

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

30 AUGUST 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
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orientation, gender identity, or ability are welcome to full participation in our
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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Prayer leader: Anotidashe Mtata

Reader: Asha Simpson-Amirtham

Altar care: Clare Duran, Bethany Rosenkrans

Assisting ministers: Rumiko Jaussi, Vivien Liu, Maja van Bruggen,
Maritza Vitela

Ushers: Queen King'ori, Nashipai Naing'ola

Offering counters: May Chin Long, Sam Mungure

Flowers: Rumiko Jaussi

Refreshments: Neighborhood Group D

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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost + 30 August 2026, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (*rise*)

We are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,

who took up his cross,

whose suffering revealed the healing of God's love,

whose dying became victory over death.

Because his are the words of life, we listen with open hearts,

so his will might be done in us as in heaven.

We praise the name of the Blessed Trinity,

whose unity calls us to be one.

Hymn

O praise the gracious power

During the last verses the children are invited to gather round the font.

Thomas H. Troeger

Carol Doran: USA



1. O praise the gra - cious power that tum - bles walls of fear
2. O praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
3. O praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - ery race,
4. O praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
5. O praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - ery shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all stran - gers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that binds.
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no long - er bled by war:



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

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6. O praise the power, the truth,
 the love the word, the tide,
 yet more than these, O praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified:

7. O praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Ibou Ndiaye, Serere: Senegal

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 (*sit*)

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon (*sit*)

Andy Willis

Hymn (rise)

Help us accept each other

Fred Kaan: England

Doreen Potter: Jamaica



*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.

Song for the Peace

Na jijoho

English: John Bell

Benin

One Na ji - jo - ho, na ji - jo - ho,
Peace be with you, peace be with you,

All Ji - jo-ho ni tin, ji - jo-ho ni
Peace be with you, peace be with

po ome-po - po, A - men.
and with all of us. A - men.

tin, po ome-po - po, A - men. Po ome-po - po, A - men.
you, and with all of us. A - men. And with all of us. A - men.

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Pronunciation using English sounds: na jee-jo-ho jee-jo-ho nee tin po ohm-po-po

Gathering of Gifts *Let heaven your wonders proclaim*

Choir

Words, The Iona Community, Scotland

Music Salvador T. Martinez: Philippines

1. *Let heaven your wonders proclaim, let angels your faithfulness praise,
for who in the heights or the depths can equal your majesty O God?*
2. *Your strength rules the rage of the sea, your faithfulness calms its wild waves,
you quell every fear of the deep, and scatter your enemies afar.*
3. *The heavens are yours and the earth: you founded the world and its wealth;
the north and the south show your skill, the east and the west attest your fame.*
4. *All toughness and valor are yours, and strong is your hand lifted high;
yet justice is found at your throne, and love is forever by your side.*

5. So glad are the people who praise you, who live in the light of your love;
in you, God alone, is their strength, their honor, their justice, and their joy.

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Offertory (rise)

Yeesu Kristaa'm gimanaa

Nicolas Ng. Sarr: Senegal



Yee - su Kris -taa'm gi - ma - naa Maad no maad waa'm
Refrain: Je - sus Christ, of whom we sing, whom we praise as
1. Thanks we bring to God, our Lord, who up - lifts the
2. All our works will not suc - ceed. Christ can help us



si - wa - ndaa Mbaal o - nqaa Roog a ci - na ad - na
King of kings, God has giv - en to ev - ery peo - ple.
meek and poor. Je - sus Christ can o - pen the king - dom
in our need. We be - lieve in Je - sus, who saves us.



ndax da mbat - tel fo' - oy um.
By this Lamb the world is healed.
that we lack when on our own.
This, the gift, and this, our creed.

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1. Jookanjai Roog o Yaal in
Andna neew doole wiin waa
Reefangee Yeesu Kiristaa fee
Yaag arjana jomb a in.

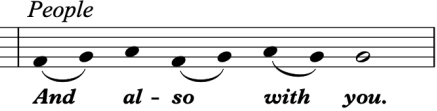
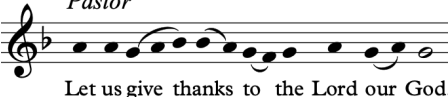
2. I njalee muc aleene
Ci't oo ndeer no wiin waa
O leng waagkee o fakoox a paam
Gimna Yeesu a muchlaang.

3. Arjana reefangaa nen
 Kenand kaa o ndakaaru
 Yaal kalal kaa njikin a ngen teen
 Tool axaa ndet fidel laa.

4. Ndaa Roog a fi'a jam meen
 Arjana xaay no bay Roog
 Ci'it oo n' yall kalal fo rool waa
 Too Kiristaa na ci'taa.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sursum corda

<i>Pastor</i>  The Lord be with you.	<i>People</i>  <i>And</i> al - so <i>with</i> you.
<i>Pastor</i>  Lift up your hearts.	<i>People</i>  <i>We lift</i> them to the Lord.
<i>Pastor</i>  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.

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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

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. Njoo ni, 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.

Follow the way, the way of the cross

F-4

Shirley Erena Murray

Julian Bray: Aotearoa/New Zealand



Fol-low the way, the way of the cross, go where the foot-steps lead.



Fol-low the way of sor-row and loss, love is its crime and creed.

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We are coming, Lord, to the table

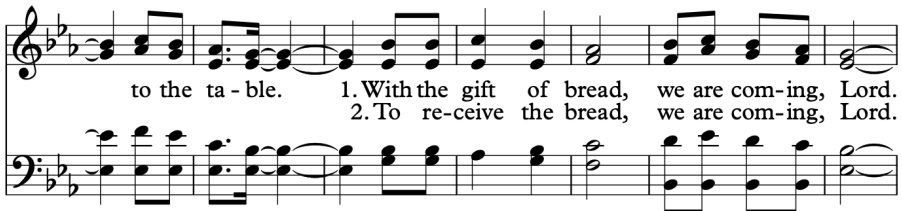
F-11

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.
To re-ceive the wine, we are com-ing, Lord.

Oh,

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,

of - fer you the gift of wine.
 com - ing to re - ceive the wine.

Lord. Oh, we are com - ing,

Oh, sing it o - ver.

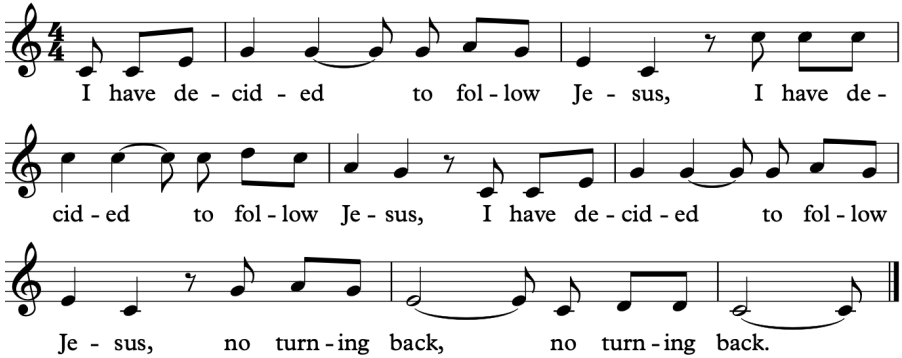
Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

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I have decided

F-41

African-American spiritual



2. The world behind me, the cross before me.
3. Though none go with me, I still will follow.
4. Will you decide now to follow Jesus?

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.

Next Sunday, 6 September – Worship at 17h30

On the first Sunday of each month, our congregation holds its worship service at 17h30 instead of 11h00. So please remember that next Sunday, 6 September, worship will take place in the evening.

Worship this September – Celebrating the Season of Creation

This September, our congregation will be joining Christians throughout the world in celebrating the Season of Creation. Worship this month will be centered on the gift of the natural world and on our calling to serve and protect it. We join all the earth's creatures in singing praise and thanks to God.

New Officers for Our Congregation

At its meeting on 23 August, the Congregation Council elected its officers for the year: Sivin Kit (president), Pia Hannewald (vice president), Jaap Schep (treasurer), and Hellen Msemo (secretary). We give thanks for these members of our community and pray for their leading and serving in the season ahead.

Many thanks as well to those completing their terms as officers: Hiromi Yano, Dinesh Suna, and Aleida Brun-Auld. We are grateful for your service!

Choir Practice on Thursday Evenings

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 after worship

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 today – all are welcome. You can also contact the church office for more information.

Prayer Group – Meeting 1 September

Our congregation's prayer group meets monthly to pray for the needs of our community and our world. This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 September 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

Serving at the Soup Kitchen – 26 September

Our congregation will be serving at the Soup Kitchen on Saturday, 26 September. 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.

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:

6 September – Group E

13 September – Group A

20 September – Group B

27 September – Group C

*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:

Tue, 1 Sep	19h00	Prayer group
Thurs, 3 Sep	19h30	Choir rehearsal
Sun, 6 Sep	17h30	Worship
Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30		

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