

Watchword for the Week

Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

We come to feast on Christ, the living Bread.
We come to learn the way to follow Him.

We come to hear God's word for us today.
Let us worship and adore the one who is Saviour and Lord.

Hymn 623 *Here in this place / Gather us in*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God, Holy and Immortal, we confess that we have broken your commandments; we have sinned by selfishness, unbelief, and pride; we have not acted justly, loved mercy nor walked humbly with you.

In the fullness of your mercy, blot out our misdeeds; in your loving-kindness, wash away our sin. Give us a willing spirit and the chastened heart you do not despise; and help us to forgive others as you forgive us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 776 * *Kyrie eleison* (Repeated ad lib.)
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:1-16 NT p. 243 (242)

St. John 6:24-35 NT p. 124
People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Word of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 672 *Father we thank you*
(Hymn of the Month, August 2015)

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 673 * *Let us talents and tongues employ*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

APOSTLES' CREED (No. 628)

INSTITUTION and 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.

...we proclaim your greatness and sing your praise in the angels' song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... we offer and present to you our very selves, to be a living sacrifice, dedicated and fit for your acceptance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYERS for OTHERS

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING of BREAD

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**
Jesus, redeemer of the world: **grant us peace.**



COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

Hymn 661 *Eat this bread, drink this cup*
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 167 * *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

BLESSING and **Threefold Amen** (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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 we celebrate **Holy Communion** – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament. *Parents have the option of bringing their children forward to share the sacrament too.*
- **Today's worship team:**
Duty elder: Justus Masa
Reader: Faith Gilbert
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. ***Please give generously.*** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 146.46.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** for this week features **Canada** and the **USA**. Information and prayers at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- **ADVANCE NOTICE: Gemeindefest** will be celebrated at the Pauluskirche on Saturday 22 August and with shared bilingual worship (including baptisms) on **Sunday 23 August** at the earlier time of **11 o'clock**.
- **ADVANCE NOTICE:** The **Musiksommer** festival in Bochum includes shared open-air ecumenical worship at the Kuhhirten statue on **Sunday, 6 September at 12 noon**.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Bochum, Germany

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Bruno Catalano: Le destin du voyageur II
Bronze sculpture: 210 x 86 x 58 cm

Holy Communion

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30