

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

28 JUNE 2026

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a church with open arms,
where each person is welcome in God's all-inclusive love.*

Jesus shared God's gracious love with all people, and we seek to follow this example. People of any economic status, marital or family situation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability are welcome to full participation in our congregation. We honor the unique gifts of each.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit

Prayer leader: Nyambura Njoroge

Reader: Gladys Kiptum, Jonathan Mtata

Altar care: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

Assisting ministers: Elisabeth Benn, Antoinette Djamén,
Ana Villanueva, Maritza Vitela

Ushers: Erandi Hassink, Maarten Wilbers

Offering counters: Johnny Camaddo, Fulata Moyo

Flowers: German-Speaking congregation

Refreshments: Neighborhood Group E

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost + 28 June 2026, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Kenya, Tanzania*

Guest Preacher and Presider: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (*rise*)

Hospitality, welcoming, making others feel at home in our midst,
the biblical tradition shapes our gathering together.

Naomi welcomed the migrant, Ruth, into her country,
so we have become a community of many nations, open to more.

Jesus welcomed children into his arms and blessed them,
so we delight in the little ones, accepting them even when they misbehave.

Lydia welcomed an itinerant evangelist, Paul, into her home,
so we respect other viewpoints and make space to hear new perspectives.

As Abraham welcomed three visitors into his tent,
and entertained messengers of God,
***we welcome the Spirit into our midst,
forming us, encouraging us, blessing us.***

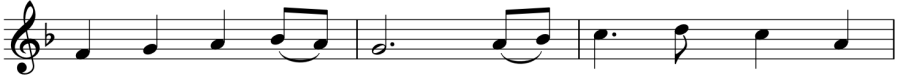
Hymn (*rise*)

All are welcome

G-33



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and
 words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: a ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the
 ho - ly ground where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of



hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 out - cast and the strang - er bear the im - age of God's
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace: here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raf - ter:



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Call to Confession (*sit*)

Prayer of Confession

We want a safe community, gracious God.

We confess we don't know how to minister to those
who seem unsafe, dangerous, or disturbed.

Heal us when our fears overcome our ability to love.

We want a thriving community.

We don't always easily befriend those who are left behind.

Forgive us our pride. Remake us as servants honoring Jesus Christ.

We want a peaceful community.

We don't sit well with those
who constantly provoke us or spotlight our hypocrisies.

Forgive us when we stop trying to understand.

Make of us a new community in Christ

where we are neither Jew nor Greek,

neither rich nor poor,

neither at the front of the line nor near the back,

neither citizens nor sojourners,

neither male nor female,

neither a long-time member nor someone just through the door,

neither successful nor failing,

neither popular nor alone,

but welcoming one another into the arms of Jesus Christ,

who welcomes us all into your realm.

Amen.

Jenitha A. Kameli: Tanzania

Bwa - na u - tu - re - he - mu Bwa - na u - tu - pe a -
ma - ni a - ma - ni ya - ko a - ma - ni eh Bwa - na
Bwa - na twa - ku - li - li - a Bwa - na
Bwa na twa - o - mba a - ma - ni a - ma - ni eh Bwa-na.

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*Lord, have mercy on us. Give us your peace.**We cry to you asking you to give us your peace, O Lord.*

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise (*rise*)

Utukufu

B-6

Leader *All* *Leader*

Utu - ku - fu. Utu - ku - fu kwa Mu - ngu juu A - ma - ni
Sing glo - ry! Glo - ry be to God on high. Let peace reign!

All *Leader*

A - ma - ni du ni - a - ni K'we-nye ma - pe - nzi
Peace be to all cre - a - tion. Let love in - spire us!

All *Leader*

K'we - nye ma - pe - nzi me - ma K'we - nye ma - pe - nzi
Let love be gen - erous and full. Let love in - spire us!

All *Leader* *All*

K'we-nye ma-pe - nzi me - ma. Si - fa Si - si tu - na ku -
Let love be gen-erous and full. Praise God! Voi-ces will rise to

Leader *All*

si - fu He - shi - ma Si - si tu - na ku - he shi - mu
praise you. Give ho - nor! Voi-ces will rise in your hon - or.

Leader *All*

E mu - ngu Ba - ba Mwa - na ko - ndo - o wa Mu - ngu.
 We are your child - ren; Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy.

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading (*sit*)

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

from Psalm 89:1-4, 15-17

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

we declare your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;
they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.
For you are the glory of their strength.
By your favor our horn is exalted.
For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our ruler to the Holy One of Israel.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*rise*)

C-13

As taught by Beatrice Mukhtar Mamuzi: South Sudan

Leader

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All G
A - men. A -

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men. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia A -

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Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 10.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a

prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia

C-13

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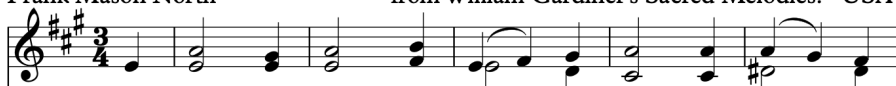
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Sermon (*sit*) Sivin Kit

Hymn (*rise*) Where cross the crowded ways of life



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4. The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the
 5. O Sa - vior, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 6. Till all shall learn com - pas - sion's might, and fol - low



cries of clan and race, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds framed with fears, from paths where hide the
 griefs and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 where your feet have trod, till glo - rious from your



self - ish strife, O Christ, we hear your voice of grace.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's - stress, we know your heart does not re - coil.
 tudes to view the deep com - pas - sion of your face.
 throngs a - bide O tread the cit - y's streets a - gain.
 realm of light, shall come the cit - y of our God.

*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 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)

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts *Emi Awon Wole/Oluwa dide* sung by Kiki Lawai
by Tunde Onijoba

*Emi awon woli
Ipa Re ga, o po
Emi awon woli
Agbara Re ga, o po
Tori ohun gbogbo lo se
Gbogbo ogun lo le se
Aseti kosi l'oro Re
Ipa Re ga, o po
Oluwa dide. Oluwa o, dide o
Dide o, dide o, Ko wa fi
agbara Re han.*

*Spirit of the Prophets,
your might is great and abundant.
Spirit of the Prophets,
your power is great and abundant.
For you can do all things.
You win every battle.
There is absolutely no failure with you.
Your might is great and abundant.
Lord, arise. O Lord, arise, arise, arise,
come and show your power.
O God of signs and wonders, Savior,
Redeemer, come and manifest your
power.*

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As taught by Daisy Nshakazongwe: Botswana

1. Re - a - mo le - bo - ga, re - a - mo le - bo - ga,
1. We give our full - est thanks, we give our full - est thanks,

re - a - mo le - bo - ga Mo - di - mo wa ro - na.
we give our full - est thanks, we give to God our thanks.

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2. Ga a yo yo tshwa - nang le - we - na
3. Re - pho - lo si - tswwe ke - we - na

2. There is no one like God. (3x) We give to God our thanks.

3. We have been saved by God. (3x) We give to God our thanks..

Great Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

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

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

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

Preface

Sanctus

O holy the Lord

E-19

Mziwamadoda Joseph Singiswa: South Africa

1. O ho - ly the Lord, O ho - ly the Lord, the
2. Ho - san, ho - san - na, Ho - san, ho - san - na, ho -

God of pow - er and might - i - ness. Both heav - en and earth shine
san - na in the high - est. And blest is the one who

forth in God's light in this glo - ry and maj - es - ty
comes in the name, in the name of the Lord.

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

*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

Jesus, O Lamb of God

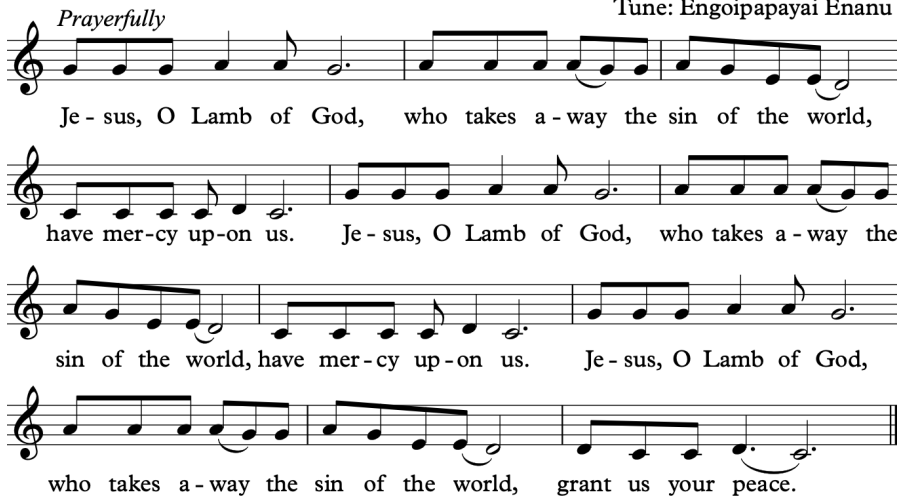
E-14

English adaptation Rev. Judith Bangsund

Traditional Maasai cry for help

Tune: Engoipapayai Enanu

Prayerfully



Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. Je - sus, O Lamb of God, who takes a - way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. Je - sus, O Lamb of God,
who takes a - way the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion

You are a spring of water

Trisha Watts: Australia

1 2

You are a spring of wa - ter that

3 4

nev - er runs dry, that nev - er runs dry.

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Njo-o kwe-tu, Ro-ho Mwe ma, M-fa-ri-ji-we-tu.
Come a-mong us, lov-ing Spir-it, touch us and make us whole.

Tu-fu-ndi-she ya mbi-ngu-ni. Tu-we wa-tu wa-pya.
Show us glimp-ses of the King-dom, use us to spread its rule.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njoo, Ro - ho Mwe - ma.
Lov - ing Spir - it, fill us with your life.

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2. Utufanye waamini
wa Yesu Mwokozi.
Tukaishi kikundini,
kanisani mwako.

3. Kwa huruma tubariki,
tuishi na wewe.
Tukatende kila kitu
kuongozwa nawe.

4. Roho Mwema, Mfariji,
utupe hekima;
tukiwaza na kutenda,
yote yawe yako.

5. Tudumishe, tuwe hai
na ukweli wako.
Tusivutwe na dunia,
tushuhudie neema.

2. Loving Spirit, come and kindle
faith in our Lord, God's Son.
Make your people in their worship
and in their action one.

3. Spirit, bless us with awareness
that you are down-to-earth.
Give us courage, bring among us
love like a child to birth.

4. Loving Spirit, let your wisdom
guide what we think and do.
Make us willing and responsive
as you make all things new.

5. From the grip of fear and conflict,
Spirit, your world release.
Help your people to discover
things that will make for peace.

Yesu ni Wangu

as taught by George Arende

Leader

1. Ye - su ni Wa-ngu wa_u - zi - ma wa mi - le - le
2. A - na - tu - pe - nda
3. Tu - na - m - pe - nda

People

1. Ye - su ni Wa-ngu
2. A - na - tu - pe - nda
3. Tu - na - m - pe - nda

wa_u - zi - ma wa mi - le - le, wa mi - le - le,

wa_u - zi - ma wa_u - zi - ma wa_u - zi - ma.

wa mi - le - le, wa mi - le - le, wa mi - le - le

1. Christ is in me forever and ever. 2. He loves us forever and ever.
3. We love him forever and ever.

Sending Forth (*rise*)

Benediction

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Dismissal

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

*As you leave, please return songbooks to the cart in the entryway
or hand them to an usher.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at 11h00 Throughout the Summer

While our congregation normally worships at 17h30 on the first Sunday of each month, during July and August worship is at 11h00 every Sunday (including 5 July and 2 August). There are no evening services in the summer.

Church School and Choir Taking a Break

During the summer months, church school and choir are taking a break. Both will resume their regular meeting times in late August/early September.

Summer Concerts at the ELCG

From 25 June to 8 August, there will be a concert at the ELCG every day (excluding Sundays) from 12h30 to 13h30. These concerts are organized by Musique et Vie, a local charitable organization. All are free and open to the public, and this year's freewill offering will be given to Al Kamandjâti, an association providing musical education for Palestinian children in the Qalandia refugee camp. The full schedule of the concerts is available online: www.musique-vie.ch

Save the Date – All-Congregation Retreat 18-19 September

This year's all-congregation retreat will take place 18-19 September (Friday-Saturday) at Domaine de Monteret, a retreat center located near St-Cergue, where we have often spent time as a community before. It will be a time for sharing conversation, worship, laughter, and good food in beautiful natural surroundings. All ages are welcome! Mark your calendars now—registration will open in mid-August.

Andy Willis Away this Week

From 28 June to 4 July, Andy Willis will be out of town. For pastoral concerns during this time, please contact the church office or Terry MacArthur: 079 652 32 96.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

5 July – Group A
19 July – Group C

12 July – Group B
26 July – Group D

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Upcoming Events:

Mon-Sat 12h30	Daily summer concerts
Sun, 5 July 11h00	Worship

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

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