

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 17H30

7 JUNE 2026

# THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a parish of many cultures and traditions,  
with deep Lutheran roots and wide ecumenical branches.*

*Geneva is a crossroads city and our doors are open to people from all over the world. About half of our members come from Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Anglican and other traditions, and half have Lutheran links. The Lutheran Church of Geneva was started by German expatriates in the 18th century, and the English-Speaking Congregation was formed in the 1950s after the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, World YWCA and United Nations agencies opened offices in Geneva.*

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*We are glad you are here—welcome!*

**Thank you** to those sharing in worship leadership this evening:

*Reader:* Sivin Kit

*Ushers:* Dorine Van Teeseling, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi

*Offering counters:* Njoroge Njuguna, Tom Taylor

*Flowers:* German-Speaking congregation

*Refreshments:* Neighborhood Group B

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Second Sunday after Pentecost + 7 June 2026, 17h30  
Service of Healing

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

*Eswathini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa*

## Musical Preparation

*Around the room are percussion instruments. You can add the sound to the rhythm being created as directed. If you don't have an instrument, you might snap your fingers, or clap your hands, or even make sounds with your feet on the floor.*

### Greeting (*rise*)



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.***

Greek hymn 3rd century. English William G. Storey

Jesu dulcis memoria  
Plainsong mode 1



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 (*sit*)

Psalm 141

Antiphon **Let my prayers rise before you like incense** **B-28**

Psalm 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 sing the melody and the women sing the drone.*

up of my hands as an even - ing sac - ri - fice.

up sac - ri - fice.

Music © 1990 I-to Loh, Tainan Theological Seminary, 117 Tungmen Road, Section 1, Tainan, Taiwan.

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*)

Prayer of the Day (*rise*)

The Lord be with you.  
***And also with you.***

Itonde Kakoma

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. Cantor Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia.

Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Gospel according to Matthew.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'



*Image by Mathias Caillet-Bois*

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

Alleluia

C-8

Itonde Kakoma

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia. *Cantor* Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia.

Sermon (*sit*)

Andy Willis

Hymn (*rise*)

We come to you for healing, Lord

Herman G. Stuempfle Jr.

Hugh Wilson

1. We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2. As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3. You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4. When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
 5. We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

English, Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. © G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Prayers of Intercession (*sit*)

Service of Healing

# I will live for you alone

F-3

Trisha Watts: Australia

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody and lyrics: "I will live for you a-lone, for you a-lone I'll live." The second staff contains the accompaniment and lyrics: "Heal me. Heal me. Heal me and let me live." Chord symbols (C, F, G) are placed above the notes in both staves. The melody uses a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, while the accompaniment is primarily chordal.

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# There is a balm in Gilead

African American spiritual

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole. There is a

**Fine**

balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis-
2. Don't ev - er feel dis-
3. If you can - not preach like

cour - aged, and think my work's in vain, but  
cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend, who,  
Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul, you can

*D.C. al Fine*

then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.  
tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

## When Jesus the healer

Peter D. Smith: UK



1. When Je - sus the heal - er passed through Gal - i - lee,  
 2. A par - a - lyzed man was let down through a roof.  
 3. The death of his daugh - ter caused Jai - rus to weep.



*heal us, heal us to - day!*



The deaf came to hear and the blind came to see.  
 His sins were for - giv - en, his walk - ing the proof.  
 The Lord took her hand, and he raised her from sleep.



*Heal us, Lord Je - sus!*

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4. When blind Bartimaeus cried out to the Lord, ***Heal us, heal us today!***  
 his faith made him whole and his sight was restored. ***Heal us, Lord Jesus!***
5. The lepers were healed and the demons cast out. ***Heal us, heal us today!***  
 A bent woman straightened to laugh and to shout. ***Heal us, Lord Jesus!***
6. The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos ***Heal us, heal us today!***  
 to make the sick whole and to spread the good news. ***Heal us, Lord Jesus!***
7. There's still so much sickness and suffering today. ***Heal us, heal us today!***  
 We ga-ther to-geth-er for heal-ing and pray: ***Heal us, Lord Jesus!***

# What wondrous love is this

G-11

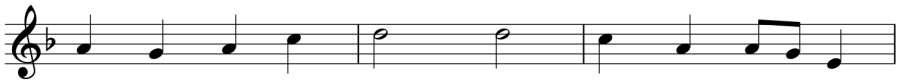
Southern Harmony: USA



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; to  
 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.

# Jesus, remember me

F-5

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France



Je - sus re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.



Je - sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King - dom.

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# Lord's Prayer (*in our many languages*)

A-3

## The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

# Gathering of Gifts We cannot measure how you heal

G-22

The Iona Community

Traditional Scottish melody

F C F/A B $\flat$  F

1. We can - not mea - sure how you heal or ans - wer  
 2. The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that  
 3. So some have come who need your help and some have

B $\flat$  Gm C $^7$  F C

ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet we be - lieve your  
 clings from things - long past, the fear of what the  
 come to make a - mends, as hands which shaped and

F/A B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  Gm $^7$  Gm $^7$ /C F

grace re - sponds where faith and doubt u - nite to care.  
 fu - ture holds, are pre - sent as if meant to last.  
 saved the world are pre - sent in the touch of friends.

F B $\flat$ /F F Am/E Dm $^7$  F/C

Your hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive to  
 But pre - sent, too, is love which tends the hurt we  
 Lord, let your Spir - it meet us here to mend the

B $\flat$  C $^7$  F C

hold and heal and warn, to car - ry all through  
 nev - er hoped to find, the pri - vate a - gon -  
 bod - y, mind and soul, to dis - en - tan - gle

F/A B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  Gm $^7$  Gm $^7$ /C F

death to life and cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.  
 ies in - side, the mem - or - ies that haunt the mind.  
 peace from pain and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

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## Offertory Music

## Reamo leboga

D-5

Setswana

$\text{♩} = 69$

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 - tswa 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..

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

God creating human bodies,  
claiming each person as a temple of your Spirit,  
so with every breath we could know your presence,  
*thank you for the miracles we are,  
able to smile, radiating your love.*

God of science and wonder,  
engaging human curiosity  
so new paths to healing might be discovered,  
engaging our imagination with stories  
that shape us and expand our dreams,  
*thank you for all the advances that keep us going longer  
and for the old wisdoms that keeps our going on meaningful,  
full of your claims on our lives.*

God of deliverance,  
saving us from deadening lives,  
dwelling with us as a servant who knows the truth  
that love is not destroyed even in death,  
*thank you for your mercies that unencumber us  
so healings await,  
even if the body should give way  
because love keeps on shining the way to you.*

Now send us out, merciful God, restored within your gift of wholeness.

*Guard our trust in you, so we remain aware of your touch,  
giving us strength to touch others, healing in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and ever. Amen.*

Zulu

South Africa

*Leader* *All*

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na.  
Send me Lord. Send me Je - sus. Send me Je - sus.

*Leader: Thuma mina*

Thu - ma mi - na So - man - dla. Thu - ma  
Send me Je - sus. Send me Lord. Send me

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Other possible verses:

Lead me . . .

Fill me . . .

Use me . . . etc.

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 the book of songs to the cart in the entryway  
or hand it to an usher.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Creative Writing Group – Tuesday, 9 June at 19h00**

Everyone who loves to write is invited to join the creative writing group, meeting in the Gemeinderaum at the church, once a month on Tuesday evening, 19h00 - 20h30. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 9 June at 19h00. Bites will be provided. All welcome! Please contact Cynthia Wilbers or the church office for further info.

## **Fête de la Musique – Looking for Volunteers on 21 June**

Our church is once again a venue for the Fête de la Musique—concerts will take place in the sanctuary throughout the weekend—and our congregation will be selling food and drinks in the church garden on 21 June, from 14h to 18h. We are looking for bakers who can donate something for the sale (sweet or savory) and helpers who can sell food and drinks throughout the afternoon. Please mark the signup sheet this evening if you're able to help, or contact Dorine van Teeseling or the church office.

## **Looking for Musicians in Worship this Summer**

Warm up your voices and tune your instruments! As the choir takes a break during the summer holidays, you are invited to sing or play one of your preferred pieces of music during the offertory in worship. If you'd like to play on one of the Sundays, between 28 June to 16 August, please put your name on the signup sheet or contact Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg.

## **Church School – Final Sunday is 21 June**

Church school is offered each Sunday throughout the school year (except for the first Sunday of each month, when worship is in the evening). The final Sunday for this school year will be 21 June; church school will then take a break and resume in the fall.

## **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**

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: **20 June, 18 July, 22 August.** Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler, or the office for more information.

### **Serving Weekly Coffee Hour**

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

14 June – Group C

21 June – Group D

28 June – Group E

5 July – 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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Mathias Caillet-Bois

**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Tue, 9 June</b>	<b>19h00</b>	Creative writing group
<b>Thurs, 11 June</b>	<b>19h30</b>	Choir practice
<b>Fri, 12 June</b>	<b>19h00</b>	Young adults
<b>Sun, 14 June</b>	<b>11h00</b>	Worship and church school

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

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