

Pastor's Post

In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, where do we find words of comfort, words of strength, words to live by, words to trust? You know the answer to that question, just as well as do I. Psalm 121 verses 2 and 7 declare: "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth... The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life." The Lord God protects us from danger and evil. (Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation. Concordia Publishing House. St. Louis, Missouri. 2017. Page 149.) That is the teaching of God's Word. That is our comfort and assurance. We believe that. We believe that by Holy Spirit given faith and trust. In fact, you and I profess that belief and trust every time we speak the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."

Not only does God protect us from danger and evil, in addition God is also at work in all things for our good. (Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation. Page 149.) The Lord informs us in Romans 8:28: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good."

What is the greatest example of God protecting us from danger and evil as well as the supreme example of God working all things for our good? The atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Savior is that example. Jesus on the cross provides us ultimate protection from danger and evil. In truth, on that cross Jesus delivers us from danger and evil, the danger and evil of our sin, of death, and of the devil. "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2)

That same God Who sent His Son to be our Savior protects you and me and our families from danger and evil as well as is at work in all things for our good. That applies to a Coronavirus pandemic and to each and every situation that we encounter in our lives.

In the love of Jesus Christ our Savior,
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(All Scripture quotes are from the English Standard Version.)