

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30

5 OCTOBER 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.*

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this evening:

Reader: Fulata Moyo

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Assisting ministers: Fulata Moyo, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi,
Maarten Wilbers

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost + 5 October 2025, 17h30

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Columbia, Ecuador, Venezuela*

Prelude

Evening Prayer

Choir

Evita Rudzionytė; Text: Psalm 4

*Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?
How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?
But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself.
The Lord hears when I call to him.
In peace I will both lie down and sleep for you alone,
O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Answer me, O God.*

Greeting



Jesus Christ is the light of the world, ***the light no darkness can o-ver - come.***



Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, ***and the day is al-most over.***



Let your light scat-ter the darkness, ***and illu-mine your church.***

Hymn of Light

O radiant Light

Jesu dulcis memoria, Plainsong mode 1

Greek hymn 3rd century. English, William G. Storey

1. O ra - diant Light, O Sun di - vine,
 2. O Son of God, the source of life,
 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, as day - light fades,
 of God the Fa - ther's death - less face,
 praise is your due by night and day,
 as shine the lights of e - ven - tide,
 O im - age of the light sub - lime
 Our hap - py lips must raise the strain
 we praise the Fa - ther with the Son,
 that fills the heaven - ly dwell - ing place.
 of your es - teemed and splen - did name.
 the Spir - it blest and with them one. A - men.

English © William G. Storey.

Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Psalms 141

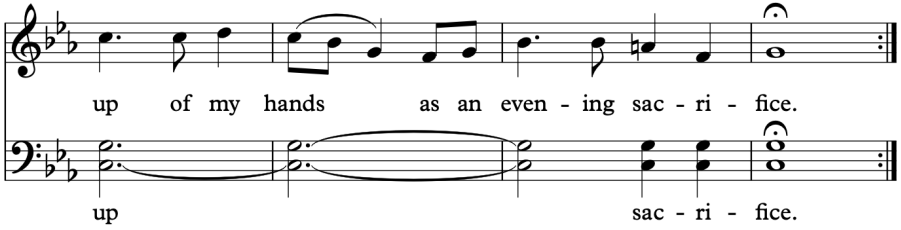
Antiphon Let my prayer rise before you like incense

Psalms 141:2

I-to Loh: Taiwan

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing
 prayer

*For the repeat the men can sing the melody
and the women the drone.*



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O Lord, I call to you, come to me quickly.
Hear my voice when I cry to you.
Let my prayer rise before you as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Antiphon (with the men singing the melody)

Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.
Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evil doers.
But my eyes are turned to you, O God,
in you I take refuge; strip me not of my life.

Antiphon (with the women singing the melody)

Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Where charity and love prevail

Ubi caritas et amor, 9th century. English Omer Westendorf

Paul Benoit



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail,
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear
 3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known,
 5. Let us re - call that in our midst
 6. Love can ex - clude no race or creed



there God is ev - er found;
 true char - i - ty we learn;
 as we our faults con - fess;
 let all con - ten - tion cease;
 dwell God's be - got - ten Son;
 if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love,
 let us with heart and mind and strength
 and let us love each oth - er well
 be Christ the glo - ry that we seek,
 as mem - bers of his bod - y joined,
 our com - on life em - brac - es all



by love are we thus bound.
 now love Christ in re - turn.
 in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 be ours Christ's ho - ly peace.
 we are in Christ made one.
 whose Ma - ker is the same.

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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

Da pacem Domine

Three part Canon

Jacques Berthier: France

The musical score is written for a three-part canon in 2/2 time, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Da pa - cem Do - mi - ne. Da pa - cem Do - mi - ne.' are written below the first staff. The second staff includes a melisma 'Ah' with a long note, followed by another 'Ah' and a final cadence. Chord markers A, B, and C are placed above the staff at specific points.

Da pa - cem Do - mi - ne. Da pa - cem Do - mi - ne.

Ah Ah

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Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan

English, Donald Wetherick

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

Pastor People

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

Pastor People

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

Pastor People

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

Preface

For the whole of creation

thanks.

For the breath of your Spirit, inviting our humanity,

thanks.

For the freedom from slavery and the gift of your Word,

thanks.

For the promise of a new world of justice and peace,

thanks.

For your Beloved, Jesus Christ, your presence in our midst,
the way, the truth, the life.

thanks.

So with all your saints of every time and place, we sing your praise.

Sanctus

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

Sanc - tus, Ho - ly, Sanc - tus, ho - ly, Sanc - tus, ho - ly, Do - mi - nus Lord

De - us of God of Sa - ba - oth, hosts, De - us of God of Sa - ba - oth. hosts.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is Jesus Christ,
who in the evening went off to pray,
who in the night walked on the Sea of Galilee to his disciples,
who on the cross, in the day with no light,
gave up his Spirit into your hands.

Words of Institution

Remembering

Remembering Christ, his life, his teaching, his presence with us,
we share this bread, his body, and this wine, his blood.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

*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

as sung by Hena Mwana Mberere: Tumbuka hymn: Malawi

1. He - na Mwa-na wa mbe - re - re. Wa - ku - ye - gha za
 2. Wa - ka - ye - gha M'thu - pi la - ke Wa - ka - wu - ra ku-
 3. A la - bi - ska Pa - mphi - nji - ka U - mo I - yo wa-

Refrain

kwa - na - nga zi - thu zo - se. (Wa-) Mwa - na Mbe - re - re
 zgo - ra - ko Pa - ku - mko - ma.
 ka - su - zgi - ki - ra i - se.

To verse 3 and refrain

Wa - ti - ye - ghe - ra Za kwa - na - nga Zi - thu zo - se.

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

Communion

Nunc Dimitis

Darkness now enfolds us

Paschal Jordan: Guyana/Trinidad and Tobago

Dark - ness now en - folds us. Day - light is at end.
Now all - power - ful Mas - ter, let your ser - vants go. Ac -

Come, O Shin - ing Pre - sence, Spir - it, be our friend.
cord - ing to your pro - mise, let us go in peace.

Ho - ver o'er the wa - ter, sleep with - in our breasts.
We have seen your sal - va - tion given to all the world: the

Calm the waves with - in us. Lead us now to rest.
Light for all the na - tions. Glo - ry to you, Lord.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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

Monthly Teens' Gathering – Starting 12 October

This fall, there will be a monthly get-together for teens (age 13-19), meeting on the second Sunday of each month after worship. This will be a time for kids to get to know one another better, share in fun activities, and grow in faith together. The activities will vary from month to month, and it promises to be a great space for our congregation's teenagers. Three young adults from the congregation—Gareth Kit, Marianna Lukas, and Nanah Naingola—are leading the group. The first gathering (with pizza and group activities) will take place on Sunday 12 October at 13h00. Contact Nanah (nanah.naingola@gmail.com) or the church office with any questions.

Being With Course – Starting in October

The Being With course, developed by St Martin-in-the-Fields church in London, is an invitation into Christian life—for those who are new to the faith, and for those who wish to continue their journey. Unlike many introduction to Christianity classes, this one is not much focused on doctrine or Bible study—instead, it's “an immersive experience of learning how to be with ourselves, with others and the world around us, and learning how to be with God.” Fulata Moyo and Andy Willis will be offering the course in our congregation this October-December. To sign up, or for more information, contact the church office: office@genevalutheran.ch / 022 310 50 89.

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 – Saturday, 11 October

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

Worship Committee

We continue our planning for Advent/Christmas on Thursday, 16 October at noon in the church. We share lunch and dream what might be meaningful in worship this year as we await the coming of Christ.

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.

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 will be led by our music director, Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg. Come and sing!

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

12 October – Group C

19 October – Group D

26 October – Group E

2 November – Group A

*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:

Tues, 7 Oct.	19h00	Prayer group
Thurs, 9 Oct.	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sat, 11 Oct.	10h00	Women's circle
Sun, 12 Oct.	9h45	Confirmation class
	11h00	Worship and church school
	13h00	Teens' gathering
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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