Watchword for the Week

For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. (1 Corinthians 13:12) (Moravian Daily Texts 2022)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and PSALM 71:1-6

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

All: In your righteousness

deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, All:

> from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope,

my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

All: Upon you I have leaned from my

birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Leader: Let us worship the God of beauty.

love, and wisdom.

We will praise God, ever Three AII:

and ever One, now and always.

Hvmn 113 God the Father of Creation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and unity, we confess we can be divisive when you have called us to unity. guarrelsome when you call us to seek peace. and critical rather than caring. We have grown used to our own ways and cannot imagine you would ask us to change even for the sake of the Gospel.

Forgive us when we mistake our familiar traditions for your truth. Show us how we can witness to your love through working and worshipping together. Therefore we plead with you:

Take away from us. O Lord. every sin which separates us from your Holy presence, that we my approach you with pure hearts and cleansed lips. as we celebrate this service joyfully and praise your Holy name. through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Hymn 126 Let's sing to the Lord,

yes, sing God a new song

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NT p. 216

Luke 4:21-30 NT p. 79

The word of God: Thanks be to God!

Hymn 516 We are marching in the light of God

SERMON "A reading community" Rev. Anja Stuckenberger

Hymn 788 Know that God is good

ANNOUNCEMENTS (see Notices overleaf)

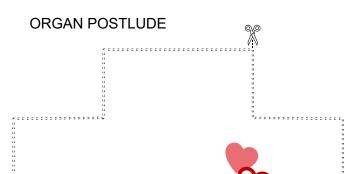
PRAYERS for OTHERS Response: Lord, in your mercy. hear our prayer.

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 795 Take, oh, take me as I am

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen* (No. 819)



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What does community mean to you?
Be creative and fill in the cross; paint, write,
draw everything that comes to your mind.

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Notices

> All are welcome in this place. It's good you're here! Please add your name and e-mail or postal address to the book at the back of church to receive news of upcoming events.

> Today's worship team:

Duty elder: Eric Chinasa Obimdi Herold Dehling Reader: Hendrik Ziser Organ:

> The **offering** during the worship service is our congregation's main source of income. Please give generously.

Last week's offering totalled € 119,24.

- > The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara. Tunisia. Link to info: www.ecc-bochum.de
- > Worship is streamed live every week on www.ecc-bochum.de
- > The Evangelische Pop-Akademie will have "Workout-Singing" in the Pauluskirche with choral singing of gospel, international, and contemporary songs, one Tuesday a month, 7:30-9:00 pm, March through June. Cost: 29 € for 4 sessions. Anyone interested can join, current limit 20 persons (2G+). See https://tinyurl.com/popsing or contact the music leader, vera.hotten@ev-pop-institut.de.
- > The Weltladen Pauluskirche is looking for volunteers. Interested? Please contact Rev. James Brown at j.brown56(at)gmx.de
- > Worship takes place under the 2G rule. Medical or FFP2 masks must be worn at all times.
- > Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.





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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

"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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