

Watchword for the Week

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near.
(Isaiah 55:6)
(Moravian Daily Texts 2022)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(Psalm 47)

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us
and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

Hymn 225 *Summer suns are glowing*

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

...let us confess our sin.

**Saviour God,
help us to keep our focus on You.
Forgive us, we humbly ask,
when we have been overtaken
by our own projects rather than
nurturing the life of Your Kingdom.
We have looked other ways
and not been mindful of You.
We have hurt others and ourselves.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Hymn 439 *Look, ye saints*

SCRIPTURE READINGS 

Luke 24:44-53 *NT p. 115*

Acts 1:1-11 *NT p. 147*

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

Hymn 444 *Out of sight*

SERMON

Hymn 445 *Alleluia, sing to Jesus!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(see Notices overleaf)*

*(The offering follows the announcements.
Please, come forward with your gifts during the singing.)*

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

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 448 *Lord, the light of your love*

BLESSING

Threefold Amen (No. 819)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Notices

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's good you're here!* As a sign of our Christian care for each other, we ask everyone who is in proximity to others to keep mouth and nose covered with a medical mask, including during hymns.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Minister:** Rev. Dr. Anja Stuckenberg
 - Duty elder:** Debbie Hubweber
 - Reader:** Heinrich Ohlendorf
 - Organist:** Hendrik Ziser
- The **offering basket** is the congregation's main source of income. Last week's offering totalled €143,51. **Please give generously.**
- The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on **Angola, Mozambique.** Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/prayer-cycle>
- The **Kirchencafé** is open for us today till 3 o'clock for tea, coffee, and fellowship. Please be mindful of each person's comfort zone and help us leave everything clean and tidy. Thank you!
- Today is the last Sunday here for our organist and ECC Choir director, **Hendrik Ziser.** Thank you, Hendrik! We look forward to welcoming you back whenever you can come to visit. Our very best wishes to you!
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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Ascension Sunday

"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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