Watchword for the Week

Jesus asks: "But who do you say that I am?"
(Mark 8:29)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2015)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (based on Psalm 19)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. One day tells it to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Through the witness of creation, through the glory of the Word, you show the way to the kingdom of light, you show the way to eternal life.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

Through the witness of creation, through the glory of the Word, you show the way to the kingdom of light, you show the way to eternal life.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, our strength and our redeemer. **Amen.**

Hymn 133 Source and Sovereign, Rock

PRAYER of APPROACH

Gracious, loving, counselling, forgiving God, we come into your presence ... let us hear a fresh message through your word and through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE (John 10:9-11) Jesus says: "I am the gate. Whoever comes in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture." "I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness. I am the good shepherd." *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Hymn 757 Come, all you people (Hymn of the Month, September 2015)

SCRIPTURE READING A

St. Mark 8:27-38

NT p. 57

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The Word of God. Thanks be to God!

Hymn 355 You, Lord, are both Lamb & Shepherd (Tune: Regent Square, Hymn 439)

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Hymn 462 * The King of Love my Shepherd is **People's Choice Hymns** are marked with an asterisk (*) (Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

Help us, O God, to live not for ourselves, but for you. Inspire us, O God, to take up the cross and follow Jesus. Empower us, O God, to obey your Spirit's promptings; for we are yours eternally in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES and 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.

COMMUNION PREFACE

Hymn 673 * Let us talents and tongues employ

The GREAT PRAYER

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 God thanks and praise.

...we praise you, singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

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

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

BREAKING of BREAD

Hymn 661 * Eat this bread, drink this cup

COMMUNION (please come forward to share)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

DISMISSAL

Hymn 448 * Shine, Jesus, shine!

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: Jimmimah Ujma Reader: Robert Haworth Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald

- > Our offering during worship is our main source of income. Please give generously. There was no offering at the Musiksommer worship last Sunday. (Attendance was 222.)
- > After worship, you are invited to the Kirchencafé next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week is for Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania. Info and prayers at: www.ecc-bochum.de
- > Diary for the week ahead:

Wed. 16 Sept.: ECC Choir 6 pm (Church) Fri. 18 Sept.: Joyful Singers 7 pm (Halls)

> Forthcoming date – note in your diaries!

Sunday, 4 October at 12:30 hrs Harvest Thanksgiving with Gift Auction. Rev. Dr. Julius Ngwa has been invited

> Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.





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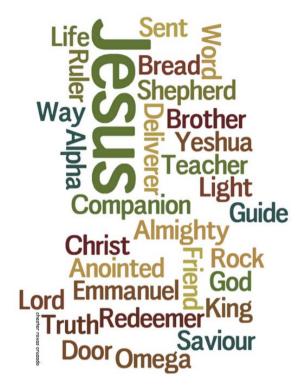
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Holy Communion

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30