

Watchword for the Week

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints and also
members of the household of God.
(Ephesians 2:19)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

ORGAN PRELUDE

You are invited to stand as the Bible is brought in

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.
God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

We are children of God, learning to walk.
Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

The world belongs to God;
the earth and all its people.

Let us worship God!
We will sing God's praise and glory!

Hymn 194 * *This is the day...*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Despite a world that prefers violence rather than
discussion, God asks: **How can I give you up?**

Despite a world that prefers certainty rather than
ambiguity, God asks: **How can I abandon you?**

Despite a world that prefers wearing masks
rather than telling the truth, God asks:
How could I ever destroy you?

Despite a world that prefers power
rather than humility, God says:
I will not punish you in my anger.

Despite a world that prefers uniformity
rather than diversity, God says:
My heart will not let me do it.

Despite a world that prefers prejudice
rather than creative conflict, God says:
My love for you is too strong.

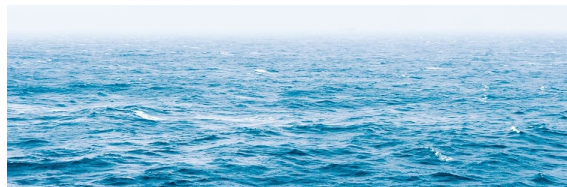
Despite a world that prefers propriety
rather than honesty, God says:
I, the Holy One, am with you.

WORDS of AFFIRMATION

God does not abandon us.
God does not give us up.
God does not punish us as our sins deserve.
God's love is too strong.
God, the Holy One, is with us. **Amen.**

Hymn 65 * *Jubilate, everybody*

CHILDREN'S TIME



BAPTISM of Andrew John Karl Currie

- DECLARATION
- AFFIRMATION of FAITH (Apostles' Creed, 682)
- THANKSGIVING PRAYER
- BAPTISM
- QUESTIONS to the PARENTS
- QUESTION to the CONGREGATION
- SHARING PEACE
(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hosea 11:1-11 *OT p. 880 (879)*
St. Luke 12:13-21 *NT p. 95*
People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 263 *God of freedom, God of justice*
(Hymn of the Month, August 2019)

SERMON *Rev James Brown*

Hymn 198 * *Let us build a house*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

DEDICATION PRAYER

All we have comes from you, O God, and all we are comes from you. Take these meagre offerings, we pray, and increase our generosity, that everything we say and do might show forth your irrepensible love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)*
(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you, **and also with you.**
Lift up your hearts, **we lift them to God.**
Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...With the faithful in every place and time,
we praise with joy your holy name:

Hymn 769* *Holy, holy, holy!*

... united with Christ and with one another,
and we may continue faithful in all things.
In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you.

Hymn 665* *One bread, one body*

COMMUNION (Please come forward to share.)

NOTICES and THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Hymn 577 * *Christ be beside me*

PRESENTATION of Baptismal Candle

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

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Notices

- **“All are welcome in this place.”** *Good you're here!* Please add your name and post or e-mail address to the book at the back of church to receive details of upcoming events.
- **Holy Communion** will be celebrated today – you are **invited to share** in this sacrament, including your children if you wish to.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Justus Masa
 - Children's time:** Jade Ableitner
 - Reader:** Tamsin Kostrzewa
 - Organ:** Thomas Schwarz
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The **WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on the **Cameroon, Central African Republic** and **Equatorial Guinea**. Link to prayers from www.ecc-bochum.de
- The **Sensible Shoes Book Club** for women of the ECC has now begun! More detailed information from Jade Ableitner.
- The **ECC Choir** resumes on Wednesday, 4 September at 6 p.m. *New singers welcome!*
- **Musiksommer** worship on **8 September** is ecumenical and open-air at the *Kuhhirten* (Cowherd) Monument and [begins at 11 a.m.!](#)
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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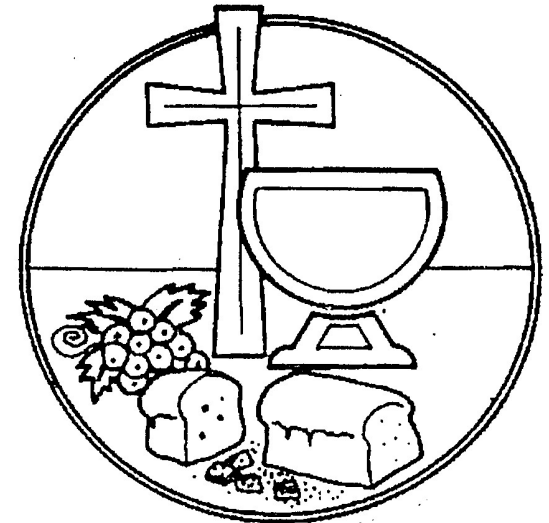
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4 August 2019



Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost

Holy Communion
Infant Baptism

"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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