Watchword for the Week

God says, "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." (Ezekiel 34:16)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2014)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (based on Psalms 95 and 100)

Praise the Lord, all the earth!

Praise the King of all the world!

Praise the Lord, all you peoples!

Praise the King of all the nations!

Praise the Lord, great and mighty!

Praise the King who builds us up!

Praise the Lord, kind and gentle!

Praise the King who meets our needs!

Hymn 63 * All people that on earth do dwell People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Loving God, we adore you, Sovereign of all, we praise your holy name. For you are our God and our King: We are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Suffering Christ, we adore you, Saviour of all, we praise your holy name. For you are our God and our King: We are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Joyous Spirit, we adore you, Freedom of all, we praise your holy name. For you are our God and our King: We are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.

Lord and Master of our lives, take from us the spirit of laziness, half-heartedness, selfish ambition and idle talk.

Give us rather the spirit of integrity, purity of heart, humility, faithfulness and love.

Lord and King, help us to see our own errors, and not to judge our neighbours; for your mercy's sake. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God says: "I, the Sovereign Lord, tell you that I myself will look for my sheep and take care of them in the same way as shepherds take care of their sheep that were scattered and brought back together again. *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Hymn 65 *

Jubilate, everybody



CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS 🕮

Ephesians 1:15-23

NT p. 241 (240)

Hymn 443 * He is Lord, he is Lord

St. Matthew 25:31-46

NT p. 38

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The word of God: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 462 * The King of Love my Shepherd is

SERMON

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 278 Wake, awake! For night is flying
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, November 2014)

DEDICATION PRAYER

(Based on a hymn by Charles Wesley)

Lord Jesus, the friend of sinners, the Shepherd who died for the sheep, into your blessed hands receive our talents, gifts and graces. Enlarge and fill our hearts with your own boundless love, and let us live to proclaim your word, that our lives may be to your glory, now and for ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS (Hymn 805 *)
Your kingdom come:
Your will be done on earth, O Lord. \$\mathcal{I}\$

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 449 * Rejoice! The Lord is King

BLESSING and Threefold Amen (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"Kings in this world should imitate God: their mercy should be above their works." William Penn

Notices

> We welcome all visitors and first-time worshippers. Please sign our guest book including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter.

> Today's worship team:

Duty elder: Derick Fonjong

Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner Reader: Music: Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)

- > Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. Last Sunday's offering totalled € 155.08.
- > After worship you are invited to the Kirchencafé next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- > Diary for the week ahead:

Wed. 26 Nov.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church)

Fri. 28 Nov.: Joyful Singers 7 pm (Halls)

> Advent dates – note these in your diaries!

Sunday, 7 December at 12:30 hrs: Worship with Iona-style prayers for healing.

Saturday, 13 December at 18:00 hrs: Annual ECC Sing-along Concert.

Sunday, 21 December at 12:30 hrs: Christmas Pageant (relive the Story).

- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Equatorial Guinea. For more details, follow the prayer link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- > Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.









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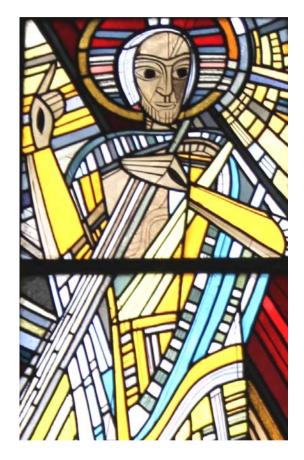
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Christ the King

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

"On entering, peace - on departure, blessing" (Pauluskirche Bochum - Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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