

Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away."
(Luke 21:33)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2021)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 25, excerpts & Lyrics of "Come to Be
Our Hope, O Jesus")

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be
put to shame; do not let my enemies exult
over me.**

Come and open our tomorrow
for your joyful reign so near.
Take away all human sorrow;
give us hope against our fear.

¹⁰**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love
and faithfulness, for those who keep his
covenant and his decrees.**

Hymn 275 *Come now, Prince of peace*

PRAYER of CONFESSION

We come before you, O God,
aware that all of us fall short of your glory.
We all make mistakes.
We all struggle to love like Jesus.
We often hurt one another –
sometimes deliberately,
sometimes by accident.

God of deep forgiveness, hear our prayers.

Forgive us, Lord.
Forgive us for the times we neglect you.
Forgive us for the times we put ourselves before
you and before the good of others.
Forgive us for the times we damage ourselves
through our thoughts and actions.
God of deep forgiveness, hear our prayers.

Your call to us is this: **Love the Lord your God,
love your neighbour and love yourselves.**

Forgive us for the times when we fall short of
your good desires. We approach you knowing
that you are a God who forgives. We are
grateful that in and through the sacrifice of
Jesus + we can be forgiven and reconciled with
you and with one another. Thank you for the
peace that comes with that promise.

**The God of deep forgiveness
hears our prayers. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Hymn 284, 1&5 *Love is a candle*

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 *NT p. 257*

Luke 21:25-36 *NT p. 108*

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

SERMON What is "new"?
Rev. Dr. Anja Stuckenberg

Hymn 280 *Hurry, the Lord is near*

NOTICES

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 673 *Let us talents*

BLESSING / CLOSING PRAYER

And now as we gather in assembly
And are sent into the new week, new year and
into the changes ahead
may the Spirit of the living God be with us
in all that we think, all that we say
and all that we do.

**We ask this in the precious name of Jesus
Christ our Lord and our Saviour. Amen.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to remain in church for our
Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is
expected to last approximately 1 hour.
Items on the agenda are:

- ▶▶ Report on ECC Activities
- ▶▶ Introduction of the New Pastors
 - ▶▶ ECC Financial Report
- ▶▶ Elections to the Church Council
 - ▶▶ Blessing

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*"Gather the people,
consecrate the assembly;
bring together the elders,
gather the children."*

Joel 2:16

Notices

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's 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:** Derick Fonjong
 - Reader:** Robert Haworth
 - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
- The **offering basket** as you leave church is our congregation's main source of income. **Please give generously.**
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and fellowship. Be advised that under Covid rules 2G now applies in the Café (as opposed to 3G in church). And please help afterwards by clearing away cups and plates, washing dishes and tidying up. Thank-you!
- The **Christian discipline** Bible study series continues tomorrow at 7 p.m. with a session on **Service** (John 13:1-17) in the Kirchencafé; This is a hybrid event: Should you prefer, there is a Zoom option for online participation: (ID: 882 1296 9022; Code: 051157)
- You are invited to a talk being given by Pastor Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah at the Evangelische Stadtakademie, Westring 26c, 44787 Bochum at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday 30 November entitled **Church as a stakeholder in civil society of failed states.** Admission (payable at the door) € 5.00, reduced rate € 3.00.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Brunei, Malaysia** and **Singapore.** 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.



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"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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