

SERVING THE LORD IN

FRANKFURT, GERMANY

News from the Teeple Family



June 2026

**“I will praise you, O Lord,
among the nations;
I will sing of You
among the peoples.”**

Psalm 108:3

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On the Far Side of the Sea, Still Held by Christ

“If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.” — Psalm 139:9–10

Dear friends in Christ,

There are moments in missionary life when the distance feels very real. We are far from family and all that is familiar. We are far from many of you – you who pray for us so faithfully. But Psalm 139 reminds us that no distance is too far for God. In fact, whether we are at home or “in the uttermost parts of the sea,” His hand leads, holds, guides, supports, encourages, and helps.

That is a great comfort on the mission field!

It is also a great comfort as we think about the Church. As Lutherans, we confess each week “the communion of saints” and “the one, holy, Christian and apostolic Church.” That means we are not alone, and we are not separated when we are in Christ. The same Lord who gathers you around His Word and Sacraments also gathers His people here. Across languages, borders, time zones, and cultures, Christ is present with His Church. Christ is building His Church!

We see this unity in simple and beautiful ways: in prayers spoken for one another, in hymns sung in different languages, in Scripture read and taught, and in brothers and sisters receiving the gifts of Christ.

We may be many miles apart, but we are joined together in the one Body of Christ.

Thank you for being part of this work with us. Your prayers, encouragement, and support are a reminder that the Lord’s hand is leading and holding us all. Even here, even far away, Christ is present, His Church is one, and His mercy endures forever.



WIR SIND IN DEUTSCHLAND ANGEKOMMEN!!!

(We have arrived in Germany!!!)



The last days before our departure were filled with so many emotions: sadness as we said goodbye to our loved ones...desperation to fit *one more thing* into one of the suitcases...excitement and trepidation about the journey ahead of us...

Mostly, however, we felt awe at all the ways God was working in and through the people around us. We watched with joy and amazement as little frustrations were resolved and obstacles removed.

So we wanted to say THANK YOU! Thank you for the many prayers you said on our behalf during this incredible and often overwhelming time. We are so very grateful!

In addition to the wonderful things happening at Trinity in Frankfurt (see page 3!), we spent our first month settling in to our new home and new community.

We are living in an apartment in Oberursel, a small community northwest of Frankfurt. Elliot's school is actually located in Oberursel, so he will be able to walk or take a short train ride to school every day.

We are also working on getting our residence and work permits. This is a multi-step process that can take awhile to complete. Fortunately, we are blessed to have the help of someone who has done this many times!

Finally, we have been continuing our language lessons. It is remarkable to think how far we have come in such a short time. It is also remarkable to consider how far we have to go! Thankfully, everyone has been patient so far.

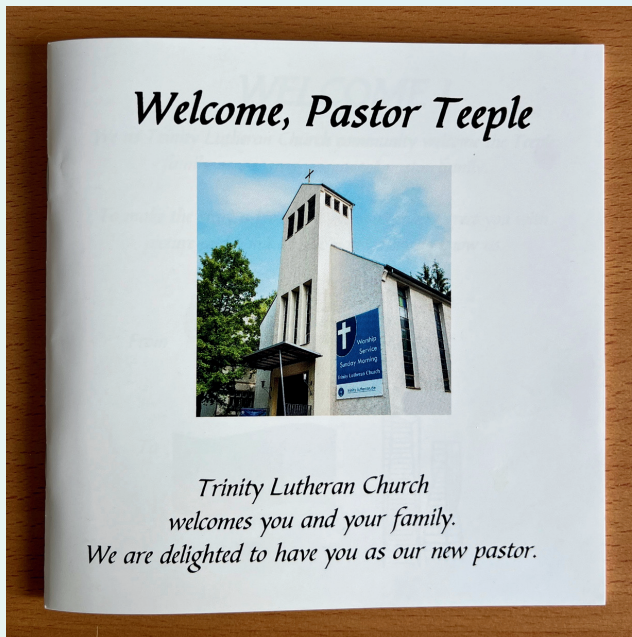
We will share more about our community and the cultural differences we are discovering in the coming months. Do you have any specific questions or concerns you would like us to address? Please let us know! You can always email us at gina.teeple@lcms.org, or jeffrey.teeple@lcms.org.



**10 suitcases +
3 carry-ons +
3 backpacks =**

**Everything we brought
with us to start our lives in
Germany!**

A Warm *Welcome*



We received a very warm welcome that included a special prayer of blessing during worship and a luncheon afterward. We also received a booklet containing pictures and personal messages from the members at Trinity!



**I PLANTED,
APOLLOS
WATERED, BUT
GOD GAVE THE
GROWTH.**

1 Corinthians 3:6



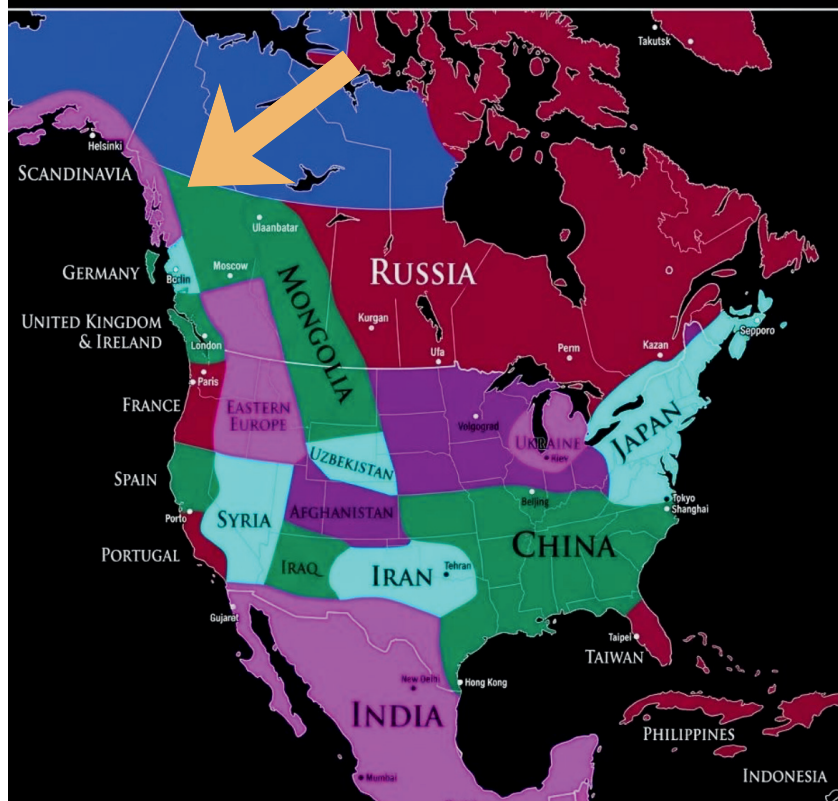
We had Confirmation on our first Sunday and an adult baptism on the second Sunday. It was such a joy to witness the work of the Holy Spirit!

Prayers Requests and Praises

Please pray for:

- Thanksgiving to God for His mercies new each morning – even on this side of the ocean!
- Marie and James, our Youth Confirmants, as they continue to grow in their faith toward God and fervent love for others.
- The young man who received Holy Baptism as he lives out his new life of faith in the Church and community.
- Patience and steadfastness as we continue to navigate the challenges of our new surroundings.
- For the upcoming Synod Convention, that God's will would be done in and through His Church.

North American climate zones compared with their Eurasian equivalents



Frankfurt, Germany usually experiences mild to warm weather in June, with daytimes highs averaging 72°F to 75°F, making the climate similar to that of British Columbia, Canada.

Temperatures reached a record high on June 27, 2026 in Germany, with temperatures in Frankfurt reaching 106.5°F! As you can see below, Accuweather rounded up ☺

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