

Watchword for the Week

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

(Moravian Daily Texts 2020)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the Bible is carried in.

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Spirit of love, come upon this assembly and dwell among us. ***Come, Holy Spirit!***

Spirit of unity, show us the path towards Christian unity. ***Come, Holy Spirit!***

Spirit of hospitality, teach us to be welcoming. ***Come, Holy Spirit!***

Spirit of compassion, instil within us an attitude of respect to all those whom we meet. ***Come, Holy Spirit!***

Spirit of hope, help us to detach ourselves from all hindrances to our ecumenical journey. ***Come, Holy Spirit!***

Hymn 623* *Here in this place / Gather us in*
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (*)

PRAYER of APPROACH

Forgive us, Lord, for past mistakes, mistrust and misdeeds between Christians from different churches and traditions.

Lord, have mercy!

Forgive us, Lord, for remaining in the darkness rather than seeking the path of Light; for you, O Lord, are the only true Light.

Lord, have mercy!

Forgive us, Lord, for our lack of faith and for our failure to be people of expectant hope and authentic charity.

Lord, have mercy!

Forgive us, Lord, for having caused pain, hardship and anguish to others.

Lord, have mercy!

Forgive us, Lord, for isolating ourselves and remaining indifferent, instead of showing hospitality to all, especially strangers and refugees. ***Lord, have mercy!***

Hymn 533* *Will you come and follow me?*

CHILDREN'S TIME

WORDS of AFFIRMATION (from Psalm 103)

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

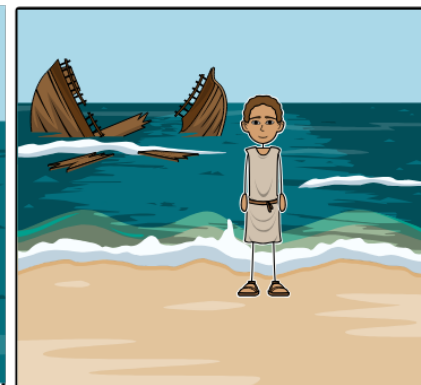
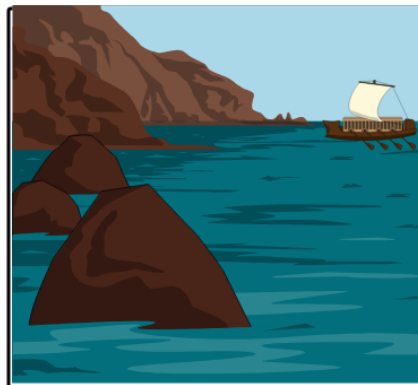
Acts 27:18 – 28:10 NT p. 29

Matthew 4:12-23 NT p. 29
The word of God: ***Thanks be to God!***

Hymn 532* *Lord, you have come to the seashore*

SERMON 'In God We Trust'

Hymn 739* *The church's one foundation*
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)



DEDICATION PRAYER

All that we have and all that we are returns to you, O God. Gather these offerings and make them sufficient for the needs of the world. We give you all our thanks and praise, for you alone are worthy. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

Hymn 788* *Know that God is good*

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Lord God of power, ***set us free to live.***

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 737* *Will your anchor hold?*

BLESSING and ***Threefold Amen*** (No. 819)
Please remain standing while the Bible is carried out.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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.
- **We welcome** Pastor **Mike Kwang-Yul Lee** (Düsseldorf) as our ecumenical guest of honour today. Mike is Chair of the International Church Convention Rhineland-Westphalia, of which the ECC is a member.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
 - Preacher:** Jade Ableitner
 - Reader:** Bob Haworth
 - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- **Mulleriyawa Ward 8** The final total of donations gathered by our congregation for this mental health facility in Colombo, Sri Lanka stands at **€ 654**. *Thanks to all donors!*
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara** and **Tunisia**. Link to prayers and further information from www.ecc-bochum.de
- The next **Sensible Shoes Book Club** session is on Thursday 30th January from 6.30 p.m. 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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Third Sunday after
Epiphany

Christian Unity

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

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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