

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

9 AUGUST 2026

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are a community on the move,
discovering Christ together on the journey of faith.*

We see Christianity as a path to be walked together—learning, serving, praying, sharing, and growing alongside sisters and brothers. As we live and practice our faith, we not only encounter a new community; we also find the presence of God.

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We are glad you are here—welcome!

Thank you to those sharing in worship leadership this morning:

Prayer leader: Antoinette Djamén

Reader: Edwin Hassink

Altar care: Grace Mgheni, Beatrice Tarimo

Assisting ministers: Maja van Bruggen, Antoinette Djamén,

Ana Villanueva, Maritza Vitela

Ushers: Elysia Kit, Ewan Kit

Offering counters: Tom Taylor, Ana Villanueva

Flowers: Hassink-Vitela Family

Refreshments: Neighborhood Group A

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost + 9 August 2026, 11h00

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Cameroon,*
Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

Baptism of Amélie Camille Chambron
and Santiago Adrian Hassink Willemsen

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

Greeting (*rise*)

God's word is near,
as fresh as a splash of water on a hot day,
as reassuring as a favorite Bible verse
speaking ancient truth against our fears,
as satisfying as warm bread subduing hungers, reminding us of feasts.
We gather to hear how righteousness and mercy will meet,
washed into the tide of love,
swelling on words that praise the blessed Trinity,
one God, now and forever.

Hymn

What is this place

A. Valerius, *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*: Holland 1626

Dutch, Huub Oosterhuis. English David Smith



1. What is this place where we are meet - ing?
 2. Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing,
 3. And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble,



On - ly a house, old wood its floor. Walls and a roof
 sparks that are sown in us like seed: names for our God,
 bro - ken and shared, a liv - ing sign. Here in this world,



shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win - dows for light, an o - pen door.
 dreams, signs and won - ders sent from the past are all we need.
 dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each oth - er's bread and wine.



Yet it be - comes a bod - y that lives when
 We in this place re - mem - ber and speak a -
 This is the place where we can re - ceive what



we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
 gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
 we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

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Call to Prayer (*sit*)

Prayer of Confession

With your love, merciful God,
wash us clean of selfishness, so compassion becomes us.
 With your Spirit
drown out our pride, so humility leads us to openness with others.
 By the cross of your beloved Jesus Christ,
heal the brokenness and hurt,
 so we are free from the fears which draw us apart,
free to love our neighbors as ourselves.

When you reach toward us,
forgive us whatever we hold back from your touch,
 so we learn to love you with our whole selves,
our bodies, our minds, our strength, our will,
through 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

Psalm 85:8-13

read in French

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
 for God will speak peace to God's people,
 to God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.
 Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God,
 that God's glory may dwell in our land.
 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
 righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
 and righteousness will look down from the sky.
 The Lord will give what is good,
 and our land will yield its increase.
 Righteousness will go before God,
 and will make a path for God's steps.

Jacques Berthier: Taizé, France



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Glory to God in the highest.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:5-15

read in Dutch and Spanish

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? ‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Amen

as taught by Jonas Maina: Cameroon.



A musical score for a song in 6/8 time, written in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff in a matching rhythm. The score consists of three lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second line also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third line ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

A - le - lu - ia A - men. A - le - lu - ia. A -
Ba na o vi waa - pad Al - le - lu - ia. Ba

le - lu - ia A - men. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia A - men. A
na o vi waa - pad Al - le - lu - ia. Ba na o vi waa - pad Al

le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia A - men. A - le - lu - ia.
le - lu - ia. Ba na o vi waa - pad Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

The gospel according to Matthew, chapter 14.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in

the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia Amen

Sermon (*sit*)

Andy Willis

Hymn (*rise*)

In the waters of life

Written for this day

Like a lullaby ♩ = 74

Yanis Eberhart



In the wa - ters of life, love di - vine from on
In the o - cean of love, heav - en's grace com - ing
In the light of new life, Je - sus wel - com - ing
And as dawn breaks a - new, clear - ing dis - cord and



high won - drous in - fant of God, don't you know? Love's
down cleans - ing wa - ter di - vine, don't you see? The
you in - to God's fam - i - ly, can't you see? The
storms, let us join hands of care in this house. No



grace nev - er - end - ing, her awe - some cre - a - tion, and
Spir - it e - ter - nal, her wa - ters re - new - ing, and
light of the sav - ior, in - vit - ing you Christ - ward and
more slaves and mas - ters, in Christ one bright bod - y and



you, bless - ed child, God a - bove you, God a -
you, bless - ed child, God a - bove you, God a -
you, bless - ed child, God a - bove you, God a -
this be our song: God a - bove us, God a -



round you, God be - side you guid - ing your steps, in your
round you, God with - in you shield - ing your heart, as you're
round you, God in all your dai - ly de - lights, now you
round us, God with - in this house as we pray, sis - ters,

heart and mind and ac - tions, guard - ian
born a - new through wa - ter, in - to
walk in Je - sus' foot - steps, called to
bro - thers from all ho - ri - zons, go - ing

mild in awe - some cre - a - tion, yet ten - der, and
God's e - ter - nal king - dom, for - giv - en, re -
share his love and mer - cy, be - long - ing, and
forth in trust and cour - age, in ser - vice, and

hum - ble, in - vit - ing you, bless - ed San - ti -
born, and cleans - ing you, bless - ed A - mé -
freed, we wel - come you, bless - ed dis -
heal - ing, as preached by our sav - ior

a - go, in the wa - ters, the wa - ters of life.
lie, in the o - cean, the o - cean of love.
ci - ples in the light, the light of new life.
Je - sus as dawn breaks, as dawn breaks a - new.

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Baptism of Amélie Chambron and Santiago Hassink Willemsen **A-4**

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*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.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*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.*

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Baptism and Welcome

Sung Response

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Jacques Berthier: France

El Se-nyor és la me-va for-ça, el Se-nyor el meu
In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-
Mei-ne Hoff-nung und mei-ne Freu-de mei-ne Stár-ke, mein
O ma joie et mon es-pé-ran-ce le Sei-gneur est mon

cant. joice! Licht, chant. Ell m'ha es-tat la do sal-va-ci-ó. En ell con-
Look to God, do not be a-fraid, lift up your
Christ, Jesus, my hope. Zu-ver-sicht, auf dich ver-
C'est de lui que vient le par-don. En lui j'es-

fi-o-i-no-tinc-por, en ell con-
voic-es-the Lord is near; lift up your
trau'-ich-und fürcht' mich nicht, auf dich ver-
pè-re, je ne crains rien. En lui j'es-

fi-o-i-no-tinc-por.
voic-es-the Lord is near.
trau'-ich-und fürcht' mich near.
pè-re, je ne crains rien. nicht.
rien.

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Prayers of Intercession (*sit*)

Passing of the Peace (*rise*)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Gathering of Gifts (*sit*)

If

Sung by Vivien Liu

Words, Anne Frank. Music, Michael Nyman

*If at the sound of a wish the summer sun would shine
and if just a smile would do to brush all the clouds from the sky
if at the blink of an eye the autumn leaves would whirl
and if you could sigh a deep sigh to scatter them over the earth
I'd blink my eyes and wave my arms; I'd wish a wish to stop all harm.*

*If at the wave of a hand the winter snows would start
and if you could just light a candle to change people's feelings and hearts
I'd whisper love in every land to every child, woman, and man.
That's what I'd do if my wishes come true.
That's what I'd do if my wishes come true.*

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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.



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

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

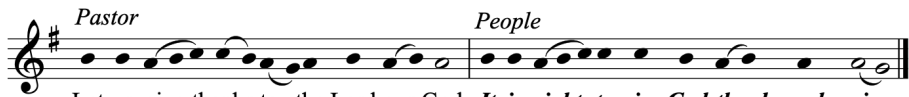
Sursum Corda



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.*

Preface

Per Harling: Sweden

Samba $\text{♩} = 88$
Part 1 Dm Gm C⁷ F[♯]maj⁷

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[♯]maj⁷

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[♯]maj⁷ 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[♯]maj⁷ 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

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.

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 **Bénissez le Seigneur**

Jacques Bertier

Vivace

1. *All you works of the Lord* Bé-nis - sez le Sei - gneur!
 2. *All you heavens*
 3. *All you angels of the Lord,*
 4. *Sun and moon*
 5. *Rain, dew and all winds,*
 6. *Winter cold and summer heat,*
 7. *Mountains and hills*
 8. *All beasts and cattle,*
 9. *All you servants of the Lord.*

Sing praise to the Lord Bé nis - sez le Sei - gneur!

and highly exalt God forever Bé - nis-sez le Sei-gneur, bé - nis-sez le Sei-gneur!

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Bless the Lord.

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,

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.

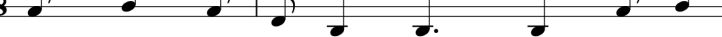
Lord. Oh, we are com - ing, Lord.

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Fran Minkoff

Fred Hellerman: USA

♩. = 56 F⁷ B^b E^b B^b E^b7/B^b



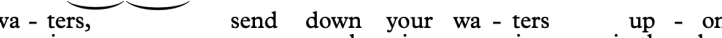
1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
2. This land is parch - ing, this land is
3. Let the seed of free - dom a - wake and

B^b E^b B^b F⁷ B^b B^b/A Gm C⁷



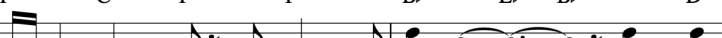
wa - ters, send down your wa - ters up - on this
burn - ing, no seed is grow - ing in the bar - ren
flour - ish. Let the deep roots nour - ish. Let the tall stalks

F C⁷ F F⁷ B^b E^b B^b D⁷



land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
grounds. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
rise. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your

Gm D⁷ Gm C⁷ B^b E^b B^b/F E^b/F B^b



wa - ters and wash the blood from off the sand.
wa - ters. O heal - ing riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
wa - ters. O heal - ing riv - er, from out of the skies.

English Fran Minkoff. Music Fred Hellerman © 1964 (renewed), Appleseed Music, Inc.

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

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

Nursery care is normally available during worship on Sunday mornings for children age 3 and under. Exceptionally, it is not available today—we apologize for any inconvenience.

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.

Serving Weekly Coffee Hour

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

16 August – Group B

23 August – Group C

30 August – Group D

6 September – Group E

*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:

Sun, 16 August 11h00 Worship

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

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