

Watchword for the Week

Cast all your anxiety on him,
because he cares for you.

(1 Peter 5:7)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

As we journey together, O God,
may we meet together.

As we meet together, O God,
may we worship together.

And may our worship be in you, O God,
as you are in us.

Hymn 522 v. 1+2* *The Church is wherever...*

Holy God, your Son our Saviour prayed
for his disciples that they might be one, as you
and he are one. **Make us one, we pray.**

We confess our divisions and dissensions
and the disunity we have created
within the Body of Christ.

**We have not loved one another
as Christ has loved us.**

We have failed to put past wrongs behind us
or seek reconciliation and healing.

Forgive our sinful thoughts and actions;
help us to start anew; and sanctify us in the truth
of your living Word, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

Here are words you may trust, words that merit
full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the
world to save sinners. To all who confess their
sins and resolve to lead a new life he says: Your
sins are forgiven, and he also says: Follow me.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn 522 v. 3+4* *The Church is wherever...*

CHILDREN'S TIME

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Acts 1:6-14 NT p. 148

St. John 7:37-39 NT p. 127

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 448 *

Shine, Jesus, shine!

SERMON

Pastorin Stefani Haferung

Hymn 414 *Come, you faithful, raise the strain*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)
(Hymn of the Month, May 2017)

DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

**For all the gifts we have been given,
we give thanks: The gift of your love,
the gift of Jesus, the gift of life everlasting.
We acknowledge our mission to serve and
so we bring what we can that others may
know your love, too. We pray as the family of
Christ, keen to follow in his Way. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Holy God,
may we live with your life in us.

The LORD'S PRAYER (Dutch)

(Please use your preferred language for praying.)

English words at: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

**Onze Vader, die in de hemelen zijt,
geheiligd zij uw naam, uw rijk kome. Uw wil
geschiede, op aarde als in de hemel. Geef
ons heden ons dagelijkse brood. En vergeef
ons onze schulden, gelijk ook wij vergeven
aan onze schuldenaren. En leid ons niet in
beking, maar verlos ons van het kwade.
Want van U is het Koninkrijk en de kracht en
de heerlijkheid in eeuwigheid. Amen.**

Hymn 443 *

He is Lord, he is Lord

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 68 – *New Living Translation*)

Let the godly rejoice.

Let them be glad in God's presence.

Let them be filled with joy.

Sing praises to God and to his name!

Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds.

**His name is the LORD –
rejoice in his presence!**

Father to the fatherless, defender of widows –
this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

**God places the lonely in families;
he sets the prisoners free
and gives them joy.**

Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth.

Sing praises to the LORD. **Sing to the one
who rides across the ancient heavens,
his mighty voice thundering from the sky.**

Tell everyone about God's power.

**His majesty shines down on Israel;
his strength is mighty in the heavens.**

God is awesome in his sanctuary.

**The God of Israel gives
power and strength to his people.**

Hymn 286 * *Tell out, my soul, the greatness...*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

As we worship together, O God,
may we live together.

As we live together, O God,
may we witness together.

As we witness together, O God,
may we journey together.

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:**

Preacher: Pastorin Stefani Haferung
Duty elder: Jimmimah Ujma
Reader: Wolfgang Rochowiak
Organ: Ingeborg Maiwald

➤ Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**

➤ The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Botswana** and **Zimbabwe**. Link to prayers from: www.ecc-bochum.de

➤ Join the **das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten** challenge! Talk to Michelle or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>.

➤ **Pentecost 2017**

Please note the earlier starting times!

Sunday, 4 June ("Pfingstsonntag")

11:00 am **Joint worship** (English-German) with Holy Communion

Monday, 5 June ("Pfingstmontag")

11:00 am **International worship** with migrant churches from Bochum with Holy Communion

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



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"Galileans, why are you standing looking up at the sky?" (Acts 1:11)

Easter 7
Ascension Sunday

"Pax intransibus, salus exeuntibus"

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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