

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

2 AUGUST 2026

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are followers of Jesus, seeking God's justice,
peace, and grace in personal and common witness.*

Our hope each Sunday is to go out of God's house with good courage into our diverse jobs and obligations—with family, civil society, government, business and education. We pray for the peace and well-being of all peoples. The Gospel calls us wherever we are to use our time and talents for others and for the common good.

Read more about who we are at: www.genevalutheran.church

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Prayer leader: Jonathan Frerichs

Reader: Natalie Deffenbaugh

Altar care: Ben LeGeyt, Grace George

Assisting ministers: Vivien Liu, Monika Sandvik, Elisabeth Benn, Ana Villanueva

Ushers: Joan Kiologwe, Gace Kiologwe

Offering counters: Tom Taylor, Ana Villanueva

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Refreshments: Neighborhood Group E

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost + 2 August 2026, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe*

Guest Presider and Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ireneusz Lukas

Guest Organist: Dr. Bernice Elger

Welcome

Prelude

Bernice Elger

Greeting (*rise*)

To imagine anew an abundant grace
in which blessings are as available as needs,
and abiding love stretches over our fears,
we listen to a prophecy of promise
and engage with an old story of unseen possibilities.
We find ourselves re-formed into the body of Christ,
who heals the broken,
and breaks the bondage of poverty and shame.
We attune our spirits to his gracious call
that we come feast with him,
and become adept, even in the midst of hurt, at thanksgiving and
praise
honoring the God of life, feeding us with his word of love.

Hymn

Come away from rush and hurry

Marva Dawn

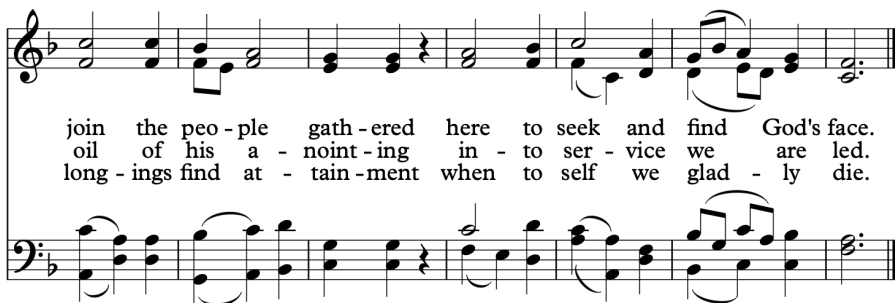
Johann Schop, arr by J. S. Bach: Germany

1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness
 2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to
 3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens life's con - fu - sions,

of God's peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry,
 rest our soul. From the wa - ters of his mer - cy
 fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of Je - sus;

come to Christ and find re - lease. Come a - way from
 we drink deep - ly, are made whole. At the ta - ble
 take in - stead his king - dom's reign. Bring your thirsts, for

noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied pace; come to
 of his pres - ence all his saints are rich - ly fed. With the
 he will quench them he a - lone will sat - is - fy. All our



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Call to prayer (*sit*)

Prayer of Confession

God of life,
satisfaction often eludes us,
as if we were trained never to be satisfied.
Another level hovers just beyond our grasp,
touchable but not attainable.
The puzzle always has missing pieces,
lost beyond our control.
What happened that we became as consumed by having
as by loving and being loved,
more attentive to prices
than to the quest to share?

Save us, generous God.
Transform us, so our striving is bounded by your grace,
and our misplaced desires
lose their power within your righteousness.
Invite us again to drink of the living waters
offered without money or price,
and to feast on your compassion,
free from fear,
discovering a satisfaction the world cannot supply,
applied not because of our deserving,
but through your steadfast love
forgiving us, holding us near in Jesus Christ.

Sung Response

Jamée ma

as taught by Marie-Catherine Ngoa Azombo: Cameroon



1. Ja - mée ma. Ja - mée ma. Ja - mée ma A - ta - to
 2. Voo - lo ma. Voo - lo ma. Voo - lo ma A - ta - to
 3. Voo - lo bia. Voo - lo bia. Voo - lo bia A - ta - to



ja - mée ma. E E E E
 voo - lo ma.
 voo - lo bia.



Ja - mée ma. Ta - me ja - mée ma.
 Voo - lo ma. Ta - me voo - lo ma.
 Voo - lo bia. Ta - me voo - lo bia.

1. *Forgive me. Lord, forgive me. I need your forgiveness.* 2. *Save me. Lord, save me. I need your help.* 3. *Save us. Lord, save us. We need your help.*

Words of Grace

1. 3. O ndam - m O ndam - m O ndam a he - la Roog
 2. Te - daa - nga Te - daa - nga Te - daa - nga he - la Roog

na moos boo moos O ndam a he - la Roog
 na moos boo moos Te - daa - nga he - la Roog

O ndam a he - la Roog O ndam a he - la Roog
 Te - daa - nga he - la Roog Te - daa - nga he - la Roog

na moos boo moos Wo i si - ma - taa too wo i ta - ga - saa,
 na moos boo moos

wo Ki - ris-taa Mbaal o - nqe Roog na wat - naa pa-kaad ad - na.

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1. and 3. *Glory to God forever and ever.*

It is to you that we give praise, O Christ.

2. *You are the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins.*

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the LORD: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Reader: Word of God, word of life!

Thanks be to God

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

The Lord is gracious

gracious

and merciful,

merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,

abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,

good to all

and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

upholds

and raises up all who are bowed down,

raises.

The eyes of all look to you,

and you give them their food in due season,

give.

You open your hand,
open,
satisfying the desire of every living thing,
satisfying.
The Lord is just in all his ways
just,
and kind in all his doings,
kind.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
near,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
fulfills
he also hears their cry and saves them,
hears, saves.

The Lord watches over all who love him,
watches,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

As taught by Beatrice Mukhtar Mamuzi: South Sudan

Leader

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

All

A - men. A -

Al - le - lu - ia A - men.

C D

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

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The gospel according to Matthew, chapter 14.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon (*sit*)

Rev. Dr. Ireneusz Lukas

Mary A Lathbury

William F. Sherwin

1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
 3. You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me.
 4. Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me,

as once you broke the loaves be - side the sea.
 as when you blest the bread by Gal - i - lee.
 Your ho - ly word the truth that res - cues me.
 that it may touch my eyes and make me see.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek you, Lord;
 Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;
 Give me to eat and live with you a - bove;
 Show me the truth con - cealed with - in your word,

my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing word.
 and I shall find my peace, my all - in - all!
 teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
 and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

*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

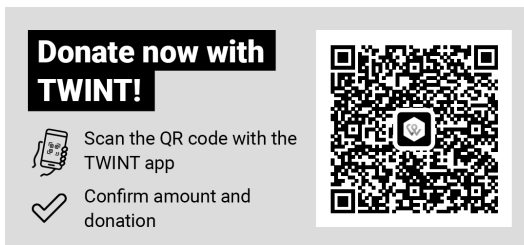
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts

Yanis Eberhart

violin

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 (*rise*)

Dada withu

D-4

Leader

1. Da - da wi - thu, ti - za pan -ntha - zi pi - nu:
 1. Hum - bly in your sight we come to - geth - er, Lord.

All

Mu - ku - ma - ne na i - se, Fu - mu - i - thu.
 Grant us now the bless - ing of Your pres - ence here.

English Tom Colvin © 1967 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL USA.

2. Iyi mitima yithu nayo njinu;
 Muyisukiske, muyirongosore.

3. Na maso ghithu agha nagho nginu;
 Ghalawisike vinthu vyinu pera.

4. Na mawoko ghithu naghoso nginu;
 Ghetewetenge mu milimo yinu.

5. Na malundi ghithu naghoso nginu;
 Ghachimbirire mu milimo yinu.

6. Na milomo yithu nayoso njinu;
 Yipharazge mazgu ghinu ku wose.

7. Na makutu ghithu naghoso nginu;
 Ghategherezge kwinu Fumu yithu.

8. Tikujipa kose-kose kwa Imwe,
 kuti tiwenge wanthu winu pera.

2. These, our hearts, are yours,
 we give them to you, Lord,
 purify our love to make it like your own.

3. These, our eyes, are yours,
 we give them to you, Lord,
 may we always see your world
 as with your sight.

4. These, our hands, are yours,
 we give them to you, Lord,
 give them strength and skill
 to do our work for you.

5. These, our feet, are yours,
 we give them to you, Lord,
 may we walk along
 the path of life with you.

6. These, our tongues, are yours,
 we give them to you, Lord,
 may we speak your healing words
 of life and truth.

7. These, our ears, are yours,
 we give them to you, Lord,
 open them to hear the Gospel as from you.

8. Our whole selves are yours,
 we give them to you, Lord,
 take us now and keep us yours forevermore.

When the altar is prepared and ready, we skip to the last verse.

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

With abundant delight, you created the world.

Thank you for colors and songs, springs and wonders.

With abundant spirit, you made humanity in your image.

Thank you for words and sighs, embraces and gifts.

With abundant hope, you released your people from slavery.

Thank you for dances of liberation

and Miriam's on-going tambourine rejoicing on freedom's shore.

With abundant promise, you gave Isaiah your word,

Thank you for the invitations that keep on offering life.

With abundant grace, you sent your Beloved to dwell in our midst.

Thank you for his presence with us, full of grace and truth.

With abundant praise, we join the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven in singing the glory of your name.

Traditional Dhimba melody: Namibia

Arranged by Sakari Löytty

 $\text{♩} = 138$ *Leader*

1. Omu - ya - pu - ki Ka - lu - nga Omu -
 2. Ka - lu - nga Omu - wa
 3. Ho - sian - na ho - sian - na Mo -
 4. Ngu te ya Ngu te ya Mo -

(lwe.) *All* Ka - lu - nga na ha - mbe-le -

ya - pu - ki na ha - mbe - le - lwe. Omu -
 Ka - lu - nga Omu - wa
 kom - ba - nda - na ha - mbe - le - lwe.
 kom - ba - nda - na ha - mbe - le - lwe.

lwe. Ka - lu - nga na ha - mbe-le -

ya - pu - ki Ka - lu - nga Omu -
 E - gu - lu ne - vi Ol -
 Ho - sian - na ho - sian - na Mo -
 Ngu te ya Ngu te ya Mo -

lwe. Ka - lu - nga na ha - mbe-le -

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

Most often 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

E-18

Itonde Kakoma

A qui to - lis pe - ca - ta mun - di

Ag - nus De - i

mi - se - re - re no - bis mi - se - re - re no - bis

Ag - nus De - i qui to - lis pe - ca - ta mun - di.

A *Second time sopranos sing the words on Bb*

mi - se - re - re no - bis mi - se - re - re no - bis

Pa - cem, Pa - cem, Pa - cem,

Ag - nus De - i don - na no - bis pa - cem.

Invitation to Communion

Songs during Communion

Bendice Señor nuestro pan

D-1

Argentina

$\text{♩} = 84$

Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor, nues - tro pan, y da
Lord, bless the bread you have given, and give

pan a los que tien - en ham - bre y ham - bre de jus -
bread to all who are hun - gry, give hun - ger for

ti - cia a los que tien - en pan. Ben -
jus - tice to those with bread. Lord,

di - ce Se - ñor nues - tro pan.
bless the bread you have given.

English Donald Wetherick.

The Kingdom of God

F-7

Taizé Community: France

$\text{♩} = 74$

The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly

Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

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We are coming, Lord, to the table

F-11

Sierra Leone

arranged by Greg Scheer

We are com - ing, Lord, to the ta - ble. We are com - ing, Lord,

to the ta - ble. 1. With the gift of bread, we are com-ing, Lord.
2. To re-ceive the bread, we are com-ing, Lord.

Leader
Oh, sing it o - ver.
With the gift of wine, we are com-ing, Lord. Oh,
To re-ceive the wine, we are com-ing, Lord.

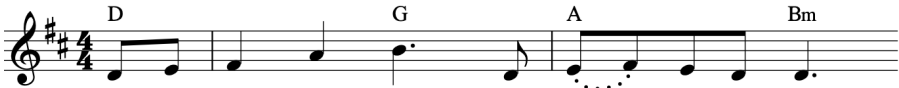
1. We of - fer you the gift of bread. We
2. We're com-ing to re-ceive the bread. We're
we are com - ing, Lord. Oh, we are com-ing,

Until all are fed

F-25

Tommy Brown and Bryan McFarland

Sally Morris and Bryan McFarland: USA



1. How long will we sing? How long will we pray?
2. How long will we talk? How long will we prod?
3. How can we stand by and fail to be agh - ast?
4. On the green, green grass they gath-ered long a - go



How long will we write and send? How long will we bring?
 How long must we fret and hoard? How long will we walk
 How long till we do what's right? How could we stand by
 to hear what the Mas - ter said. What they had they shared:



How long will we stay? How long will we make a-mends?
 to tear down this fa - cade? How long, how long, O Lord?
 and choose a les - ser fast? How long till we see the light?
 some fish - es and some loaves. They served un - til all were fed.



Un-til all are fed we cry out! Un-til all on earth have bread. Like the



One who loves us each and ev-ery one, we serve un-til all are fed.

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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.*

Lanterns for Peace

From Hiroshima to the World



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hiroshima Day, Thursday 6 August, 17:30-18:30

Inter-Faith Reflection & Sharing

Chapelle Notre-Dame du Perpétuel Secours, Paroisse Sainte-Trinité, Rue de Lausanne 69 Genève.

To commemorate the first atomic bombing, participants from faith communities in Geneva will reflect on the consequences of nuclear weapons and commitments to peace and human dignity. Lanterns for Peace, a Hiroshima youth project, is providing lanterns like those floated down the river there each anniversary. Pax Christi is organizing this inter-faith event.

Summer Concerts at the ELCG

This is the final week of the summer concerts. They continue at the ELCG every day from 12h30 to 13h30, ending this Saturday. 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.

Nursery Care Available for Young Children

Exceptionally, there is no nursery care today.

Nursery care is available during worship on Sunday mornings for children age 3 and under. Two paid staff—Simone Lange and Beatrice Tarimo—alternate weeks working in the nursery from 11h00 to 13h00. Children are always welcome in worship, but for families who wish, this option is 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

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: **22 August, 12 September**. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler, or the office for more information.

Riza Le Geyt on Vacation

Riza Le Geyt is currently away on vacation and will be back in the office on Thursday, 6 August 2026. Office email and voicemail will be monitored, but response times may be slower while Riza is away, and the office will only be open by appointment.

Andy Willis on Vacation

Andy Willis will be on vacation from 13 July until 6 August. For pastoral concerns during this time, please contact Rev. Terry MacArthur: 079 652 32 96. For administrative matters, please 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:

9 August – Group A

16 August – Group B

23 August – Group C

30 August – Group D

*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:

Mon-Sat	12h30	Daily summer concerts
Sun, 9 August	11h00	Worship Andy Willis presiding and preaching
Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30		

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