

### Watchword for the Week

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises  
to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 92:1)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2018)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP  
(Verses from Psalm 20 – New International Version)

May the LORD answer you  
when you are in distress;  
**may the name of the  
God of Jacob protect you.**

May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and grant you support from Zion.  
**May he give you the desire of your heart  
and make all your plans succeed.**

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;  
**he answers them from his holy heaven  
with the saving power of his right hand.**

Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
**but we trust in the name  
of the LORD our God.**

**Hymn 175 \*** *Praise, I will praise you, Lord*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

God, you are the gardener of all creation.  
You planted this world with the seeds of your  
love and grow them with your faithfulness.  
We are your harvest;  
we find our meaning and sustenance in you.

**May our minds listen to you calling;  
may our hearts be attuned to your will;  
may our feet follow you in the world,  
through Jesus Christ,  
the Word become flesh. Amen.**

Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed  
teaches us that a little faith can produce  
great work in your kingdom.  
Yet we are too timid to bear  
the fruit of your righteousness,  
for we walk by sight and not by faith.

**Forgive us, Lord;  
we do not uphold the poor and oppressed;  
we do not advocate for the  
powerless or the voiceless;  
we do not sacrifice ourselves  
for the needs of our neighbours.**

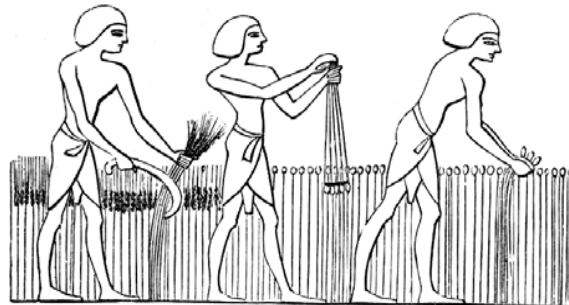
Renew us with the love of Christ  
so that we live no longer for ourselves,  
but for Christ who became  
the seed of your righteousness in us.  
**In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

**Hymn 417** *Now the green blade rises*

### WORDS of AFFIRMATION

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away;  
see, everything has become new!  
Praise be to God for the mercy and grace  
that forgives our sins. **Alleluia. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME



### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 OT p. 281 (280)

St. Mark 4:26-34 NT p. 50

People may stand for the Gospel reading.

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

**Hymn 233 \*** *Come, you thankful people, come*

### SERMON

Pastorin Stefani Haferung  
(Evangelische Pauluskirche)

**Hymn 235** *God is working his purpose out  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)  
(Hymn of the Month, June 2018)*

### DEDICATION PRAYER

**Bless, O God, the gifts that we bring this  
day, that they may be a sign of our  
commitment to your kingdom and a pledge  
of our love for you and your world.  
Multiply the work done by our time,  
treasures, and talents, that your presence  
and compassion may be known  
in all the earth. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See Notices overleaf)

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord of heaven:  
**let the kingdom grow.**

### The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

**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, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 530 \*** *One more step along the world*

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's worship team:**
  - Preacher:** Stefani Haferung (Evangelische Pauluskirche)
  - Duty elder:** Herold Dehling
  - Reader:** Herold Dehling
  - Organist:** Nicole Hartmann
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Brazil**. For a link to prayers etc., go to: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://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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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost

"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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