

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

23 AUGUST 2026

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a home away-from-home,
with people from different places becoming sisters and brothers in Christ.
Our members come from 40 countries and six continents. Some are in Geneva for
decades, others for only a few months. All help the parish to be a community of
shared beliefs, experiences and concerns. Opportunities for fellowship, spiritual
growth and recreation bring families, friends and acquaintances together. Such
bonds are precious in a city of so many welcomes and farewells.*

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Guest preacher: Rev. Terry MacArthur

Prayer leader: Kiki Lawal

Reader: Maureen Gumbe

Altar care: Mee Ji, Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti

Assisting ministers: Clare Duran, Queen King'ori,

Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Hiromi Yano

Ushers: Talsma Family

Offering counters: Penuel Kiondo-Zanetti, Tom Taylor

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost + 23 August 2026, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Liberia, Sierra Leone*

Guest Preacher: Rev. Terry MacArthur

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (*rise*)

As we gather, the body of Christ is reconfigured.

We move from spectators to members.

We belong to one another,

just as we belong to Christ.

A wine pourer becomes joined to a teacher.

An usher is part of the same body as an alto.

***The one preparing communion is linked
to the one visiting the sick.***

As the body of Christ,

we learn sacrifice,

the giving that encapsulates joy,

the dying to self that brings us truly alive.

Because Christ is present in this body,

we rejoice in the Blessed Trinity,

the holy community of love fulfilled,

who makes us one in songs of praise.

Hymn

When minds and bodies meet as one

During the last verse, the children are invited to gather in the front.

Brian Wren

Peter Cutts



1. When minds and bod - ies meet as one and find their true af -
2. When lead - ers meet with an - gry sound, yet bri - dle their hos -
3. When team - work serves a com - mon aim, and play - ers move in
4. When peo - ple feel the lash - ing claws of greed and in - hu -
5. In Christ we come to break and bless the bread of new so -



fin - i - ty, we join the dance in God be - gun and
 til - i - ty, to bar - gain for a com - mon ground, and
 sym - pa - thy, the flow - ing rhy - thm of the game is
 man - i - ty, yet strug - gle in a right - ful cause with
 ci - e - ty, cre - a - ted for to - geth - er - ness, for



move with - in the Trin - i - ty, so praise the good that's
 end with u - na - ni - mi - ty, be glad for all the
 beau - ty in sim - pli - ci - ty, so praise the good that's
 car - ing sol - i - dar - i - ty, be glad for all that
 in - fi - nite va - ri - e - ty, so praise the good that's



seen and done in lov - ing, giv - ing un - i - ty, re -
 hope that's won in ev - ery gleam of un - i - ty, re -
 seen and done in swift - ly mov - ing un - i - ty, re -
 hope that's won in free - dom - lov - ing un - i - ty, re -
 seen and done in Spir - it - giv - en un - i - ty, re -



1-5 veal - ing God, for ev - er One, whose na - ture is Com - mun - i - ty.

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Call to Prayer (*sit*)

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to

everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Body

Song of Praise (*rise*) “Holy” Poky

You put your right foot in. You put your right foot out. You put your right foot in and you shake it all a-bout. We praise our God by moving while we turn ourselves a-round. We thank the Lord and shout. Amen.

2. left foot
3. right hand
4. left hand
5. whole self

2. left foot
3. right hand
4. left hand
5. whole self

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
On the day I called, you answered me,

you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfill God's purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Alleluia (rise)

Aleluya Y'in Oluwa

Traditional Yoruba

as taught by Emmanuel Badejo: Nigeria

$\text{♩} = 126$

A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa A - le - lu - ya
Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia,

Y'in O - lu - wa O seun, o seun, o seun,
praise the Lord. Prais - es, high prais - es, now

o seun Ba - ba A - le - lu - ya Y'in O - lu - wa
bring to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord.

The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 16.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon (*sit*)

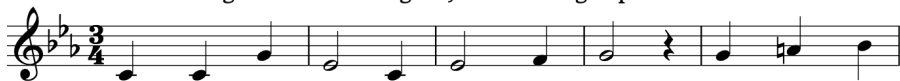
Rev. Terry MacArthur

Hymn (rise)

Built on a rock the Church shall stand

Ludvig M. Linderman: Norway

Nikolai F.S. Grundvig: Denmark. English, Carl Doving adpt.



1. Built on a rock the Church shall stand, e - ven when
 2. Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al -
 3. We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for God's
 4. Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when



ste - ples are fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - ery
 might - y, is dwell - ing; high in the heavens God's tem - ple
 own hab - i - ta - tion; fill - ing our hearts, these hum - ble
 church bells are ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's



land, bells still are chim - ing and call - ing - call - ing the
 stands, all earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who
 thrones, grant - ing us life and sal - va - tion. Were two or
 Word where Christ this prom - ise is bring - ing; "I know my



young and old to rest, call - ing the souls of
 dwells in heaven a - bove deigns to a - bide with
 three to seek God's face, God in their midst would
 own, my own know me; you, not the world, my



those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies God's tem - ple.
 show them grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 face shall see; my peace I leave with you." A - men.

English, Carl Doving adapted.

Apostles' Creed

A-1

*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*)

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

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

Gathering of Gifts *Some man dey ask me say* *Choir*
*As recorded at the Charles Davies Memorial United Methodist Church,
Lumley Freetown, Sierre Leone*

*Some man dey ask me say, nar wetin dey mek ah dey shine.
Ah juss dey tell dem say, nar Master Jisus dey mek ah dey shine.
Ah dey shine. Ah dey shine. Ah dey shine. Ah dey shine.
Ah dey shine. Ah dey shine.
Ah juss dey tell dem say, nar Master Jisus dey mek ah dey shine.*

*Someone may ask me why, "Now, what's it that makes you to shine?"
I will just tell them that it is Christ Jesus that makes me to shine.
I will shine. I will shine. I will shine. I will shine. I will shine. I will shine.
I will just tell them that it is Christ Jesus that makes me to shine.*

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Offertory (*rise*)

Tout est fait

Abel Nkuinki: Cameroon



1. Tout est fait pour la gloi - re de Dieu. A - men. A - men.
2. La vie c'est pour la gloi - re de Dieu. A - men.
3. Le culte est pour la gloi - re de Dieu. A - men.



Tout dé - pend de ce que tu en fais. A - men. A -



men. A - men. A - men. A - men.



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2. La vie c'est
3. Le culte est

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

Pastor *People*

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

Pastor *People*

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

Pastor *People*

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

Preface

Sanctus

You are holy

E-1

Per Harling: Sweden

Samba $\text{♩} = 88$
Part 1 Dm Gm C⁷ F^{maj}7

Du är he - lig, Du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer,
 You are ho - ly. You are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

B^b Gm A(sus⁴) A⁷

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, Du är nä - ra än-då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Dm Gm C⁷ F^{maj}7

Väl - sig - nad va - re Du, som - kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

B^b Gm A⁷ Dm

väl - sig - nan - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Part 2 Dm Gm C⁷ F^{maj}7 B^b

Du är he - lig, Du är hel - het, Du är när - het,
 You are ho - ly. You are whole - ness. You are pre - sent,

Gm A(sus⁴) A⁷ Dm

He - la kos - mos lo - var Dig! Ho - si - an - na!
 let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing Ho - san - na

Gm C⁷ F^{maj}7 B^b Gm A⁷ Dm

Ho - si - an - na! Ho - si - an - na! Ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 in the high - est. Sing Ho - san - na. Sing Ho - san - na to God.

Swedish, English and Music © Per Harling, Sweden.

First time unison. Second time women start at the beginning while the men start at Part 2.

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.*

Matti Rantatalo: Finland

$\text{♩} = 120$

Gm Dm⁷ E^b B^b/D E^b B^b/D Cm⁷ Dm E^b

Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, jo - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man
O, Lamb of God, given for us, all the sin of the world you are

F/A F⁷ B^b F/A Gm⁷ F

syn - nin, ar - mah - da mei - tä, ar - mah - da mei - tä.
bear - ing. Grant us your mer - cy, grant us your mer - cy.

Gm Dm⁷ E^b B^b/D E^b B^b/D

Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat
O, Lamb of God, given for us, all the sin of the

Cm⁷ Dm E^b F/A F/B^b B^b

maa il - man syn - nin, an - na meil - le
world you are bear - ing. Peace, we ask you,

B^b/D Cm F⁷ B^b

rau - ha - si ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
peace and jus - tice. Grant us your own true peace.

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Invitation to 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 **This is my body**

Edward Bonnemère: African American

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and guitar chords are indicated above the staff lines. The lyrics are: "This is my bod - y giv - en up for you, this is my blood poured out for you. This is my bod - y giv - en up for you, this is my blood poured out for you. Bod - y of Christ, A - men. Blood of Christ. A - men. Bod - y of Christ, A - men. Blood of Christ. A - men." The guitar chords are: D7(b9), Gm, G°, Fmaj7, D7(b9), Gm, Fmaj7, Gm/C, F(add4), F, D7(b9), Gm, G°, Fmaj7, D7(b9), Gm, Fmaj7, C7, F(add4), F.

This is my bod - y giv - en up for you, this is my
blood poured out for you. This is my bod - y giv - en
up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
Bod - y of Christ, A - men. Blood of Christ. A - men.
Bod - y of Christ, A - men. Blood of Christ. A - men.

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Come, let us eat

F-13

Loma Billema Kwillia. English vs. 1-3 Margaret D. Miller
English vs. 4 Gilbert E. Doan Jr.

Billema Kwillia: Liberia

Leader

Njoo - ni tu - le Ka - ra - mu - ni.
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

All

Njoo - ni tu - le Ka - ra - mu - ni.
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Leader

Huu m - ka - te mwi - le wa - ke Ye - su.
Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.

All

Huu m - ka - te mwi - le wa - ke Ye - su.
Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.

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Verses 2-4 Leader sings each phrase, which is repeated by All.

2. Njooi, tunywe karamuni
Huu mvinyo damu yake Yesu.

3. Yesu yu pamoja nasi.
Tumekutanika naye, Bwana.

4. Jipe moyo, ndugu yangu.
Amekusamehe dhambi zako.

5. K. Inukeni, tangazeni,
W. Inukeni, tangazeni,
K. Kwamba ametoka kaburini.
W. Kwamba ataleta na Ufalme.

2. Come, let us drink,
for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

3. In Jesus' presence now
we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

4. Rise, then and spread abroad
God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

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,

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

Congregational Retreat – Register Now!

This year's all-congregation retreat will take place 18-19 September (Friday-Saturday) at Le 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!



Registration is now open. You can sign up using the online form (access with the QR code or the email sent to the congregation's list) or a paper form (available this morning). The deadline to register is 6 September.

Choir Back in Session

After a break for the summer, regular choir rehearsals have now resumed. The choir of the English-Speaking Congregation is open to anyone—we meet on Thursday evenings from 19h30 until 21h00 to learn the music for the upcoming Sunday worship service and work on additional pieces. Contact Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg with any questions. Come and sing!

Church School Teachers and Assistants – Meeting Next Sunday

Church school is offered each Sunday for children from 3 years old to confirmation age. The new year of classes will be starting on 13 September, and we are looking for some additional teachers and assistants. We follow a rotation model, so signing up means committing to teach or assist about one Sunday per month. Please consider whether this might be a way you can serve in our community this year! An information meeting will take place after worship next Sunday, 30 August – all are welcome. You can also contact the church office for more information.

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: **12 September, 17 October, 21 November**. Please contact Marit Bauer-Moore, Cynthia Wilbers-Muturi, Margaret Kehoe-Winkler, or the office for more information.

Confirmation Class Beginning Shortly

During the academic year, our congregation offers confirmation classes for young people—an opportunity to study key topics of the Bible and Christian faith and to begin claiming the faith as one's own. Students typically begin classes at around 13 or 14 years old, though there is room for some flexibility when it comes to ages. This year's classes will be beginning shortly—if your son or daughter is interested in joining this year, please contact Andy Willis now at pastor@genevalutheran.ch or 079 544 70 12.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

30 August – Group D

6 September – Group E

13 September – Group A

20 September – 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:

Thurs, 27 Aug	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sun, 30 Aug	11h00	Worship
	12h45	Church school meeting
Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30		

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