

June 16 to 22

Children's and Youth Work North

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!
(Isaiah 6:3 CEB)

Inexplicable

Sometimes, a sound or smell can trigger deep feelings. The typical smell of a cellar for example always takes me back in the workshop that used to be in my grandfather's house. I can't begin to describe the feelings and longings that I associate with this profound memory.

Isaiah meets God and cannot find words to explain what it is that moves him so deeply. He can only describe the angels, the heavenly forces, the LORD of hosts, the edges of His robe filling the temple! Isaiah is profoundly moved. The angels come closest to describing his emotions: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of heavenly forces! All the earth is filled with God's glory!" Everything has changed for Isaiah. Encountering God in all His holiness fulfils his life. How can he explain this, how can he react appropriately? Not with human comprehension and not with

knowledge. God cannot be grasped. The love of God, His Holy Spirit and His self-revelation in Jesus Christ cannot be explained. Isaiah's answer is worship and adoration, surrendering to the Holy One, surrendering up to God.

This is an invitation to perceive the Holy One! Particularly when so much is difficult in our church, our world, our society, the words of the angels ring truer than ever: "All the earth is filled with God's glory!" God's holiness is in the world.

Where does God meet me? Where are the sounds, smells and experiences in which I feel His holiness? Let us hear the call of God! It can change everything when we perceive Him and worship Him.

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I GIVE THANKS

- for the children, youth and young people who make a contribution to their churches and bear testimony to their faith as living witnesses in kindergarten, at school, with their friends and in many other situations.
- for the ministry with children and youth in the churches and that our churches are a home for children and youth.

I PRAY

- for fugitives and refugees and for the people and projects in our churches aiming to help and support them.
- for good discussions and decisions at the Annual Conferences and the difficult questions confronting our church.
- for the ministry with children and youth on a national level, as the North Germany Annual Conference has just voted on whether there should be a Children's and Youth Work in the North Germany Conference.

Children's and Youth Work North

The Children's and Youth Work North of the EmK provides a network and support for ministry with children and youth in the area covered by the North Germany Conference.

We want children and youth to hear the Good News of Jesus. We accompany and support volunteers who work with children and youth.

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