#### Trauspruch and Watchword for the Week

Du stellst meine Füße auf weiten Raum. You have set my feet in a broad place.

(from Psalm 31)

#### COMMUNITY CALLED AND ASSEMBLED

#### **ORGAN PRELUDE**

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

The Earth belongs to God:

A home for every creature!

How beautiful, how full of life:

the cycles, seasons of God's Word!

Let all who have breath praise their God Let all who listen. learn!

**Hymn 198** 

Let us build a house

#### I CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels

but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains

but do not have love, I am nothing.

If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast

but do not have love, I gain nothing.

The word of God:

Thanks be to God!

#### **MARRIAGE**

Sebastian and Annegret come forward.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

Today we witness in the presence of God the manifestation of love in the marriage of Sebastian Hans-Joachim Stüwe and Annegret Stüwe geb. Landmesser. We surround them with our prayers and share in their joy.

Biblical Verse, Marriage Vows, and Blessing

**Hymn 256** May the God of hope go with us

#### **BAPTISMS**

Alexander Sebastian and Maximilian Christopher come forward with their parents and sponsors.

I CORINTHIANS 13:8a, 12-13

Love never ends.

For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror,

but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part;

then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three,

and the greatest of these is love.

#### **EPHESIANS 4:4-6**

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The word of God:

Thanks be to God!

Presentation, Apostles' Creed, Thanksgiving at the Font, Bible Verse, Baptism

After each baptism, the assembly sings the refrain of **Hymn 345**: Halle, halle, hallelujah!

**Hymn 124** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 

#### **DEEPENING COMMUNITY**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Hymn 516

Siyahamba / We are marching

**NOTICES** 

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Gracious and faithful God, 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 167** Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

#### **BLESSING**

Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the gift of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Go in peace and serve the Lord. And the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Threefold Amen (No. 819)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** 

### Notices

➤ All are welcome in this place. It's good you're here! Please help by wearing a mask whenever people are at close quarters.

> Today's worship team:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Anja Stuckenberger

**Duty elder:** Dirk Erlenkämper **Organist:** Thomas Schwarz

- It is with great joy that we celebrate with the Stüwe family today and give thanks for God's blessings upon them as they continue to live and share Christ's love.
- ➤ We also rejoice over the upcoming wedding of Frauke Griese and Stuart Milne at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, at Ev. Kirche Essen-Werden (Heckstr. 54-56). The next time they attend the ECC, there will be cake!
- On Sunday, October 23, we will once again come together for a **Harvest Thanksgiving** with auction. Bring lots of family and friends!
- ➤ The intercultural Bible study on the **Book of**Jonah will take place at 6:00-7:30 p.m at the

  ESG (Querenburger Höhe 287) on Oct. 26,

  Nov. 22, Dec. 14, and Jan. 14.
- Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay are on the WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week (see https://tinyurl.com/prayer-cycle).
- Please leave your offering in the basket on the way out. Last week's total was €176,41.
- You are warmly invited to join us after worship for tea, coffee, and fellowship in the Kirchencafé, which is open till 3 o'clock.
- Please switch mobile phones off, or to mute/vibration signal, during the service. Thank you.





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# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

with Wedding and Baptisms

"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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