The Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram serves as a missionary on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Asia, where he lives with his wife in Tokyo, Japan. In this role, Dr. Jastram coordinates efforts to make Lutheran resources of theology and worship available in all of Asia. He monitors and reports the progress of existing work, while also developing, coordinating and supporting new work.

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Pray for Daniel and Joan as they serve in Asia. Thank our heavenly Father for the blessing of His Word and Sacraments wherever in the world they are proclaimed and administered. Thank our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the truth of His salvation as witnessed in our catechetical, theological and worship materials. Thank the Holy Spirit for concord in doctrine and practice as we work with each other and with various partner church bodies. Give thanks to the Lord for the Jastrams, who serve His children in this part of the world.

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