

### Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "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 2018)

**Hymn 256** *May the God of hope go with us*  
(Hymn of the Month, August 2018)

### ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the promise of our faith is that whoever turns to Jesus Christ will never hunger for forgiveness and that which gives life to the world. That is a promise of joy and peace, and I invite you to share that peace with one another. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

**Hymn 665 \*** *One bread, one body, one Lord*

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

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

SERMON *Rev. James Brown*

**Hymn 694 \*** *Brother, sister, let me serve you*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### AFFIRMATION of FAITH

**We believe in God**  
**in whom is power and compassion.**

**We believe in the Creator**  
**who gave birth to the universe,**  
**set solar systems dancing in space,**  
**shaped molecules and mountains, and**  
**conceived beauty beyond our imagining.**  
**God's power topples tyrants,**  
**and brings down walls of separation;**  
**God's love embodies the tenderness**  
**of a mother and father,**  
**encouraging and caring for each of us.**

**We believe in Jesus,**  
**born in obscurity in an occupied land;**  
**a human being, vulnerable to**  
**hunger, thirst, persecution and grief.**  
**He understood the power of love**

**and confronted the powers of evil,**  
**spoke the truth with courage and clarity,**  
**forgave his enemies and changed lives.**  
**In his living, dying and rising again**  
**he showed love strong enough**  
**to save the world.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**  
**who sustains, comforts and empowers us,**  
**opens the scriptures, opens our minds,**  
**and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen.**

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)  
English words: **Hymn 652**, Second Form (b)

**Hymn 655** *For your generous providing*  
(Hymn of the Month, May 2018)

### COMMUNION 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 our thanks and praise.**

... Therefore we gladly join our voices to the  
song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Hymn 769 \*** *Holy, holy, holy*

### BREAKING the BREAD

Jesus, firstborn of Mary, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, firstborn of Mary, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, monarch of heaven, **grant us peace.**

### INVITATION and COMMUNION

**Hymn 661 \*** *Eat this bread, drink this cup*

### NOTICES and THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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

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

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Verses from Psalm 51 – New Revised Standard Version)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your  
steadfast love. According to your abundant  
mercy, blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,**  
**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,**  
**and done what is evil in your sight.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;**  
**let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation; open**  
**my lips and let my mouth declare your praise.**

**Hymn 623 \*** *Here in this place / Gather us in*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)  
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

PRAYER of APPROACH *ending with the words:*  
...Gather us in, eternal God. Be present here.  
Befriend us here. Renew us here.

**God, you have called us to live lives worthy**  
**of the calling to which we have been called.**  
**But we confess to you and each other that**  
**we have not always spoken the truth in love;**  
**we have not always made every effort to**  
**maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of**  
**peace. Forgive us and, by your grace,**  
**help us to grow in every way into him who is**  
**our head, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

# 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, including your children if you so wish.
  - **Today's worship team:**
    - Duty elder:** Heike Hundeiker
    - Reader:** Abigail Osafile
    - Organist:** Nicole Hartmann
  - Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 141.33.
  - After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
  - Sites to visit for sermon **follow-up** include: <http://stephan-fuhrer.de/brotverschwendung/> (reflections in German on "daily bread"), and:
- ## LAIB UND SEELE
- Eine Aktion der Berliner Tafel e.V., der Kirchen und des rbb  
<https://www.berliner-tafel.de/laib-und-seele/>  
(incl. PDFs in English and other languages)
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Canada** and the **USA**. Info and prayer link from [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
  - **Donations** (tax deductible) for the church renovation may be made by bank transfer to "*Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Bochum*", **IBAN: DE57 4305 0001 0001 3021 65**. Please specify "*Renovierung Pauluskirche*".

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



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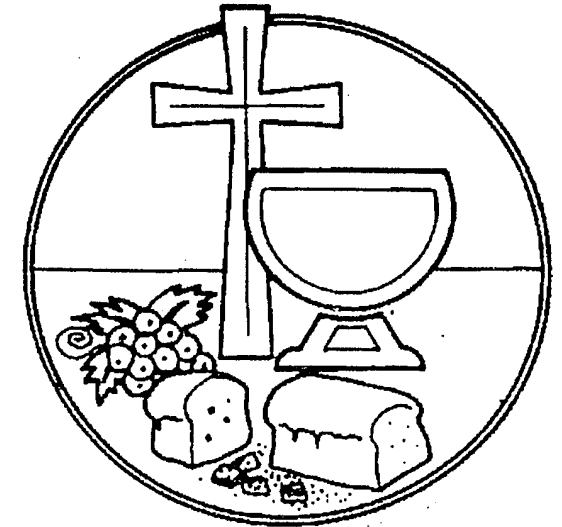
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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after

# Pentecost

## Holy Communion

"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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