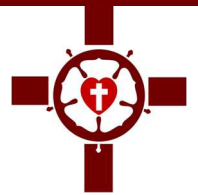



LUTHERAN PORT ELIZABETH
Friedenskirche Church of Peace



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Newsletter March 2023



Who shall us
separate
from the
Love of
Christ ?

Romans 8:35

Christ and His Church invite you !

Watchword March 2023

**Who can
separate us
from the
love of Christ ?**

Romans 8:35



Life is not always easy and does not go by the melody of "Always happy, all days sunshine". But what keeps us when illness and suffering suddenly break over us like a violent thunderstorm? What we have gained indestructibly for our lives through faith in Jesus Christ will be shown in such borderline experiences. Then it will turn out that God holds us tightly by His hand and that there is nothing known or unknown that can tear us away from the love of Christ. – God's promises have no expiration date, their validity is not limited. We can always rely on him in the ups and downs of our lives. We may not always feel his loving closeness, but despite contrary feelings, fears and doubts, we are surrounded by it and are allowed to hide in it.

It is true what the Baltic songwriter Julie von Hausmann said 150 years ago: "Though oft it seems Thou hidest Thy wondrous might, yet me Thou safely guidest through darkest

night." (Lutheran Hymnal Nr. 301). She wrote this hymn shortly after her arrival in Africa. Then she learned that her fiancé, who had traveled ahead as a missionary, had died of an epidemic three days earlier...

He stands faithfully at my side, through thick and thin. There is nothing that can separate me from his love. A promise that is so great is beyond my understanding, sometimes even my feeling. How can one love so unchangeably and unconditionally? Am I really worthy of this love? Yes, God says. And I think to myself, if I had created something that I would be proud of, then I like it too and it would be valuable and important to me. How much more than God. Especially the time of Lent shows us this again: This love goes to the bitter end on the cross, for us. I just have to let myself be promised again and again and make myself aware: I am loved by God, and nothing can separate me from Him.

In this sense, I wish you to feel this love again and again and to make it your own.

Prayer:

**Dear Heavenly Father,
hold me tight
even as fear and doubt spread
and I cannot feel
your loving closeness.
Let your love shine brightly
for me especially
when I am in need,
so that my hope
may be strengthened.**

Amen.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Anja



A special Invitation

Families with their kids are especially invited to the Divine Services. Once a month a Family Service is offered which is addressed especially to children for which own activities are prepared. It is a good possibility for adults as well to learn about theological topics in an easy way. For families it is the best chance to make their children familiar to the church and make sure to let them grow up with the Good News of the Gospel.

The next date for the Family Services is 26th of March at 9.30 a.m..



Rejoice and be glad, for your reward
is great in heaven .
Matthew 5:12

Invitation AGM 19 March 2023

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) will take place on Sunday, 19th March 2023 at 10:15 after the Divine Service. on the Fourth Sunday in Lent - Laetare.

The minutes of the previous AGM (held on 13 March 2022) as well the Financial Report for the Calendar year 2022 will be available in the Foyer of the Church from Sunday 26th February 2023.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Minuting Secretary
3. Attendance
4. Approval Minutes Last AGM
5. Annual Reports
Pastor / Chairman / Treasurer
6. Budget for the Year 2023
7. Elections
 - 7.1 Church Committee
 - 7.2 Delegates
8. Events 2023
9. General
10. Meeting Close

Members eligible to vote at the AGM are 18 years and older, who have paid their 2022 contributions and any new members.

At each AGM, half of the churchwardens are elected for a term of 2 years. The year before last, the following churchwardens were elected for the term of office 2021-2023:

Auke Brand
Carol Buschhold
Elizabeth Koepke

These church wardens have indicated that they are available for re-election. One more churchwarden still needs to be elected for the period 2023-2025.

Last year the following church warden was elected for the term of office 2022-2024:

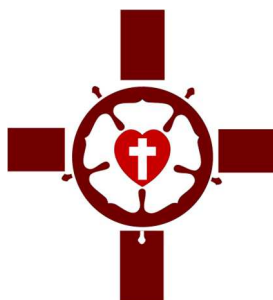
Rivka Rath

Three more churchwardens need to be elected for this period, as no additional candidates could be nominated last year - neither at the AGM nor at the Special General Meeting (SGM).

The Offices of chairperson and treasurer were taken over ad interim by

Reinhard Walle and
Henry Newman

If you are interested to serve our congregation as a church warden please contact the Election Officer, Geoff Andrews (Cell No 083 287 4199).



Invitation AGM 19 March 2023



Lutheran Church Springfield - Friedenskirche - Port Elizabeth
Church Committee Nomination Form AGM 19 March 2023
Kirchenvorstand - Vorschlags Formular GV 19. März 2023

Nominations, including self-nominations, must be submitted (on this Nomination Form) to the Chairman of the Church Committee in writing. Nominations are also accepted verbally until the start of voting at the AGM. A nomination will only be valid if the candidate declares in writing or verbally at the meeting, that the candidate is willing to take office if elected.

Wahlvorschläge, einschließlich Selbstnennungen, müssen dem Vorsitzenden des Kirchenvorstands schriftlich (mit diesem Vorschlagsformular) vorgelegt werden. Wahlvorschläge werden auch mündlich bis zum Beginn der Abstimmung an der Gemeindeversammlung entgegengenommen. Eine Nominierung ist nur gültig, wenn der Kandidat/die Kandidatin im Vorfeld schriftlich oder an der Gemeindeversammlung mündlich erklärt, dass er/sie bereit ist, das Amt zu übernehmen, wenn er/sie gewählt wird.

Proposer's details Information Antragsteller

Name _____
Adresse _____
Cell phone _____ Email _____

I propose the following person or myself as a member of the church committee
Ich schlage die folgende Person oder mich selbst als Kirchenvorsteher vor:

Candidate's details Information Kandidat(in):

Name _____
Adresse _____
Cell phone _____ Email _____

Signature of the Candidate
Unterschrift des Kandidaten: _____

Noticeboard - Looking back thankfully



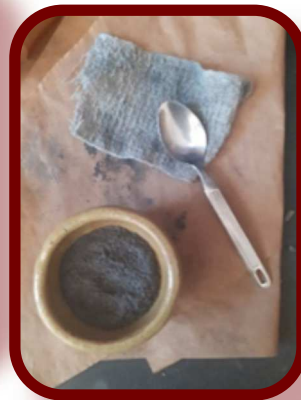
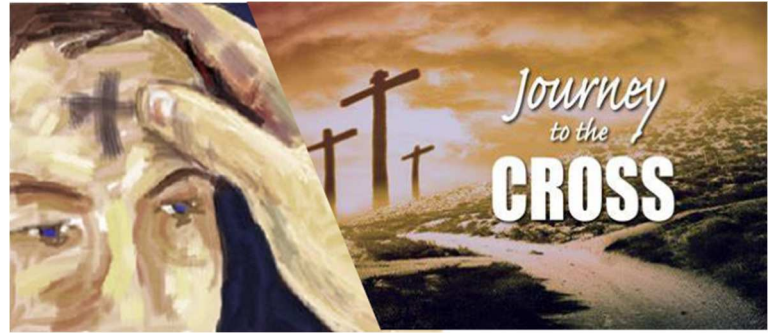
On Valentine's Day that puts signs between lovers but also allows us to pay attention to our friends and neighbours, there was an invitation for coffee and cake after the Divine Service on February 12th.

Coffee and lovely cake was well organised and we heartily thank everyone of the team that was engaged with it. The tables were professionally decorated with Valentine puppets, each of them made in a different way but all of them with hearts and roses. We thank Carol and Penny very much for putting their great ideas into practice.



Noticeboard—Ash Wednesday

The journey to the cross during the time of Lent began with ashes which are a sign of repentance and the admission of guilt as the Old Testament says. But also, as through ashes new life can be born, it reminds us of a new and restored life by God's gift of grace in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Everyone was welcomed to have an Ash Cross made on the forehead.



The ash for Ash Wednesday was made from palm leaves and was rubbed through a gauze cloth. In an earthen vessel it was put on the altar which was prepared for the time of Lent.

25th March: Day of Announcement of Jesus' Birth

The **Annunciation of the Nativity of the Lord**, also called the **Annunciation of Mary** (Latin: *Annuntiatio Domini*, or *In Annuntiatione Beatæ Mariæ Virginis*) is a feast in the church year and at the same time the name for the event described in Luke's Gospel (Lk 1:26-38) of the announcement by the angel Gabriel that the Virgin Mary would conceive the Son of God from the Holy Spirit and give birth to him. The feast on 25 March is celebrated in many denominations. The biblical event is a frequently depicted motif in Christian iconography. Many churches are dedicated to the Annunciation. The Annunciation is also understood as the moment of conception, according to the biblical principle: When God speaks, what he says happens. The virgin birth is considered a mystery in its own right.

Presentation of the Annunciation
Church Santa Maria Maggiore, Rome,
Mosaic from the 5th century



Watchword for the day (Galatians 4,4):
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law .

In English translation, the angel says to Mary: "Greetings, favoured one" The word *chaire* used in the original Greek text of Luke's Gospel at this point means "rejoice, be glad"; this was the common greeting among the Greeks. The greeting in Hebrew was *shalom* "peace". In the Latin translation of Luke's Gospel, the word used here is *Ave*, a common greeting of the Romans meaning "Blessed art thou" "Hail". The words of the New Testament are an invitation to joy.

The date of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord is derived from Christmas, which is celebrated nine months after, and has Advent in character. The Feast of the Annunciation was long considered the beginning of the year in some places in Europe, like England until the 16th century.

The scene of the Annunciation to Mary has been a frequent motif in the visual arts through the centuries and was depicted in many ways, especially during the Renaissance. The depictions usually show Mary and the angel in the interior of a house, possibly as a symbol of Mary's inwardness, chastity and virginity. Sometimes the angel brings Mary a white lily, a symbol of virginity and purity, while the girl's gestures express surprise and being touched. Sometimes Mary is also depicted reading a Bible, which also underlines the connection with the announcement of the Messiah in the prophet Isaiah in the Old Testament.

25th March: Day of Announcement of Jesus' Birth



The Annunciation, c. 1472-1475
Leonardo da Vinci

In many depictions the Holy Spirit also appears in the form of a dove, in other depictions the conception is represented by a ray of light hitting Mary.

The artistic representations each emphasise different aspects or moments of Mary's encounter with the angel. A distinction is made between message, greeting and conversation; in detail, five sub-phases:

Conturbatio

Mary's excitement because of the unexpected and meaningful message;

Cogitatio

the reflection on what has just been said;

Interrogatio

the question;

Humiliatio

submission to the divine plan;

Meritatio

the emphasis on the merit of Mary.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.



The Annunciation, 1898
Henry Ossawa Tanner

Lenten Devotions 2023

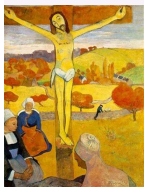


Lenten Devotions

Five completely different depictions of the cross will be the focus of the Lenten devotions in 2023.

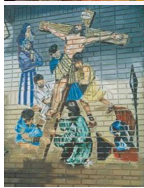
For each depiction of the cross there is both an independent artistic description and a devotion.

The five different depictions of the cross are as follows:



01 March 2023 19:00

The Yellow Christ
Paul Gauguin, 1889



08 March 2023 19:00

Mexican Mural
Anonym, Los Angeles, 1992



15 March 2023 19:00

Christ and John, the Evangelist
16th century



22 March 2023 19:00

Fragments of a Crucifixion
Stained glass 12th century



29 March 2023 19:00

Crucifixion in Orange
Ernst Volland, 2010

Birthdays March 2023

03 March

Reinhard | Mahlert

04 March

Igor | Lokotsch

08 March

Horst | van Biljon

13 March

Chad | Deutschmann

18 March

Owen | Kivedo

19 March

Ulla | Angloher

21 March

Olga | Thomas

24 March

Dale | Thompson

Josef | Ritter

26 March

Declan | Thompson

Sicilia | Welcome

Ursula | Eichhoff

Happy
Birthday

Divine Services March 2023

5 March 2023 09:30 (D)

Reminiscere

12 March 2023 9:30 (E)

Oculi



Watchword (Daniel 9,18)

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Watchword (Luke 9:62)

No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Amid the experiences of suffering and guilt, the gospel of this Sunday recalls the love of God who does not want people to be lost. When the need is great, it helps to remind yourself - and God - : "Remember, Lord, to Your mercy!

Children often have their own head and want to do things their own way. We want to shake them, but then they only become more stubborn. It's difficult then not to lose patience. This is how God experiences His relationship with His children.

And yet, it is precisely to the sinners that Jesus Christ came, to save them and bring hope for the whole world.

Important Decisions "The Stakes are high" – this saying is true not only in gambling terms but in terms of life. Some decisions in Life demand a lot from us: strength and energy, money and patience, tears, sometimes divisions. And yet we would decide the same way again. Because, looking back, it was right, because the experience made us richer. Even with Jesus, the stakes are high, as Sunday Oculi shows. The Betrayal by his friend Judas is only the beginning of his journey of suffering. Those who take God seriously need to make decisions for a life of Love and Devotion. And yet, through all of it we learn: God is with me. God is my strength and makes me strong.

Sermon

Mark 12:1-12

Sermon

Luke 22:47-53

Divine Services March 2023

19 March 2023 9:30 (E)

Laetare

26 March 2023 09:30 (E, Fam)

Judica



Watchword (John 12:24)

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Watchword (Matthew 20:28)

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The name of this Sunday is called Laetare, which means – Rejoice! This Sunday is a small Easter Celebration in the middle of Lent. The Message is that the Hope for new Life, which reaches its completion on Easter, is already clearly laid out. This is shown by the Image of the grain of wheat that must fall into the earth and die to bring about new growth and Life. Jesus speaks of himself as the Bread of Life for us, that can satisfy our hunger for Life. Bread must be consumed in order to strengthen. Even if we can see only the worst, God's Promise to us is that comfort and consolation is very close.

"He who does not want to hear must feel." He who does not obey, who does not follow must bear the consequences often enough. And yet, blind obedience can lead to catastrophe, even civil disobedience can be demanded. The Sunday Judica describes a rigid God and blind obedience: A God who punishes disobedience, and brutally tests Abraham's respect. A God who demands Jesus to die as a sacrifice? Dark is this god and far away. But on the other side is God's Son, who is obedient, who serves people and helps them to live. Even behind the darkest story, seems to be something good: God wants all people to be helped. "I know that my Redeemer comes!" Job confesses in deepest distress. Trust makes possible to rely on God and serve the neighbour.

Sermon

Isaiah 54:7-10

Sermon

Hebrews 5:(1-6)7-9(10)

Prayer Cards March 2023

1 Mar Aiden Groenmeyer

17 Mar Natasha Meyer

2 Mar Joshua Harmse

18 Mar Theodore Goliath

3 Mar Anne Tessendorf

19 Mar Debra Dreier

4 Mar Carol Buschhold

20 Mar Karla Arends

5 Mar Frank Dreier

21 Mar Ulla Angloher

6 Mar Molatelo Rapetsoa

22 Mar Mandy Septoe

7 Mar Dominique Thomas

23 Mar Otto Bülbring

8 Mar Warrick Bürger

24 Mar Jarrid Angloher

9 Mar Jan Heineke

25 Mar Chad Deutschmann

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 TRESSPASSES
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESSPASS

AGAINST US AND
LEAD US NOT INTO
TEMPTATION BUT
DELIVER US FROM EVIL
FOR THINE IS THE
KINGDOM AND THE POWER
AND THE GLORY FOREVER
AND EVER **AMEN**

10 Mar Kurt Eichhoff

26 Mar Sigi Sauer

11 Mar Arowa Coko

27 Mar Chris Bürger

12 Mar Stefan Jachens

28 Mar Liesel Harmse

13 Mar Maya Breitfeld

29 Mar Leona Breitfeld

14 Mar Darren Lentz

30 Mar Eva Rudolph

15 Mar Melissa Fillis

31 Mar Renée Sternberg

16 Mar Gunter Fröhlich

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayer,
intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all people.

1. Timothy 2:1

Noticeboard

Coffee with God



In 2023 we have started with a Home Group again called **COFFEE WITH GOD.**

It is held on **Tuesday mornings** at 10H30. Everyone is welcome. Look out for announcements in Church and on the WhatsApp Group for further details and dates.

Event Dates 2023

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 19 March 2023 | Annual General Meeting (AGM) |
| 01 April 2023 | Easter Market |
| 14 May 2023 | Mother`s Day Coffee after Service |
| 27 May 2023 | Bingo Café |
| 18 June 2023 | Father`s Day Coffee after Service |
| 26 August 2023 | Ladies High Tea |
| 30 September 2023 | Bingo Café |
| 04 November 2023 | Christmas Market |
| 18-19 November 2023 | Ladies Retreat |

Food for the Brain: Maria

The Protestant author and theologian Elisabeth Perschthaler reflected on the Mother of God. Catholics venerate her as a saint. But what about us Protestants?

God also has a mother: Mary. A woman about whom very little is known, but whom many primary school children can nevertheless easily identify from pictures: Red dress, blue coat, halo.

Mary is approachable and human

In the Roman Catholic Church, Mary is venerated as a saint. Not just any saint: for many Catholics, the Mother of God is so important that she plays perhaps even a greater role in popular piety than God or Christ.

God is far away and sometimes elusive, but Mary has always been human. In the Bible, she seems approachable, an identification figure. The Roman Catholic Church also teaches that Mary, despite her humanity, is exempt from the original sin that all other human beings carry around with them. Therefore, Jesus can come into the world through an "immaculate conception".

This idea of Mary as a very normal woman who is nevertheless special sounds like the classic description of the main character in many fairy tales. Perhaps this is why Mary is so popular in Catholicism that she can even be invoked with her own prayer, the Hail Mary. After all, it can be easier for those in need and despair to turn in prayer to a loving mother who listens, keeps one's own request in one's heart and carries it on as a mediator

to God, with whom she puts in a good word for those praying.

At this point, bad news for all Protestants. For like many traditional components of Christian piety, the veneration of Mary was a thorn in the side of the Reformers. Although Martin Luther himself took part in the veneration of Mary, he sharply criticised the pronounced, sometimes exuberant Marian cult of his time. Only God, only Jesus and the Holy Spirit are divine from a Protestant perspective and can therefore be addressed in prayer. The Mother of God is not the Queen of Heaven, but a very normal human being. At the very most, one can take her firm faith as a model. In contrast to the many legends surrounding the saint, the texts of the Bible also tell of her.

Perhaps Jesus did not care about being close to his mother.

Everything that is known about Jesus' mother goes back to the texts of the New Testament, especially the four Gospels. Mark's Gospel tells us that Mary had several other children besides Jesus, Jesus' brothers and sisters. Mark also tells us that Jesus' closeness to his family, including his mother, was perhaps not that important.

There are reports of conflicts between Jesus and his relatives, from whom he subsequently distanced himself. In Mark 3, Jesus makes it clear that his biological relatives do not play a role for him; his companions are his new family, whom he has chosen.

Food for the Brain: Maria

Mary has questions, but the angel answers in riddles.

The Gospel of Luke, Chapter 1 tells in detail the story of the promise made to the young Jewish woman Mary by an angel named Gabriel. Mary understandably has questions: 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

As angels are wont to do, Gabriel does not give a satisfactory answer here, and scholars have been gnashing their teeth at the strange wording for centuries:

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." (Luke 1:35)

The Gospel continues: Mary consents. She becomes pregnant and visits her relative Elizabeth, who is also expecting a child. She sings a song of joy, the Magnificat. Later she gives birth to her child and names him Jesus.

In Luke, Mary plays an active role in Jesus' life, at least until he is an adult. And after his death, the Acts of the Apostles, by the same author, tells how Mary and Jesus' brothers join the remaining disciples who, after the account of Jesus' ascension to heaven, pray together and wait for better times.

Protestant theologians are increasingly interested in Mary.

Where the biblical tradition ends, the interpretations begin. In Protestant theology, too, interest in Mary has been growing for some time. For example, in the ecumenical exchange with the Catholic and Orthodox churches - or within feminist theology, which is researching, among other

things, the role of women in the biblical texts.

In doing so, it is important to question the traditional patterns and attributions with which these figures are often occupied: Prophetess, servant, prostitute, sister, daughter, mother. What were these women apart from that? Who were they at all?

Being a mother can mean a lot, just as being a woman can mean a lot.

This also shows one of the most beautiful ways of depicting Mary, namely in a threesome in the circle of her family: Mary, little Jesus and Mary's own mother Anna. Such pictures and sculptures are called "Anna Selbdritt". Three generations, two women, one baby, the father not in the picture. How human.

*Elisabeth Perschthaler
studied Protestant theology
at the Ludwig Maximilian University in
Munich*



Virgin and Child with Saint Anne,
Leonardo da Vinci ca. 1503-1519

World's Day of Prayer 2023 from Taiwan

I have heard about your faith Ephesians 1:15-19

Since 1927 the World's Day of Prayer is an international organisation, and since 1969 worldwide Divine Services are celebrated on the first Friday in March, as an ecumenical initiative with a common liturgy. It connects people all over the world in their prayers and worship songs also in South Africa, and before covid, in our neighbour congregations. It is very unfortunate that in this year not one congregation could be found in P.E. which would be celebrating the World's Day of Prayer. That should be changed next year because of these urgent reasons:

1. Engagement with a biblical text and understand the meaning for our life
2. Experience the effect of the Gospel in other countries and circumstances
3. Encouragement for the congregation
4. Working together with other congregations
5. Strengthen women in the congregation



This year the liturgy comes from Taiwan, called Formosa in former times, an island which is separated from the People's Republic of China by the Pacific Ocean but more than that by a political attitude against communism. The PR of China is recognized as the only representative of the Chinese People by the UN and wants Taiwan to be integrated as a Chinese province. As the USA takes part in this conflict actually there is a threat to world peace. In this situation the

cover picture of the liturgy booklet was created by the artist Hui-Wen



Hsiao (born 1993). In the centre there are red butterfly orchids, the pride of Taiwan. They are arranged in front of a dark background which shows to an unknown future.

The blue Mikado pheasant and the black-faced spoon bill – two of Taiwan's significant birds – symbolize characteristics of the people of Taiwan: confidence and perseverance in difficult times.

With this picture, also the main statements of the biblical text are expressed. The Christians in Taiwan who represent 5% of the religious groups only, show us how the encouragement to faith, which the apostle Paul gives to the Christians in Ephesus affects their daily life. They tell us several stories which reveal selfless engagement in their families, for the disadvantaged in society, for vulnerable people and for the environment.

Led by the motto „Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action“ the World's Day of Prayer, always with the Divine Service supports social projects which will strengthen women and their families. In Taiwan it is a project called „Garden of Hope“ which offers to women who have to live with violence the possibility of an independent life.

In 2024 the liturgy of the World's Day of Prayer will come from Palestine. For sure it will be celebrated with us.

The musicians

The musicians: cornerstones in our congregation

„God also preaches the Gospel through music“. That is what Luther taught us. In our congregation we are very thankful for our passionate musicians who follow this principle with all their heart. Both of them are convinced Lutherans who listen carefully to the sermons and ask about them in a very thoughtful way.



Our Musicians
Brian Arends and Mercia Fillis

Brian Arends is our organist who plays organ and piano for the congregation for decades already even although he is now retired as a music teacher. According to Pastor Anja he is the rock on which she can rely on. In his calm manner he accompanies the songs of the congregation in a special and wonderful way. He surprises quite often with organ replays that meets the mood of the Divine Services exactly and allow the congregation to reflect. Sometimes Brian can not be present and other forms of music for the Service must be found. But then it becomes clear that is not

possible to replace Brian.

Mercia Fillis is our professional choir conductor who was a music teacher as well. She chose the right profession because her passion has a captivating effect. She infects everyone with her good mood which is a base for joy and success. At the same time Mercia is very patient and recognizes everyone special possibilities to which she can adapt the presentation of the songs and chorales. „Don't look at the notes, look at me“ she encourages during choir practice in case it becomes difficult. She translates the music into movements and then it is easy to follow and learn the notes physically.

Choir of the Lutheran Church of Peace

We heartily invite you to be a member of our choir. That is how you actively can contribute to the worship of God with chorals in several voices. We sing in Divine Services on Sunday and practice on Friday at 6 p.m.



During the time of Lent we sing e.g.:
Masithi Amen,
In the Lord I'll ever be thankful,
In Christ alone,
God so loved the world,
Thou art the Lamb of God,
Room at the Cross...

Noticeboard - Looking back Divine Services

Feb 5th: Septuagesimae
(Following Jesus)

Stand up – Follow – Celebrate:



The sinner Matthew is despised by society as a tax collector and nobody would dare to look or even speak to him. But Jesus went straight to him, looked him in the eyes and called him to follow. Matthew felt recognized in the boundless love of Jesus. He stood up and followed Jesus. And Jesus celebrated with him and other sinners. The well arranged order that put everyone in a special place in society was broken down – because of God's love

Feb 19th: Estomihi
The Gift of Love:

A hymn to love (1 Cor 13; 1-13) introduces us to love as the wanted base of all our thinking and doing though it is often in contrary to the world's purposes. It is the everlasting love of God that should lead us to our fundamental principle as Christians: *"I believe, therefore I am loved as a being created and gifted by God, and so I love: the Lord God with all my heart and my neighbour as myself ..."*
(Karl Barth)




A hymn
to love!



Right love is
active love



Love
does not
end



Love is
different

Noticeboard – Looking back Divine Services



We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. (Daniel 9:18)

Feb 12th: Sexagesimae
(The word of God)
Seek the Lord :



„Seek the Lord“ it says in the sermon text (Isaiah 55; 6-12), the search for Him should have highest priority in our lives. In this searching we can find the best help in the living Word of God. It will let us find our way to God and make us live like the plants grow with the rain.

Jesus compared the word of God with the seed that is sowed out and find different conditions to germinate depending on the capacity of people to hear and understand (Luke 8:4-15).

A solid Foundation

Jesus tells a story of a wiseman and a foolish man. He wants us to know what it is to be foolish or wise.

Jesus said everyone who hears my words and obeys them is a wiseman. Those who do not are foolish.

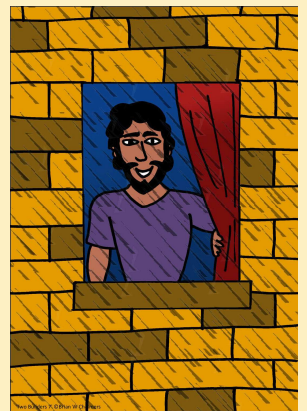
This is a story that Jesus told:

A man built his house on a rock. The storms came and beat hard on the house. The strong winds blew against the house. The house did not

fall down because it had its foundation on a rock.

Another man built his house on sand. The rain came down and the winds blew and beat against the house. The house then fell with a great crash to the ground.

The story teaches us to obey what Jesus teaches us. Our lives will then be on a good foundation. When we listen to our parents and teachers and obey them, Jesus said we are like the wiseman.



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