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GERMANY
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“I have chosen you and not cast you off; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand.”

Isaiah 41:9-10 (ESV)



He is our God...

I wanted to take a moment and bring you an update on the mission field in Germany amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. First, however, I would like to say that we, the LCMS missionaries here in Germany, are safe and healthy. Please continue to pray for all who are sick and all medical professionals across the world. You all will continue to be in my prayers.

Life in Germany is different than it was only a few weeks ago. It is remarkable how quickly things can change. One day the grocery store has everything on your shopping list, and the next you're struggling to find cleaning supplies and toilet paper. The virus continues to spread, and, as with many places in the world, Germany is taking precautions. We are encouraged to stay at home, schools and businesses are closing, and we are constantly washing our hands.

Our churches have been affected too. Congregations across the world are, for the time being, no longer able to meet together in person. It is the same in Germany, and quite simply it is a difficult time for the Church and the world.

Yet in this time of fear, sickness, and hardship a simple fact remains: our God continues to be our God. He continues to be the God who says, "be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand." (Isaiah 41:10, ESV) He is certainly with us. Our Lord is with us amidst loneliness, amidst grief, sickness, and pain. He is with us, because He is our God.

This week I have witnessed God's work here and across the world. Just this morning I heard stories from home of faithful Christians encouraging the homebound with letters in the mail and of others bringing food to their neighbors and the elderly. I witnessed God's presence and work as I joined in worship via internet at my oldest brother's congregation in New York. Later that same night I witnessed God's presence in the life of a young man who, like so many before him, was washed clean in the waters of Baptism.

Life is certainly different today than it was just a few weeks ago. Many things are up in the air at the moment. But in the midst of this difficult time I want to encourage you that there is one thing that will always be certain, and it is this: our God is indeed our God. He is with us. He strengthen us. He cleanses us from our sin, and He has saved us.

I will continue to keep you all in my prayers. If you would like to send me a prayer request please send an email or WhatsApp message to the contact information below. May the Lord of all continue bless and watch over us today and every day to come.

In Jesus Name,

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