

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30

1 MARCH 2026

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 evening:

Reader: Noxolo Behane, Sivin Kit

Altar care: Seng Ra Marit

Assisting ministers: Antoinette Djamen, Clare Duran,

Margaret Kehoe-Winkler, Hiromi Yano

Ushers: Emanuel Mainberger, Ewan Long

Offering counters: Njoroge Njuguna, Tom Taylor

Flowers: Queen King'ori

Refreshments: Neighborhood Group C

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Second Sunday of Lent + 1 March 2026, 17h30

The Sound of Faith

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands*

Musical Preparation

Greeting (*rise*)

When the wind blows gently,
dying at the end of the day,
and darkness covers the details of what went right or wrong,
the atmosphere makes space for larger questions and weightier dreams.
The Holy Spirit breathes through us, as if it were a whispering wind,
awakening us to a rebirth of love.

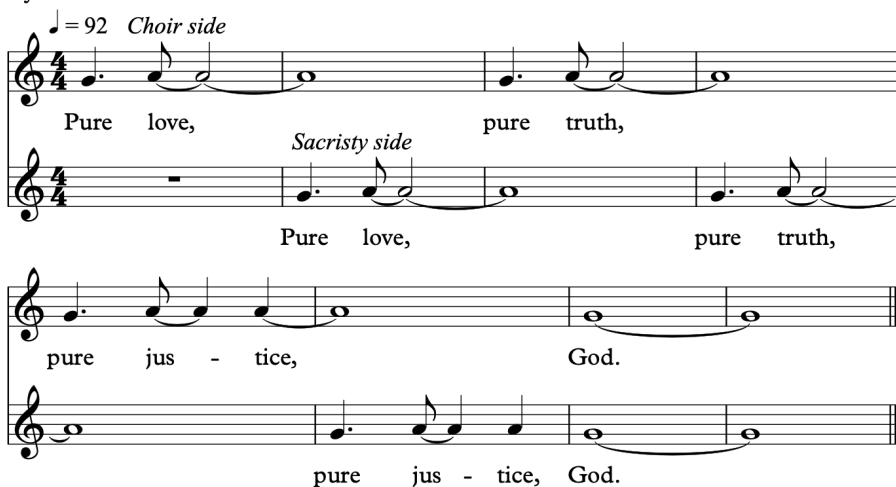
Opening Chant

Pure love

Lynn Bauman

Linnea Good: Canada

$\text{♩} = 92$ *Choir side*



Pure love, *Sacristy side* pure truth,

Pure love, pure truth,

pure jus - tice, God.

pure jus - tice, God.

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.

The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
the one who keeps you will not slumber.

The one who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

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

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
the Lord will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

Prayer (*sit*)

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Hymn

Unto the hills

John Campbell

Charles Henry Purday: England



1. Un - to the hills we lift our long - ing eyes,
 2. God will not let our ser - vant feet be moved;
 3. God is our keep - er, change - less through the years,
 4. From ev - ery e - vil, God will keep our lives,



with yearn - ing sighs, who will pro - vide the
 safe we will be. God will sup - ply, for
 a shel - ter strong. God is our shade, pro -
 from ev - ery sin, God will pre - serve and



hope we sore - ly need? Who hears our cries?
 all our nights and days, se - cu - ri - ty.
 tect - ing ev - ery hand, through a - ges long.
 guard our go - ing out, our com - ing in.



From our Cre - a - tor comes our cer - tain aid.
 God does not sleep when we are tak - ing rest.
 Sun will not strike or harm through - out the day,
 Ev - er a - round, with - in, we will a - dore



Our help is from our God, who all things made.
 God's cov - e - nant en - dures through ev - ery test.
 nor moon by night, those liv - ing by God's way.
 our God who holds and guides for - ev - er - more.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Introduction to the Gospel

Sivin Kit

The readings from John's Gospel this Lent feature extended encounters between Jesus and a number of characters. We'll hear an imaginative telling of each character's backstory, inviting us more deeply into these stories of transformation.

Gospel Acclamation

De noche iremos

Jacques Bertier: Taizé Community

De no - che i - re - mos, de no - che que pa - ra en - con - trar ta
By night, we has - ten in dark - ness, to search for liv - ing

fuen - te, só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra,
wa - ter, on - ly our thirst leads us on - ward,

só - lo la sed nos a - lum - bra.
on - ly our thirst leads us on - ward.

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Gospel

John 3:1-17

The Gospel according to John, chapter 3.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of

water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?’

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

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

Gospel Acclamation

De nocte iremos

Sermon (*sit*)

Andy Willis

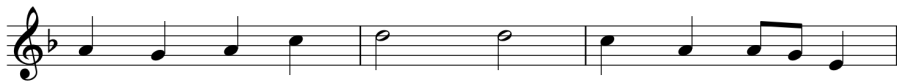
Southern Harmony: USA



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
 2. When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down,
 3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;



What won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 to God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's right - eous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul?
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Prayers of Intercession (*sit*)

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Peace

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

Music by W. Halford Davies: England

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Offering (*rise*)

We who once were dead

Muus Jacobse. English, composite

Rik Veenturf: The Netherlands



1. We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing
 2. We were lost in night, but you sought and found us.
 3. He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us.
 4. Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing;
 5. Je - sus, you were dead, but you rose and, liv - ing,
 6. This is your de - sign; in this meal we meet you.



Je - sus as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing
 Give us strength to fight; death is all a - round us.
 On him we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us,
 we shall then re - main, liv - ing; death de - fy - ing,
 made your - self our bread, in your good - ness giv - ing
 Be our bread and wine, Je - sus, we en - treat you.



when he breaks the bread.
 Je - sus be our light.
 ris - ing from the dead.
 we shall rise a - gain.
 life though we were dead.
 This shall be our sign.

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.

And also 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

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus

E-10

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France

1 $\text{♩} = 80$ 2

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

3 4

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

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Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Remembering

. . . 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*

A-3

*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

Hena Mwana

E-17

Charles Chidongo Chinula

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 -
 4. Ndo - pa za - khe ndi - yo ndim - ba. U - mo zak - wa - na -

Sing the Refrain after verses 2 and 4.

Refrain

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

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.
 4. This blood is a deep well where all our sins are drowned.

Communion

All are welcome for communion. Come and take any empty space around the altar. You will receive the bread. Then choose a cup: a dark cup for wine, a lighter cup for grape juice. Place the used cup on the next tray.

Songs during Communion

Listen, listen

Bret Hesla: USA

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Lis - ten, | lis - ten. | Be o - pen, O my heart. |
| 2. Watch - ing, | watch - ing. | |
| 3. Wait - ing, | wait - ing. | |
| 4. Ev - er, | mind - ful. | |
| 5. Love is | call - ing. | |
| 6. In the | mo - ment. | |

English and Music Bret Hesla, bret.hesla@gmail.com

Darkness now enfolds us

F-36

Paschal Jordan: Trinidad and Tobago

♩ = 84

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.

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Sending Forth (*rise*)
Benediction
Introduction of Visitors and Announcements (*sit*)
Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Book Study – *For Such a Time as This*

During the six weeks of Lent, you're invited to join members of the congregation in reading and discussing *For Such a Time as This: An Emergency Devotional*, by Hanna Reichel. Weekly discussion groups are meeting at a variety of times during the season of Lent. If you're interested in joining, please contact the church office.

Serving at the Soup Kitchen – 7 March

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 7 March. 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.

Children's Choir – 7 and 8 March

On Saturday 7 March, there will be a children's choir rehearsal at the church from 10h-12h, preparing a piece to sing in worship the following day (8 March). All kids ages 4 to 12 are welcome to join! Please contact Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg to register your son or daughter: 076 212 20 04 / katharina@genevalutheran.ch.

Cello and Violin Concert – 7 March at 18h00

On 7 March, Raphael Ott (cello) and Yanis Eberhart (violin) will be offering a concert in our church, featuring early baroque music, evergreen classical pieces, and a world premiere. You'll hear music by Matteis, Bach, Saint-Saëns, Hindemith, and Yanis's brand-new arrangement of "Fly me to the moon." Entrance is free; donations for the musicians are welcome.

Prayer Group - Meeting Wednesday 4 March

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 March from 19h until 20h, in person at the church. It's also possible to join via

Zoom. Please contact Kiki Lawal to receive the Zoom link or if you have or prayer requests you like to share: kiki.lawal@gmail.com

Worship Committee – Meeting Thursday 5 March

The worship committee will meet at 12h00 on 5 March to continue plans for Lent and Holy Week. All are welcome to come and join in the conversation.

Lent Series from the Lutheran World Federation

“Closer – on the way to the cross” is the theme of the 2026 LWF Lent series, which runs from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday. The seven-week series comprises weekly blog posts and daily social posts unpacking the meaning of “Closer to” through seven themes. It is an invitation to reflect not only on what we should refrain from, but to consider what requires deeper attention in our lives. The QR code will point you to the series.



Forum on Building Renovation – 22 March

For several years, our church has been working with an architect to prepare for a possible renovation of the building, including a variety of updates aimed at improving its safety, accessibility, and functionality. After worship on 22 March, our congregation will offer a forum to share the proposed renovation plans and timeline and answer questions from the community. While no vote will be taken at this meeting, all members of the congregation are strongly encouraged to attend, as we will be voting on this proposal (together with the German-Speaking Congregation) in a matter of months.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday.

Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

8 March – Group D

15 March – Group E

22 March – Group A

29 March – 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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Upcoming Events:

Wed, 4 March	19h00	Prayer group
Thurs, 5 March	12h00	Worship committee
	19h30	Choir practice
Sat, 7 March	8h00	Serving at the soup kitchen
	10h00	Children’s choir rehearsal
	18h00	Cello and violin concert
Sun, 8 March	9h45	Confirmation class
	11h00	Worship and church school

Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30

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