

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

26 OCTOBER 2025

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Prayer leader: Maureen Gumbe

Reader: Nina Kiderlin

Altar care: Grace George

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost + 26 October 2025, 11h00

Guest Organist: Regine Kummer

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Nyambura Njoroge

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *The Caribbean*

*Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada,
Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines,
Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago*

Welcome

Prelude

Regine Kummer

Greeting (*stand*)

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh
sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars,
O LORD of hosts, my Ruler and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
who bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk
 uprightly.

Hymn

How lovely, Lord, how lovely

Arlo Duda after Psalm 84

Hal Hopson: USA



1. How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2. In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3. A sun and shield for ev - er are you, O God most high;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
 you show - er us with bless - ings no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ings o - ver - flow.

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Call to Prayer (*sit*)

Prayers of Lament and Confession

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-20

Although our iniquities testify against us,
 act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

Silence

O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?
Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Silence

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

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 y a
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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Have you completely rejected Judah?

Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down

so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace,

but find no good;

for a time of healing,

but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,

the iniquity of our ancestors,

for we have sinned against you.

Silence

Sung Response

Oye Señor

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The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a Dm chord and contains the lyrics: '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'. The second staff continues with 'ñor, tu pue - blo te cla - ma. Lord, your peo - ple cry to you.' and includes chords Dm, C, A7, and Dm. The third staff concludes with 'vi - va nues - tra fê. O - ye, Se - ñor! O - ye, Se - ñor! live out our faith with strength. Hear us, O Lord. Hear us, O Lord.' and includes chords A7, Dm, A7, Dm, A7, and Dm.

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Words of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 14:21-22

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
*do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.*
Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
*Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.*

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*)

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*stand*)

Caribbean

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia.

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - ia. Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le -

lu - ia. Hal - le - lu - ia, Hal - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

The Gospel according to Luke, chapter 18.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

Sermon (*sit*)

Rev. Dr. Nyambura Njoroge

Hymn (*stand*)

Rock of Ages

Augustus M. Toplady

Thomas Hastings



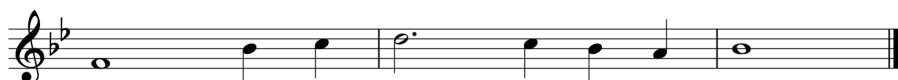
1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring; simp - ly to thy cross I
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in



thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from the
mands: could my zeal no res - pite know, could my
cling. Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less,
death, when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee



riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble
tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could not a -
look to thee for grace; stained, I to the foun - tain
on they judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for



cure: cleanse me from its guilt and power.
tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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*) from *Sonata in G Minor*
Jean Baptiste Loeillet de Gant
Flute, Regine Kummer / Piano, Terry MacArthur

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

Edward Hayes Plumptre

Basil Harwood: England

1. Your hand, O God, has guid - ed your flock from age to
 2. Your her - als brought glad tid - ings to great - est, as to

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

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

cord, and both of this bear wit - ness, "One
 word, to all a - like pro - claim - ing, "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 *People*

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

Preface

Sanctus

Le lo le lo lay lo

William Loperena O.P.: Puerto Rico

Plena Rhythm

Le lo le lo lay lo. Le lo le lo lay lo. Le lo le lo

Fine *1 Leader 2 People*

lay lo lo le lo le lo lai. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly God of

1 Leader 2 People

pow-er and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.

2. B E D#m C#m F#7

glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the

B E D#m C#m F# B

high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

1 Leader 2 People

Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

2. B E D#m C#m F#7

Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the

B E D#m C#m F# B *D.C. al Fine*

high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

None of us is worthy to come to this table,
but we remember Jesus Christ, whose love invites us.
With his grace, this bread becomes for us his body.
In his mercy, this wine becomes for us 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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Songs during Communion

We come now to your table, Lord

Caribbean Conference of Churches Jamaica workshop

St. Vincent melody
adapted by Patrick Prescod

1. We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.
2. We drink the cup, it was for us your sa - cred blood was shed,
3. A ho - ly feast trans-form - ing us, the sa - cred bread and wine,

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - ery soul be fed.
we drink the cup, it was for us you suf - fered pain and blood;
a ho - ly feast trans-form - ing us, that makes our lives di - vine;

You are the Liv - ing Bread; let ev - ery soul be fed,
your sa - cred blood was shed, you suf - fered pain and bled;
the sa - cred bread and wine, that makes our lives di - vine;

and now may ev - ery soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.
we drink the cup, it was for us your blood was shed.
a ho - ly feast trans - form - ing us, this bread and wine.

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Let us talents and tongues employ

Fred Kaan: UK

Jamaican folk song Adapt. Doreen Potter



1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at this ta - ble he
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy; bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
set the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a - gain,
love in word and in deed ex - press.
God, Em - man - u - el ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Jesus, where can we find you

Doreen Potter: Jamaica



1. Je - sus, where can we find you in our world to - day?
2. Je - sus, in hand of the heal - er can we feel you there?
3. Je - sus, in mind of the lead - er can we know you there?
4. Je - sus, in thought of the art - ist can we sense you there?
5. Je - sus, in face of the fam - ished can we see you there?
6. Je - sus, in fac - es of chil - dren can we see you there?



Je - sus, where can we find you In - car - nate Word to - day?
 Je - sus, in word of the preach - er can we hear you there?
 Je - sus, in aims of the plan - ner can we find you there?
 Je - sus, in work of the build - er can we see you there?
 Je - sus, in face of the pri - soner can we see you there?
 Je - sus, in all of cre - a - tion can we find you there?

Refrain



Look at your broth - er be - side you; look at your sis - ter be -



side you. Look! Lis - ten! Care!

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

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 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.

Nursery Care Available for Young Children

Nursery care is 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.

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. **5 December at 6.30 pm**. Christmas dinner in the gemainderaum.

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, 2 November, because we have the service at the Cathedral.

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 – Preparing a new anthem with brass choir and organ

This week we are finalizing an anthem composed by Yanis Eberhardt, based on the melody we have been singing while we bring forward the offering. This will be performed with the German choir next Sunday, 2 November, as part of the ecumenical service in the Cathedral. We practice as normal on Thursday evening in the church from 19h30-21h00. Then on Saturday, 1 November, there will be a rehearsal in the Cathedral St. Pierre from 10h00-11h00 with the organ and the brass. Contact our choir director, Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg if you have questions, or you can talk with Terry MacArthur after the service.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

26 October – Group E

2 November – Group A

9 November – Group B

16 November – 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:

Tues, 28 Oct	14h30	Worship committee
	19h00	Being With course
Wed, 29 Oct	12h00	Being With course
Thurs, 30 Oct	19h30	Choir rehearsal at ELCG
Sat, 1 Nov	10h00	Joint choir rehearsal at St-Pierre
Sun, 2 Nov	11h00	Ecumenical Worship at Cathedral St-Pierre
<i>Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30</i>		

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