

NOTICES

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It is good you are here!* As a sign of our Christian care and concern for each other, we ask everyone to respect the Covid prevention rules. During the service, please keep your mouth and nose covered with a mask, especially during hymns.
- Today's guest preacher is Rev. Leita Ngoy (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania). Pastor Leita is an ordained minister in the ELCT, and currently a Ph.D. student at Ruhr-University School of Theology. She is researching on the impact of Charismatic Christianity on the mainstream churches in Tanzania.
- Today's worship team:

Minister: Rev. Leita Ngoy
Duty Elder: Herold Dehling
Reader: Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
Organist: Katharina Zentgraf
Kids' Church: Marcus Sarpong

- The offering basket is the congregation's main source of income. Last Sunday's offering totalled 147 EUR. **Please give generously.**
- The **Kirchencafé** will be open until 3 o'clock for tea, coffee and continued fellowship. Please respect the Covid rules, and help tidy up afterwards. Thank you!
- The WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle this week focuses on **Canada** and **United States of America**.
- Next Sunday, 6 November 2022, we will celebrate **Harvest Thanksgiving Worship**, followed by our traditional harvest auction. Please invite family and friends, and bring gifts that can be sold during the auction.
- We encourage your participation in the **Intercultural Bible Study** "*The book of Jonah, in four parts*" (22.11.2022, 14.12.2022, 24.01.2023, 18:00–19:30, ESG, Querenburger Höhe 287, 44801 Bochum)

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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
Ecumenical – International – English-Language

Watchword for the Week

Jesus said, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Psalm 32

***Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.***

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

***For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.***

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

***Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.***

***You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.
Amen***

Hymn 554

Rock of ages cleft for me

PRAYER of CONFESSION

O God, hear our prayer.

Receive our impatient yearnings and remorse,
and hear our intentions to turn to you so we might truly live.
For our unrighteous pride and overdependence on ourselves.

For the injustices toward others or Creation,
we ignore or even participate in.

For the unjust judgments we make of others,
particularly those whom we oppose.

For our impatience with others and with you.

For our doubt that you will act,
and the hopelessness we feel at your delay.

***In your mercy, hear O God, and forgive.
Amen.***

ASSURANCE of PARDON

God, who is our rock, our refuge, the one who rescues, heals and loves us,
also forgives us and sets us free to new and everlasting life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

CHILDRENS' TIME

Hymn 613

Gracious Spirit, hear our pleading

*During the singing of this hymn, the children may leave the church for their own service
that will be held in the Parish Halls.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 1:10–18

OT, p. 670

Luke 19: 1–10

NT, p. 104

The Word of God: ***Thanks be to God***

Hymn 396

And can it be, that I should gain

SERMON

The Transformative Power of the Gospel

Rev. Leita Ngoy (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania)

Hymn 502

Take my life, Lord, let it be

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Freestyle Singing

Mambo Sawa Sawa

Please bring your offering forward to the basket during the singing of this hymn.

PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy

The LORD'S PRAYER

***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 516

Siyahamba (We are marching in the light of God)

BLESSING and *Threefold Amen*

ORGAN POSTLUDE