

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

17 AUGUST 2025

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

***We are a parish of many cultures and traditions,
with deep Lutheran roots and wide ecumenical branches.***

Geneva is a crossroads city and our doors are open to people from all over the world. About half of our members come from Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Anglican and other traditions, and half have Lutheran links. The Lutheran Church of Geneva was started by German expatriates in the 18th century, and the English-Speaking Congregation was formed in the 1950s after the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, World YWCA and United Nations agencies opened offices in Geneva.

Read more about who we are at: www.genevalutheran.church

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Prayer leader: Sarah Stephens

Reader: Clarissa Balan

Altar care: Grace George

Assisting ministers: Erandi Hassink, Rumiko Jaussi, Vivien Liu,
Maritza Vitela

Ushers: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti, Hiromi Yano

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost + 17 August 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:
Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting

David, the adulterous king, is with us,
as well as Rahab the prostitute, who protected spies.
Samuel, who anointed David king, is with us,
as well as Esther who changed another king's mind.
Mothers and fathers are with us,
also teachers and coaches.
Those who pointed us in a new direction are with us
and those who supported us along the way.
On a hymn's vibrations dance the witnesses of God's glory,
the followers of Jesus Christ drawn from every time and place
and the saints compelled by the Spirit's courage,
with whom praise and thanksgiving abound.

Hymn

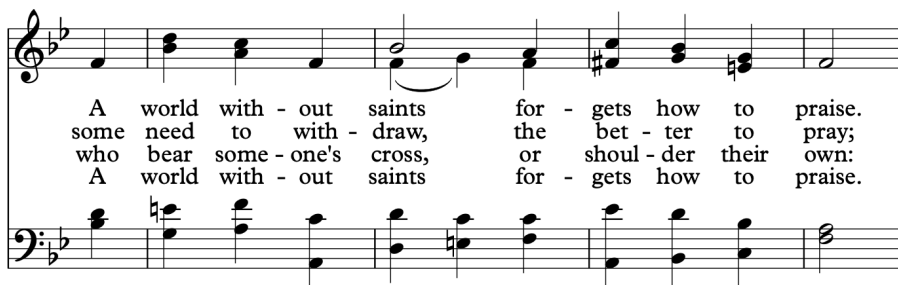
Rejoice in God's Saints

Fred Pratt Green

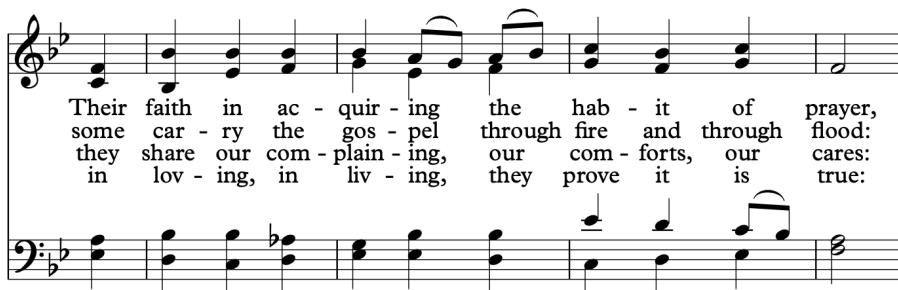
C. Hubert H. Parry: England



1. Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days!
 2. Some march with e - vents, to turn them God's way;
 3. Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4. Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 in lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their pa - rish: their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in ca - ring, what cour - age is theirs!
 The way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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Psalm 82

God has taken God's place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods holding judgment:

"How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk around
in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Call to Prayer

Prayer

What about the weak and needy, God of life?
What about the starving whose images evoke our anger,
and those many others whose cries we seldom hear?
What about the sick, whose medicines have lost funding,
or the powerless kidnapped by violent hands?
Rise up, O God, judge the earth.

What about all the orphans, God of compassion?
What about all those whose fathers and mothers have been
destroyed as collateral damage?
What about those who didn't survive the losses, the pain?
What about those whose home is a tent or a truck
or a distant memory of hopes long dashed by some power's rage?
Rise up, O God, judge the earth.

What about your saints, God of hope?
Might we be a part of those who remind the world to praise?
Might we become renewed through prayer?
Might we bear someone's cross?
Might we walk the way of self-giving that leads us to you?

*Rise up, O God, and judge us,
and in your judgement deliver us from evil.
How long before we love you with all our heart,
with all our strength, with all our mind?
How long before we love our neighbor as ourselves?
In your mercy turn us to following Jesus Christ,
whose way is truth, whose dying is life.*

Kyrie eleison

From the Mass of the Holy Family

Yusuf Khill: Palestine

Ky-ri - e e-le - i-son. Ya - Rab ya Ra - bur-ham ya Ra - bur -
ham. Chris-te e-le - i-son. E-yu-hal-Ma si - hur-ham e-yu-
hal - Ma-si - hur - ham. Ky-ri - e e-le - i-son, Ky-ri -
e e-le - i-son ya Ra - bur - ham.

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Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise

O ndamm

Ibou Ndiaye: Serere, Senegal

1. 3. O ndam-m O ndam-m O ndam a he-la Roog
2. Te - daa - nga Te - daa - nga Te - daa - nga he - la Roog

na moos boo moos O ndam a he-la Roog O ndam a he-la Roog
na moos boo moos Te-daa-nga he-la Roog Te-daa-nga he-la Roog

O ndam a he-la Roog na moos boo moos Wo i si-ma-taa too
Te-daa-nga he-la Roog na moos boo moos

wo i ta-ga-saa, wo Ki-ris-taa Mbaal o-nqe Roog na wat-naa pa-kaad ad-na.

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1. and 3. *Glory to God forever and ever.*
It is to you that we give praise, O Christ.
2. *You are the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins.*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD.

Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Dinah Reindorf: Ghana

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! 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 Reading

Luke 12:49-56

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 12.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

Inspired by love and anger

John Bell, Graham Maule

Irish melody



1. In - spired by love and an - ger, dis - turbed by need and pain,
 2. From those for - ev - er vic - tims of heart - less hu - man greed,
 3. From those for - ev - er shack - led to what their wealth can buy,
 4. To God, who through the pro - phets pro - claimed a dif - ferent age,
 5. God asks, 'Who will go for me? Who will ex - tend my reach?
 6. A - mused in some - one's kit - chen, a - sleep in some - one's boat,



in - formed of God's own bi - as, we ask this once a - gain:
 their cru - el plight com - pos - es a lit - a - ny of need:
 the fear of lost ad - van - tage pro - vokes the bit - ter cry,
 we of - fer earth's in - dif - ference, its a - go - ny and rage:
 And who, when few will lis - ten, will pro - phe - sy and preach?
 at - tuned to what the an - cients ex - posed, pro - claimed and wrote,



'How long must some folk suf - fer? How long can few folk mind?
 'Where are the fruits of jus - tice? Where are the signs of peace?
 'Don't que - ry our po - si - tion! Don't crit - i - cize our wealth!
 'When will the wronged be right - ed? When will the king - dom come?
 And who, when few bid wel - come, will of - fer all they know?
 a sa - vior with - out safe - ty, a trades - man with - out tools



How long dare vain self - in - terest turn prayer and pi - ty blind'
 When is the day when pri - soners and dreams find their re - lease?'
 Don't men - tion those ex - ploit - ed by pol - i - tics and stealth.'
 When will the world be gen - erous to all in - stead of some?'
 And who, when few dare fol - low, will walk the road I show'
 has come to tip the ba - lance with fish - er - men and fools.

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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

Deep River
African American Spiritual
Soprano, Bernice Dorig / Piano, Christophe Gunther

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.*

*Oh don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land - where all is peace?*

Oh deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into camp-ground.

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Offertory

Tout est fait pour la gloire de Dieu

Abel Nkuinki: Cameroon



1. Tout est fait pour la gloi-re de Dieu. A - men. A - men.
 2. La vie c'est pour la gloi-re de Dieu. A - men.
 3. Le culte est pour la gloi-re de Dieu. A - men.



Tout dépend de ce que tu en fais. A - men. A -



men. A-men. A - men. A - men.



1. Tout est fait pour la gloi-re de Dieu, A - men. A - men.
 2. La vie c'est
 3. Le culte est

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. *And al - so with you.*



Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*



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

Preface

Sanctus

Mziwamadoda Joseph Singiswa: South Africa

1. O ho - ly the Lord, O ho - ly the Lord, the
2. Ho - san, ho - san - na, Ho - san, ho - san - na, ho -

God of pow - er and might - i - ness. Both heav - en and earth shine
san - na in the high - est. And blest is the one who

forth in God's light this glo - ry and maj - es - ty
comes in the name, in the name of the Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

At this table we leave all swords aside.
Remembering Christ, we become his body with this bread.
Drinking from this cup we become his blood.
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

Notre Père

Notre Père de Burkina-Fasso

No - tre Pè - re, qui es aux cieux, *O Dieu no - tre Pè - re,*
 que ton nom soit sanc - ti - fié, *O Dieu no - tre Pè - re. Al - lé - lu - ia.*
 Que ton rè - gne vien - ne, *O Dieu no - tre Pè - re,* Que ta vo - lon -
 té soit fai - te, *O Dieu no - tre Pè - re. Al - lé - lu - ia.* Don - ne - nous
 au - jour - d'hui, *O Dieu no - tre Pè - re,* no - tre pain de ce jour,
O Dieu no - tre Pè - re. Al - lé - lu - ia. Par - don - ne - nous nos of - fen - ses,
O Dieu no - tre Pè - re, Ap - prends - nous à pard - on - ner, *O Dieu no - tre*
Pè - re. Al - lé - lu - ia. Ne nous lais - se pas ten - te, *O Dieu no - tre*
Pè - re. Mais dé - liv - re - nous du mal, *O Dieu no - tre Pè - re. Al - lé - lu -*
ia. À Toi le Règne et la gloire, *O Dieu no - tre Pè - re,* au - jour - d'hui et
 pour tou - jours, *O Dieu no - tre Pè - re. Al - lé - lu - ia.*

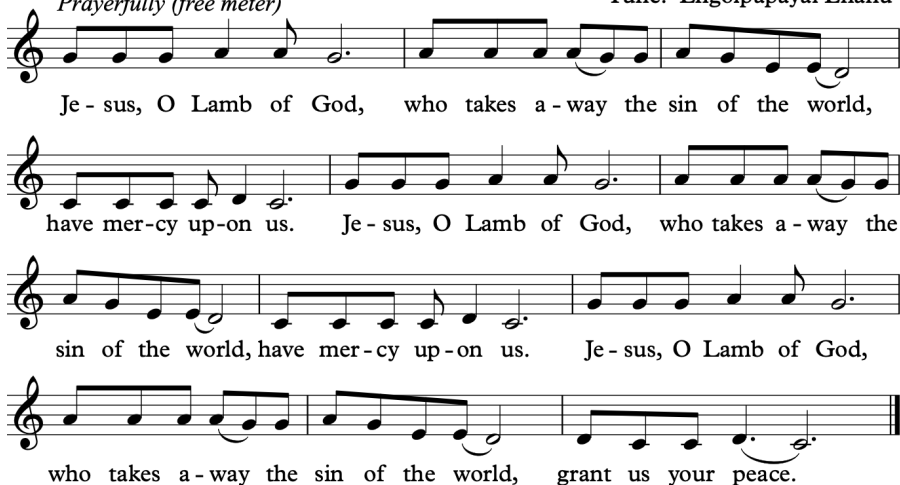
Agnus Dei

English adaptation Rev. Judith Bangsund

Traditional Maasai cry for help

Prayerfully (free meter)

Tune: Engoipapayai Enanu



Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Je - sus, O Lamb of God,
who takes a - way the sin of the world, grant 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 **Come, let us eat**

Billema Kwillia verses 1-3. Gilbert E. Doan Jr. verse 4


Billema Kwillia: Tanzania

1st time, leader. 2nd time, All.



1. Come, let us eat for now the feast is 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.

1st time, leader. 2nd time, All.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

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We are coming, Lord, to the table

Sierra Leone arranged by Greg Scheer

We are com - ing, Lord, to the ta - ble. We are com - ing, Lord,

to the ta - ble. 1. With the gift of bread, we are com - ing, Lord.
2. To re - ceive the bread, we are com - ing, Lord.

Leader
Oh, sing it o - ver.
With the gift of wine, we are com - ing, Lord. Oh,
To re - ceive the wine, we are com - ing, Lord.

1. We of - fer you the gift of bread. We
2. We're com - ing to re - ceive the bread. We're
we are com - ing, Lord. Oh, we are com - ing,

of - fer you the gift of wine.
com - ing to re - ceive the wine.

Lord. Oh, we are com - ing,

Oh, sing it o - ver.

Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

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Comment ne peut te louer

Cameroon traditional
English adaptation, Andrew Donaldson

Com-ment ne pas te lou-er, com-ment ne pas te lou-er?
How can we not praise your name, how can we not praise your name?

er? name? Com-ment ne pas te lou-er,
How can we not praise your name,

Fine
Sei-gneur Jé-sus? Quand je re-garde au-tour de
Je-sus our Lord? Quand je re-garde au-tour de
I look a-round me and I

moi, je vois mes soeurs. A-lors je dis mer-ci, Sei-
moi, je vois mes frères. A-lors je dis mer-ci, Sei-
see all gath-ered here; we heard your call, and we came

gneur. Com-ment ne pas te lou-er,
gneur. Com-ment ne pas te lou-er,
near. How can we not praise your name,

Leader: *D.S.*
Sei-gneur Jé-sus?
Sei-gneur Jé-sus? (*Com-ment et pour-quoi?*)
Je-sus our Lord?

Murassalat

As taught by Beatrice Mukhtar Mamuzi: South Sudan

1. Mu - ra - ssa - lat ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - ssa - lat.
2. Shu - ku - ru A - laa ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat.
3. Ha - le - lu - a ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat.

Mu - ra - ssa - lat ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - ssa - lat.
Shu - ku - ru A - laa ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat.
Ha - le - lu - a ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat.

Mu - ra - ssa - lat ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - ssa - lat.
Shu - ku - ru A - laa ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat.
Ha - le - lu - a ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat.

Ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat le Ye - su.
Ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat le Ye - su.
Ni - na ku - lu mu - ra - saa - lat le Ye - su.

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.

Sending Forth and Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Remember Your Giving this Summer

Our congregation relies entirely on the contributions of our members to sustain our ministry, so please remember to give generously this summer. Will you be traveling? Consider setting up a regular monthly payment by bank transfer so your giving remains consistent even when you're away. Details are on our website: <https://genevalutheran.church/giving/>

SAVE THE DATE - Congregational Retreat on Saturday, 27 September

On Saturday 27 September, our congregation will gather for a day-retreat to visit the ruins of the 12th century Carthusian monastery of Oujon. The ruins are located near Arzier (not far from St-Cergue). The day will involve group time at a picnic and playground area, plus a walk through the ruins. Mark your calendar and plan to join—all ages welcome!

Looking for a Nursery Attendant this Fall

The English-Speaking Congregation is seeking a nursery attendant to care for young children on Sundays from 10h45 to 13h15. Candidates should be comfortable in English and have experience working with young children. The start date is September 2025, and the pay is Chf 25/hour. To apply, please send a message and CV to the church office: office@genevalutheran.ch. Please share this information with anyone you think might be a good fit.

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

Journée Interreligious in Lyon

On Sunday 7 September, there will be a day organized with guided visits to the Basilica, the Grand Synagogue and the Grand Mosque in Lyon, France. The day comes at the invitation of Père Christian Delorme, a long-time advocate concerning racism and inequality. The cost is CHF 30 for bus and lunch (CHF 10 for those under 25). More information can be found at the website, www.interreligieux.ch. The bus leaves at 8h00 and return around 19h00. Registration at <https://forms.gle/TcqAN9e4bAy1e5mi7> is open only until Aug 19, and is required. The day will be in French.

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:

24 August – Group A

31 August – Group B

7 September – Group C

14 September – Group D

*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:

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| Sun, 24 August | 11h00 | Worship |
| <i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i> | | |

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- 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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