EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00 13 JULY 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:

Prayer leader: Marit Bauer-Moore

Reader: Fulata Moyo Altar care: Ana Villanueva

Assisting ministers: Marit Bauer-Moore, Grace George,

Gladys Kiptum, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost + 13 July 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Eritrea, Ethiopia

Marriage of Adela Bevan and René Holliger

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

To be mindful of mercy and steadfast love, to seek the understanding that becomes wisdom, to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light, we meet as bodies and minds and spirits to join the dance that leads us to a loving, joyful unity, praising the Blessed Trinity, one God, whose nature is community.

Hymn When minds and bodies meet as one



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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, when our ears do not recognize the rhythms of your love, *drum in us your beat to guide our stumbling, uncertain feet.*

Sung Response

Kiria alayson



Lord, have mercy.

When anger strides in us, and the march of pride gives others little place, change the song, so we no longer parade rage or hatred or fear.

Sung Response

Kiria alayson

Sing to us of love and mercy and grace and hope and truth and wisdom and growing in doing good. Forgive us all our selfish songs, all that is not love.

Sung Response

Kiria alayson

Words of Grace



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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you, and also with you.

hal - le

from Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions: according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the Lord, who instructs sinners in the way, and leads the humble in what is right, teaching the humble his way. All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness. for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

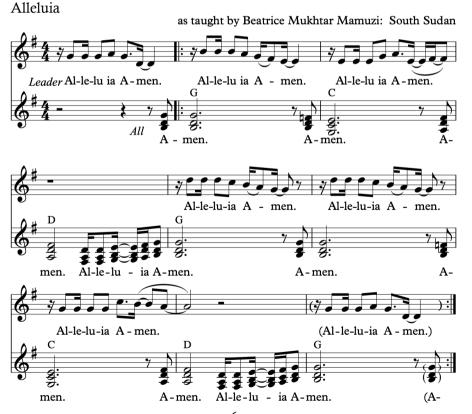
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Luke 10:25-37

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

Alleluia

Sermon Andy Willis

Hymn Make me a channel of your peace



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Marriage of Adela Bevan and René Holliger

Acclamation

René and Adela, by their promises before God and in the presence of this assembly, have joined themselves to one another as husband and wife. Those whom God has joined together let no one separate. Amen. Thanks be to God.



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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.

Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts Seasons of Love
Music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson

Refrain: Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee in inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife

In five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes
How do you measure a year in the life?
How about love?
Measure in love, seasons of love.

Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes Five hundred twenty-five thousand journeys to plan Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes How do you measure the life of a woman or a man?

It's time now to sing out though the story never ends.

Let's celebrate. Remember a year in the life of friends.

Remember the love. (3x)

Remember the love, remember the love

Measure in love, seasons of love.

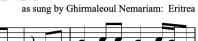
Your gifts are essential to our congregation's ministry.

You can give in several ways: by placing money in the offering bag, by bank transfer (details on the back of the bulletin), or by TWINT.





Sile zibeberelna kulu



Si-le zi - ge-ber-el - na ku - lu. basses:mis-ga-na.

In-tai i - na mo nek - re - be-



lu. Be'-its - fin de-ri-bin mis-ga - na, Yi-g' - ba ne-ye-sus goi-ta - na. basses: mis-ga-na.

For everything Christ does for us, give thanks. What should we offer Christ? Give thanks. Again and again give thanks. Only to him, to Jesus our Lord.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



Preface



First time unison. Second time women start at the beginning while the men start at Part 2. Swedish, English and Music © Per Harling, Sweden

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

At this table Christ, sings the refrain, 'This is my body,' so we eat.

Christ, like a dancer executing a perfect, elegant fall, announces that his blood is poured out for us, so we drink.

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.

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

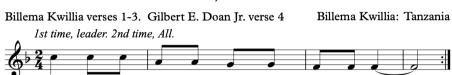
Invitation to Communion

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

Come, let us eat



- 1. Come, let eat for now the feast spread. 2. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
- 3. In Je sus' pres ence now we meet and rest, 4. Rise, then and spread a - broad God's might - y word.



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Jesu, Jesu



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We are coming, Lord, to the table





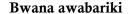
Tai aino kuwesi ta Alla

As taught by Beatrice Mukhtar Mamuzi: Sudan



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.

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

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/

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.

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.

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, 20 July 11h00 Worship

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

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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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