EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00
9 NOVEMBER 2025

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

We are a congregation where music, liturgy, and prayer reflect the richness of the global church.

We gather each week for worship that is both firmly rooted in the ancient forms and traditions of Christian liturgy and attuned to contemporary concerns. We encounter the good news of Jesus in scripture, in song, in the sacraments, and in the gathered community. The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle shapes our weekly worship, leading us to pray for and sing songs from different parts of the world.

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: Sarah Stephens

Reader: Nina Kiderlin

Altar care: Benjamin Le Geyt

Assisting ministers: Clare Duran, Nyambura Njoroge, Fulata Moyo,

Nathan Wilson

Ushers: Alessia de Chassey, Filipa de Chassey

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost + 9 November 2025, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Oceania:

American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (stand)

We are gathered by the one Spirit, moving among us with a multitude of gifts. Languages pour out, as if the Lord's Prayer were encircling the world. Compassions emerge unexpectedly, without regard for reward. Skills are offered for the sake of praise, raising in others the confidence to claim, "Jesus is Lord." Time is given away, relinquished for the greater good in which waiting becomes prayer, becomes wonder for the glories all around. Riches, not retained, sustain those healing, teaching, preaching, prophesying, interpreting the signs. Since Jesus is Lord, we are bound together in service and thanksgiving. Since Jesus is Lord. we are freed up for love and life worth the living. Since Jesus is Lord.

we become one in worship of the Blessed Trinity.

Hymn

How marvelous God's greatness





Call to Prayer (sit)

Prayer of Confession

Selfishness is not sustainable, Breath of Life, but it does not let us go.

Forgive us.

We become what we are enticed to want, rather than what you have called us to be.

Turn us to what is just and right.

The sirens of status whistle their catchy tunes until feeling superior to others replaces loving them.

Re-direct us to follow the way of the cross of Jesus Christ.

Plant in us your Spirit,

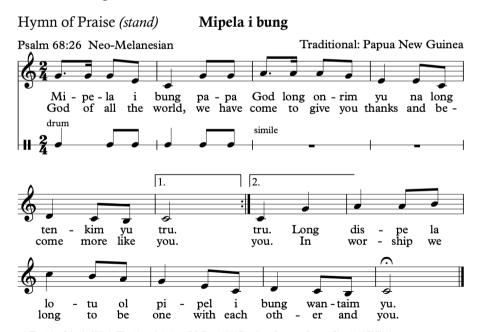
so we become rooted in the good earth of your Gospel, in which mercy and grace flower, because Jesus is Lord.

Kyrie eleison



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Words of Forgiveness



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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Epistle Reading (sit)

1 Corinthians 12:1-12

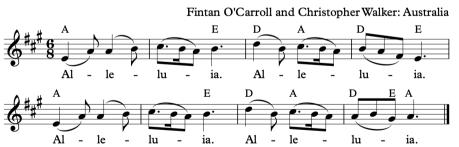
Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were Gentiles, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (stand)



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

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, Peace to this house! And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, The kingdom of God has come near to you.' . . .

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.'

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

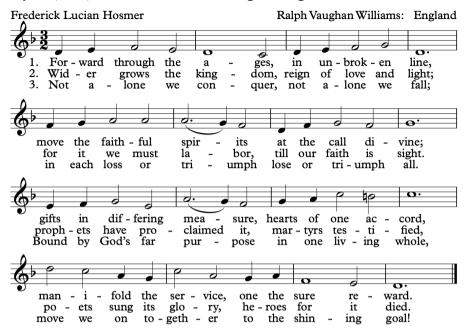
Traise to you, O Chr

Alleluia

Sermon (sit) Andy Willis



Forward through the ages



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) Te fenua Choir Maohi Nui (French Polynesia.) English adaptation Andrew Donaldson

Te fenua, te natura te natura e to na heeuri o vau te taata nei e to ù fenua. A na na to mata, tei natura a nana i tona heeuri.

I look around, eyes open wide, and I take in this world of bright wonders:
Your gift for us all to share. Your glory shines everywhere.
The splendor of nature surrounds us;
the winds from the ocean sing of your name, O God.
In praise, in amazement, I cry out. We live in your Presence, O Holy One!

Your gifts are essential to our congregation's ministry.

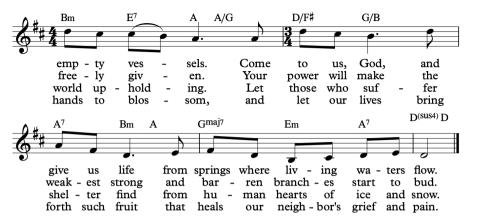
You can give in several ways: by placing money in the offering bag, by bank transfer (details on the back of the bulletin), or by TWINT.



Offertory (stand) We raise our hands to you, O Lord

Norwegian, Svein Ellingsen. English, Hedwig T. Durnbaugh Trond Kverno: Norway





Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



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

Preface



Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

At this table of Jesus Christ, we receive his gifts for us:

with this bread, his body,

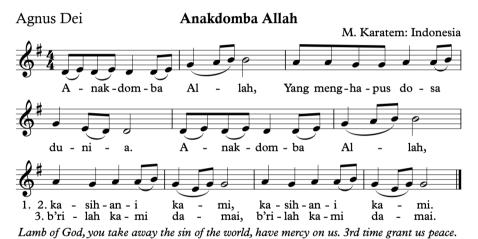
with this wine, his blood.

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.

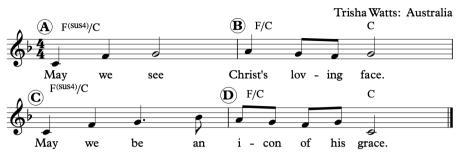


Communion

All are welcome for communion. We gather around the table. Take any empty space. You will receive the bread. Then choose a cup: dark cup for receiving wine or a lighter cup for grape juice. When you have drunk, place the used cup on the next tray. Sisters and brothers, come, let us receive the gifts of God together.

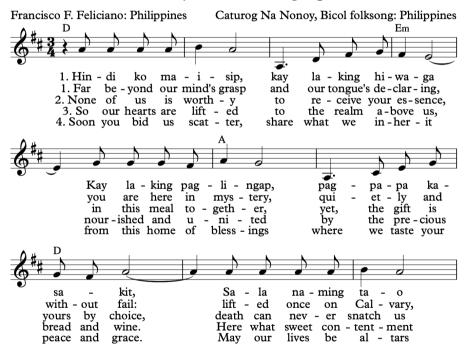
Songs during Communion

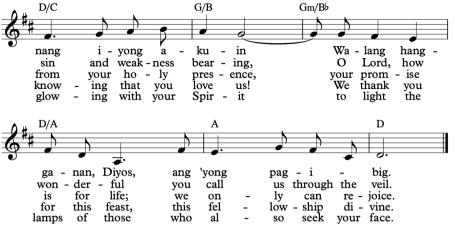
May we see Christ's loving face



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Far beyond our mind's grasp





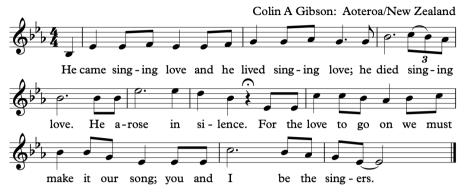
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I will live for you alone



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He came singing love



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- 2. Faith replaces love.
- 3. Hope replaces love.
- 3. Peace replaces love.

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

Stewardship for 2026: Sustained by One Spirit and Many Gifts

This morning begins our annual fall stewardship campaign. Over the next three weeks, the congregation is invited to reflect on the bounty of our combined gifts and talents. In worship, we'll be reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and considering the rich array of gifts in our faith community. What are the gifts that God has given to you? What are the gifts from our community that sustain you? The conversation begins this morning during coffee hour and will culminate Sunday 23 November when we bring our pledges of money and talents to sustain our faith family in the coming year.

Congregational Assembly - 23 November

Our annual year-end assembly will take place in person following worship on Sunday, 23 November. During the meeting, we will adopt a budget for 2026 and elect next year's nominating committee. Assembly materials will be sent to all members by email shortly.

Members, please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Teens' Gathering - Today after Worship

This fall, there will be a gathering for teens (age 13-19) 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.

This month's gathering (with pizza and group activities) will take place today at 13h00. All teens are welcome!

Prayer Group - Meeting Wednesday 12 November

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. The next meeting will take place at church, on Wednesday, 12 November from 19h until 20h (please note the change in date). If you cannot join in person, it will also be possible to join online, via Zoom. Please contact Kiki Lawal with any questions you have or prayer requests you like to share: kiki.lawal@gmail.com.

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: **5 December at 6.30 pm, Christmas dinner in the gemainderaum.** 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. Ouestions? Contact the church office.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

16 November – Group C

23 November – Group D

30 November – Group E

7 December – Group A

If you can help on a week when your group is assigned, please let your group's coordinator know

Treasurer's Update

The pro-rata (targeted) total income as of 30 September 2025 should have been CHF 238,116, but the actual income stands at CHF 205,173. Thus our income up to the end of September 2025 is approximately CHF 33,000 behind the targeted income. Our monthly income is approximately CHF 26,000, so we are indeed more than a month's income behind. This means we have to increase our monthly giving to about 50% more for the remaining period of the year.

In terms of percentage, we have achieved 86% of our income till September. There's a gap of 14% which amounts to around 33K.

The expenses of our church are in accordance with our approved budget.

Our church in recent years has been in similar situations towards the last quarter of the year, and thanks to your generosity, we have always ended the year by meeting the budget. Therefore we appeal to you to consider giving a little extra gift these remaining months.

We have recently sent quarterly giving statements, where you may review your pledge and giving so far. Thanking you once again for your generous giving that sustains our wonderful church.

Dinesh Suna Treasurer, ELCG -ESC

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This Week's Schedule:

Tues, 11 Nov	19h00	Being With course	
Wed, 12 Nov	12h00	Being With course	
	19h00	Prayer group	
Thurs, 13 Nov	19h30	Choir rehearsal	
Sat, 15 Nov	19h00	Young adults	
Sun, 16 Nov	9h45	Confirmation class	
	11h00	Worship and church school	
Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30			

Our church is entirely self-supporting. Our ministry is entirely funded by the contributions of members and friends of the congregation. There are three ways you can donate today:

By bank transfer: Using the banking app on your phone, scan one of the QR codes below:



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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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