### Watchword for the Week

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.
(Psalm 113:3)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2019)

### **ORGAN PRELUDE**

As is the tradition in many churches, please stand if you are able while the Bible is carried into church.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 113)

Praise the LORD, you servants of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

Who is like the LORD our God, high above the heavens in glory?

Blessed be the name of the LORD.

Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes? **Blessed be the name of the LORD.** 

Who makes light shine in darkness, gives joy in sorrow, and brings life out of death?

Blessed be the name of the LORD.

Hymn 110 \* Glory be to God the Father People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

## CALL to CONFESSION

Even though we continually turn away from God, the Lord is eager to forgive.

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

## PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us.
We have been unfaithful and dishonest
in small things and great things alike.
We are shrewd in seeking wealth
and foolish in following your way.

Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

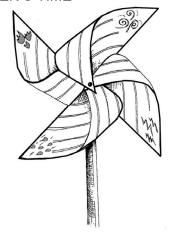
Hymn 776 \*

Kyrie eleison

### **DECLARATION of FORGIVENESS**

Our loving God desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. *Thanks be to God. Amen.* 

CHILDREN'S TIME



**Hymn 232** v. 1-2, 5-6 *Pears and apples...* (Hymn of the Month, September 2019)

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 29

OT p. 551 (550)

St. Luke 8:22-25

NT p. 86

People may stand for the Gospel reading.
The word of God: **Thanks be to God!** 

**Hymn 570** When the storms of life are raging

SERMON

"The lost and found"

**Hymn 532** \* Lord, you have come to the seashore (Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### **DEDICATION PRAYER**

Who is like you, O Lord our God? You look with mercy upon the earth; you lift up the poor from the dust and give them a place at your table. Teach us to sing your praise forever and to show your love to those in need; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

PRAYERS for OTHERS

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

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)* (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 737 \*

Will your anchor hold?

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** 

Please stand if able while the Bible is taken out.

# 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.
- > Today's worship team:

**Duty elder:** Eric Obimdi

Debbie Hubweber Reader: Organ: Hendrik Ziser

- > 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 Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. Link from www.ecc-bochum.de
- > Worship in September is following a Creation theme celebrating all God's gifts: 22 September: Storm Sunday today 29 September: Cosmos Sunday
- > Our annual **Harvest Thanks** celebration is on Sunday, 6 October. Please bring your harvest gifts, which will be auctioned at the close of worship, as well as food for a buffet lunch afterwards! Personal invitation letters are available for you to give or send to friends.
- > Next **ECC Choir** practice is on Wednesday, 25 September at 6 p.m. in the upstairs hall. New singers are always especially welcome!
- > The next Sensible Shoes Book Club for women session is Thursday 17 October from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Kirchencafé.
- > Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.





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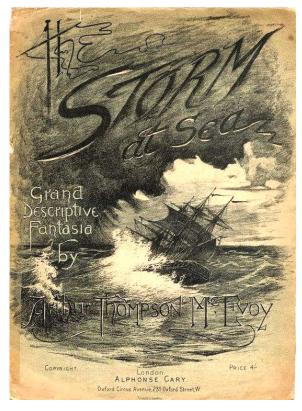
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# 22 September 2019



The Storm at Sea: Grand Descriptive Fantasia Source: Sheet Music Warehouse

### "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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