinguni mavazi, Yafuliwe kwa damu ya kondoo.

Refrain

Yatupwe yalipo na takataka, Na uoshwe kwa damu ya kondoo, Huoni kijito chatiririka, Na uoshwe kwa damu ya kondoo? Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain:

Are you washed in the blood,

In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb?

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each moment in the Crucified? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

When the Bridegroom cometh,
will your robes be white?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your soul be ready
for the mansions bright,

and be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Refrain

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin.

Are you washed in the blood of the lamb? There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean.

O, be washed in the blood of the Lamb!

Your gifts are essential to our congregation's ministry.
You can give in several ways: by placing money in the offering bag,



Offertory

#### Murassalat





- 1. We are all ambassadors. We are all ambassadors of Jesus.
- 2. Tell it to all people that there are witnesses here, ambassadors of Jesus.
- 3. Halleluia there are witnesses here, ambassadors of Jesus.

# Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



Preface



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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,

who calls us to his feast.

The seed, eating this bread;

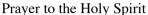
the harvest, becoming his body.

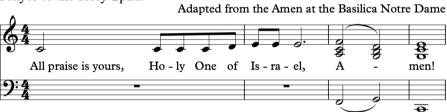
The seed, drinking this wine;

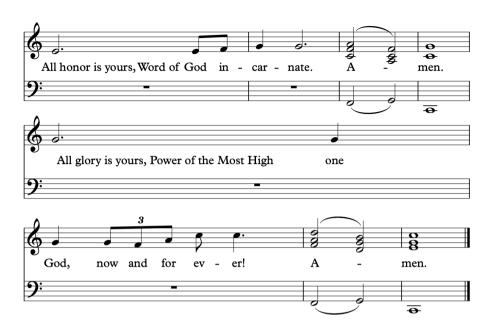
the harvest, his life poured out for us, through us.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.







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.

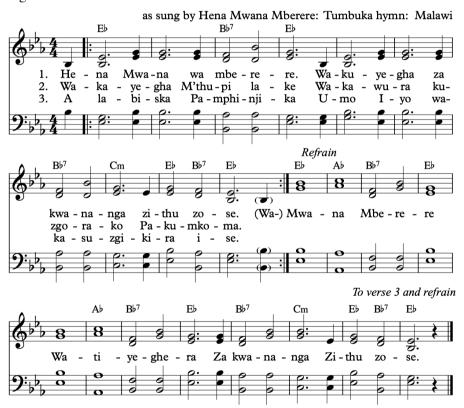
Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



#### 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.

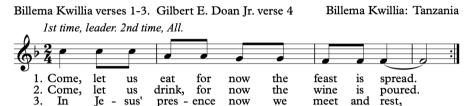
# Songs during Communion

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#### Come, let us eat



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# Jesu tawa pano



# Njoo kwetu Wilson Niwagila: Tanzania Njo-o kwe-tu, Ro-ho Mwe ma, M-fa-ri - ji - we - tu. touchus and make us whole.



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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.

#### Tai aino kuwesi ta Alla



Sending Forth

Benediction



Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

# Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Summer Months - 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 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.

#### Today 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 today—so plan to grab a coffee and join in.

#### **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.

#### 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.

# 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 is currently away on vacation 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.

#### 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: <a href="https://musique-vie.ch/">https://musique-vie.ch/</a>

#### Gospel Choir Concert – Tonight at 18h00

Tonight at 18h00, the Geneva Gospel Choir is offering a free concert at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Rue de Monthoux 3). All are welcome to attend!

# **Serving Weekly Coffee Hour**

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

13 July – Group E 20 July – Group A 27 July – Group B 3 August – 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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#### This Week's Schedule:

Sun, 13 July	11h00 Worship			
Office hours by appointment				

**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!

**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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