

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

19 OCTOBER 2025

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

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Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Welcome

Prelude Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (*stand*)

Although Mt. Blanc seems to slumber in the dawning midst,
we are gathered by God, ever-awake.

The old question continues:

from where will our help come?

The old Jura, steady in the twilight rose, point us to our Creator,
who in Christ gently leads us home,
as the Spirit watches over our going out and our coming in,
so we do not weary in doing right.

We sing praise to the Blessed Trinity, one God,
our keeper in every night and day.

Hymn

I to the hills will lift my eyes

During the last verse the children are invited to go to church school.

Psalm 121 paraphrase Psalter 1912

Scottish Psalter



1. I to the hills will lift mine eyes, from
 2. God will not let your foot be moved, your
 3. Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord your
 4. From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -



whence shall come my aid. My help is from the
 Guard - ian nev - er sleeps God's watch - ful and un -
 shel - ter and your shade; 'neath sun or moon, by
 vide for all you need; your go - ing out, your



Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth hath made.
 slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
 day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
 com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

God will not let our foot be moved;
God who keeps us will not slumber.

God who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is our keeper;
the LORD is our shade at our right hand.

The sun shall not strike us by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep us from all evil,
God will keep our life,

The LORD will keep our going out, and our coming in,
from this time on and for evermore.

Call to Prayer

Prayer

What about those who look to the hills
and see no help coming, God of life?
What about those whose feet are broken,
whose lives lie ruined,
whose going out has been marked by struggle
and whose coming in has been met with rejection?
Surely you see.
We cry to you for help.

Sung Response

Oye Señor

Betty Hernández and Maritza Dixon: Mexico/Panama

Dm

O - ye, Se- ñor, tu pue - blo te cla - ma. O - ye, Se-
Hear us, O Lord, your peo - ple cry to you. Hear us, O

Dm C A7 Dm

ñor, tu pue - blo te cla - ma. Dá - nos tu for - ta - le - za ya
Lord, your peo - ple cry to you. Give us your stead - fast cour - age to

A7 Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm

vi - va nues - tra fé. O - ye, Se- ñor! O - ye, Se- ñor!
live out our faith with strength. Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord.

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What mercy reaches through the depths of suffering, gracious God?
What holds us when our world is shaken?
Evil seems to rampage,
and we become unsure we will be spared.
***In the shade of the cross,
awaken us to your abiding Spirit,
so that we might live free and unafraid.***

Sung Response

Oye Señor

We lift our eyes to the One
lifted up so all the world might see your love.
***Renew in us a basic trust
that you are there for us,
and that you do not let down your guard.
Place on us the marks of Jesus,
so a new creation opens before us,
in which we work for the good of all.***

Sung Response

Oye Señor

Our help comes from the Dying One.
His nailed feet point our direction.

His sun-struck body becomes our rising.
 With the fullness of his love
 he gathers us into his realm where justice and love reign.

Hymn of Praise (*stand*) **Gloria, gloria, gloria**

Luke 2:14

Cueca

E ♩. = 72

Pablo Sosa: Argentina

La, la, la

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria
 Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria

en las al - tu - ras a Dios. Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos
 glo - ry to God on high. And on earth peace to the peo - ple in

que a - ma el Se - ñor. Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria.
 whom God is well pleased.

For the ending repeat 2 times each time softer

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Epistle Reading (*sit*)

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

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 neighbour'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. . .

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*stand*)

Honduras

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - to.
Now the Lord is risen in - deed.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 18.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”’ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon (*sit*)

Andy Willis

Hymn (*stand*)**In the cross of Christ I glory**

John Bowring: England

Rathbun: Ithamar Conkey: USA

1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
 2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
 3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing light and love up -
 4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea-sure, by the cross are

wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no

sto - ry ga - thers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
 stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

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 (*sit*)

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Peace (*stand*)

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

Gathering of Gifts (*sit*)

Frits De Vries, oboe

*from Concerto for Oboe, Strings and Basso Continuo
Alessandro Marcello (1669-1747)*

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Offertory (*stand*) **Your hand, O God, has guided**

Edward Hayes Plumptre

Basil Harwood: England

1. Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;
2. Your her - als brought glad tid - ings to great - est, as to
3. Your mer - cy will not fail us, nor leave your work un -

age; the won - drous tale is writ - ten full clear on ev - ery
least; they sum - moned all to has - ten to share the great King's
done; with your right hand to help us, the vic - tory shall be

page; our fore - bears knew your good - ness, and we their deed re -
feast, and this was all their teach - ing, in ev - ery deed and
won, and then by earth and heav - en your name shall be a -

cord, and both of this bear wit - ness, "One
word, to all a - like pro - claim - ing, "One
dored, and this shall be their an - them, "One

church, one faith, one Lord."

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor *People* Sursum corda

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

Pastor *People*

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

Pastor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Preface

Sanctus

Santo, santo, santo

Argentina

Flowing ♩ = 64

San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! ¡Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My
co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e res Se - ñor!
heart knows how to say to you: Ho - ly are you, Lord!

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the Word made flesh, abiding with us.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ,

whose dying is love for us and the whole world,

whose rising is his living in us.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Remembering

Gathered round this table Christ sows in us his new community.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, we see his body and blood present in our midst. 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

Cordero de Dios

Misa popular nicaragüense

Em Am

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

Em Am Em

mun - do; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros,
world: have mer - cy up - on us,

D Em Em

ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cor - de - ro de
have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

Am Em

Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do;
God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

D G Am Em

da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Songs during Communion

Vamos todos

Guillermo Cuéllar. English Bret Hesla and William Dexheimer Pharris

Guillermo Cuéllar: Misa popular salvadoreña El Salvador

Refrain D G A⁷

Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la me - sa de la crea -
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the feast of the u - ni -

D D⁷ G

ción, ca - da cual con su ta - bu - re - te, tie - ne un
verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is wait - ing; come, ev - ery



pues - to yu - na mi - sión. 1. Hoy me le - van - to muy tem -
one, with your gifts to share. 1. I will rise in the ear - ly



pra - no, ya me es - pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad, voy su -
mor - ning; the com - mu ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a



bien - do a - le - gre la cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
spring in my step I'm walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.

2. Dios invita a todos los pobres,
a esta mesa común por la fe,
donde no hay acaparadores,
y a nadie le falta un con que.

2. God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food.

3. Dios nos manda hacer de este mundo,
una mesa de fraternidad,
trabajando y luchando juntos,
compartiendo la propiedad.

3. May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have.

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Somos pueblo

English Carolyn Jennings

Misa Popular Nicaragüense



1. So - mos pue - blo que ca - mi - na por la sen - da del do - lor.

1. We are peo - ple on a jour - ney; pain is with us all the way.

2. God has sent the in - vi - ta - tion to the hum - ble and the poor.

3. This is bread that God pro - vides us, nour - ish - ing our u - ni - ty.

4. Christ is ev - er pres - ent with us to u - nite us all in love.

5. All who tru - ly thirst for jus - tice seek their lib - er - a - tion here.



a - cu - da - mos ju - bi - lo - sos a la san - ta co - mu - nión.

Joy - ful - ly we come to - geth - er at the ho - ly feast of God.

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The peace of the earth

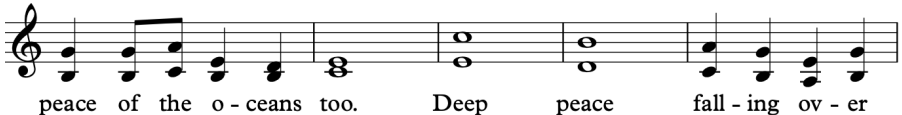
Guatamalan traditional



The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heav - ens



too; the peace of the riv - ers be with you, the



peace of the o - ceans too. Deep peace fall - ing ov - er



you. God's peace grow - ing in you.

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Yo sé que estás aquí

Author unknown English S T Kimbrough, Jr.

Honduras

$\text{♩} = 100$ Gm Gm/F A°/Eb D7

Yo sé que es - tás a - quí mi Se- ñor, yo sé que es - tás a -
I know that you are here, my God, I know that you are

Gm Gm Gm/F A°/Eb

quí. Yo sé que es - tás a - quí mi Se- ñor, yo sé que es - tás a
here. I know that you are here, my God, I know that you are

G G7 Cm F7

quí. Y mi al - ma te a - la - ba y mi al - ma te a -
here. And my soul gives you praise, O how my soul gives you

Bb EbMaj7 A° D7

la - ba, y mi al - ma te a - la - ba por-que sé que es - tás a -
praise, O how my soul gives you praise, be-cause I know that you are

G7 Cm F7

quí. Y mi al - ma te a - la - ba y mi al - ma te a -
here. And my soul gives you praise, O how my soul gives you

Bb EbMaj7 A° D7 Gm

la - ba, y mi al - ma te a - la - ba por-que sé que es - tás a - quí.
praise, O how my soul gives you praise, be-cause I know that you are here.

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Sending Forth (*stand*)

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements (*sit*)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting this Sunday - Nursery Care Available for Young Children

Starting today, nursery care will be available during worship on Sunday mornings for children age 3 and under. Two paid staff—Simone Lange and Beatrice Tarimo—will alternate weeks working in the nursery from 11h00 to 13h00. Children are always welcome in worship, but for families who wish, this option will now be available. Contact the church office with any questions.

Sunday 2 November – Ecumenical Worship Service at Cathédrale St-Pierre, 11h00

On Sunday 2 November, the English-Speaking and German-Speaking congregations are participating in an ecumenical worship service marking Reformation Day. The service will be multilingual, joyful, and filled with good music from the various communities participating (including an anthem from our church's combined choirs). The service will take place at the Cathédrale St-Pierre at 11h00—all are welcome.

Please note: there will be no worship service at the Lutheran Church on this day.

Young Adults' Group

If you're 18-30, you have a place here! Join our young adults group to grow in faith, build friendships, and walk with Christ. We'll be meeting up one Friday and one Saturday per month at church (top floor). To get connected, please text or approach Naomi (+41762146607), Olivia (+41764493137), or Ano (+41795502633).

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

Church School Now in Session!

We meet each Sunday during the school year (except on the first of each month, when worship is in the evening, and during school vacations). Children begin the worship service with their families and return to the sanctuary in time for Communion. Questions? Contact the church office. *Please note: there will be no church school next Sunday, 26 October, due to the fall vacation.*

Peace Symbols

The worship committee is exploring symbols and gestures for peace. We know many, e.g. the dove, the handshake we use during our worship services, paper cranes, candles floating in the water, olive branch. But we suspect that in our multicultural congregation many other possibilities might be explored. We are planning an Advent focused on prayers for peace. Our planning would be much improved with images, symbols or gestures that are used in different parts of the world. Since we will be praying for Asian countries, during Advent, ideas from that region would be particularly welcome, but we are open to other regions as well. Don't be shy. We cannot incorporate into worship what we don't know. If you have something to share, please send an email to the office and a member of the worship committee will contact you.

Choir Rehearsals – Thursday Evenings

The choir of the English-Speaking Congregation is open to anyone—we meet on Thursday evenings from 19h30 until 21h00 to learn the music for the upcoming Sunday worship service and work on additional pieces. The rehearsals are led by our music director, Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg. Come and sing! *Please note: there is no rehearsal this Thursday, 23 October, due to the fall vacation.*

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

19 October – Group D

26 October – Group E

2 November – Group A

9 November – 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:

Sun, 26 Oct.	11h00	Worship, Rev. Dr. Nyambura Njoroge preaching, Andy Willis presiding
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Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30

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