Watchword for the Week

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. (Psalm 138:8) (Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & OPENING RESPONSES (based on Psalm 138)

In a world where money counts; In a world where nasty things happen; In a world where power is abused; *We shall sing your praise, O God!*

Above the troubles of last week; Above the noise of the world; Above the boasts of the proud; *We shall sing your praise, O God!*

Even though we are few in number; Even though we are weak and less than perfect; Even though we are easily discouraged; *We shall sing your praise, O God!*

Hymn 157 * Sing of the Lord's goodness People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

When our hearts are doubting, *your steadfast love never wavers.*

When our minds are dull, you open them with the unexpected.

When our judgments are sharp, *you soften us with your grace.*

When our bodies are weary, you soothe us with nature's embrace.

When our souls are anxious, *you surprise us with your awe.*

God, awaken in us a sense of wonder that we may be made new in you.

Complete in us the work you have begun; complete in our church the work which needs to be done; complete in our community the work your kingdom requires, that those who share responsibility with us for the world around us may discover your promises and praise your name. Amen.

WORDS of ASSURANCE

God cares for the humble and loves those who seek him. He has dealt with our sins once and for all in Jesus Christ our Saviour, who loved us and gave himself for us.

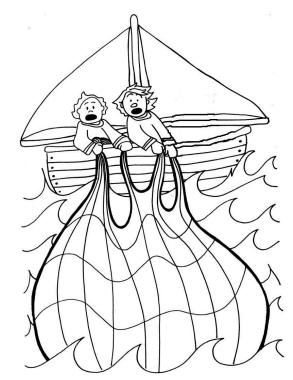
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: *as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.*

Hymn 105

Glory to God above!

CHILDREN'S TIME

"Surprise! Surprise!"



Hymn 340

When Jesus saw the fishermen

SHARING GOD'S PEACE (Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8OT p. 675 (674)St. Luke 5:1-11NT p. 80People may stand for the Gospel reading.The word of God:The word of God:Hymn 111 *Holy! Holy! Holy!

Rev. James Brown

Hymn 253 1-2, 5-6 Inspired by love and anger (Hymn of the Month, February 2019) (Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

SERMON

Great God, you surprised Isaiah by calling him and sending him to share Good News. You revealed to the disciples unexpected depths they had never before explored. Surprise us, call us, send us, and lead us too to unexplored depths of service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS <u>Response</u>: Your kingdom come;

your will be done on earth, O Lord. (Hymn 805)

The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your 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 248 For my sake and the gospel's, go

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: Duty elder: Justus Masa
Reader: Heinrich Ohlendorf
Organist: Thomas Schwarz

- ➢ Our offering during worship is our main source of income. *Please give generously.* Last Sunday's offering totalled € 113.35
- After worship, the Kirchencafé is open till 3 o'clock for our coffee hour. Come and enjoy tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The ECC Choir and the Joyful Singers would love to have more singers. Please ask Dani Simanjuntak for more information.
- The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland. Link to prayers and further information from: www.ecc-bochum.de
- Please switch all mobile phones off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



O Lord, heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and wisdom, enlighten our minds by your Holy Spirit, and give us grace to receive your Word with reverence and humility, without which no person can understand your truth, for the sake of Jesus Christ to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all glory.



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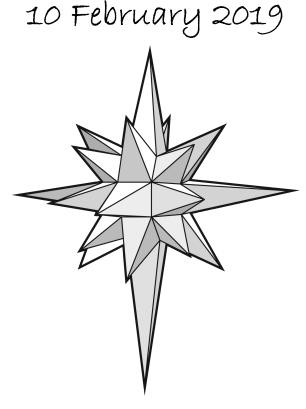
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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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

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