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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

LISTEN!

Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children. (Deuteronomy 4:9 ESV) Moses calls a new generation to listen to all the commands and statutes of the Lord and to hear again of the wondrous acts He used to redeem His people from a land of slavery to a home of freedom. With these words, we at International Lutheran Church dedicate our Sunday School teachers and ourselves to the task of hearing and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with another generation!

After pleading one last time with God to allow him to lead the people into the promised land but to no avail (Deuteronomy 3:23-39), Moses rehearses again the Torah, the Law of God, His Word and His Instruction, that the people of God would listen to the Lord and follow him all their days through all generations. But Deuteronomy is the more than just a "second" giving or rehashing of the Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 5); the statutes concerning the worship of God; the instructions concerning major festivals; laws concerning daily living; and instructions concerning the sacrifices. Deuteronomy, like all of God's Word, is an invitation for us all to hear again both God's evaluative point of view as well as His actions to bring us into harmony with that point of view. We see in this passage from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 three key ideas that help us to see that Salvation is of God.

Listen. Moses reminds us that the posture of a student, a disciple, a follower of God's Word is that of a hearer, one who waits and listens to God's Word. God is a communicative God, who spoke and from nothing, created all things. Not only does He call His people to Himself, but He sends His prophet to speak, and finally as the Book of Hebrews reminds us, He sends even His own Son. No wonder that Jesus often addressed His own disciples with this word of invitation to listen to His voice. It is a posture of humility and willingness to receive what God uses to bring us into a right relationship with Himself, not by our deeds and righteous actions but by His own actions to make us pure and holy. As Mark's Gospel reminds us, it is not what we put into our bodies that makes us holy or unholy, but rather what God puts into us, His Holy Spirit that make us righteous (Mark 7:18-19).

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Bible Class
10:00 AM Divine Worship Service
(in-person and live stream)

OTHER EVENTS

Go to ilcseoul.org > Upcoming for other events

Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding. God's Word, for those who listen, is a treasure, a possession that shapes and directs our lives in such a way that it calls others to seek its influence and becomes a beacon not only of the dangers in this life, but more importantly the very personal presence of God in our midst. In attempts to *tame* the Word of God, we sometimes are tempted to find the "real life benefit" of following God's demands, rather than recognizing that His Word's action in our life is meant to be incarnational, salvific and sacramental - bringing us into the very presence of God by forgiving our sins. This real presence of God in His Word is what makes us speak like the Psalmist who says in Psalm 119:9 "I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments."

Make them known to your children and your children's children. This generational admonition speaks to us today as we see the very nature of God's work to save and deliver, and as we witness how He enlists you and I, who have heard His Word and been transformed by His saving presence, that we would be the ones to teach it to the next generation. This is in fact the very heart of Deuteronomy and God Himself. He wants all people, all generations to know His love for them. What better way to speak to them than through each generation. And so again today, this day we dedicate ourselves and pray for God's Spirit to be upon all His people, that we would be used by Him in our homes, our schools, in our place of work and recreation, to share with another generation, the amazing love and grace of God that is ours in Jesus Christ our Lord. For He is a very shield and weapon for our struggle against the powers of this dark world. Like Paul we pray for one another, "that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel." (Ephesians 6:19)

Pastor Carl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, you may direct inquiries for any announcement to seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com. Links to online or live stream events will be included in either the electronic version of *The Messenger* or will be sent out on Sunday morning.

SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Today, we will have tables set up with sign-up sheets for a variety of tasks to help serve your ILC community. Be an usher! kitchen helper! live streamer! and more!

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Pastor Carl will lead us in a brief ceremony to recognize all those involved in schools. If you are a teacher, administrator, volunteer, coach, or serve in any capacity on a campus, we would like to pray for God's blessings on your vocation as the school year begins or starts back up again.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

Our Sunday School program will begin again with an open house registration. Invite your children's friends and come learn more about Jesus through our Children's Education program. Come by anytime between 9AM-9:50AM today to register.

ILC INFO SESSION

Immediately following the service on 9/8, Pastor Carl will lead the latest ILC Info Session. Come learn more about ILC and the Lutheran church as a whole. No registration required. Open to all.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE GIVING

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FAITHFULLY MAKING USE OF ONLINE GIVING.

If you are unable to attend in-person church, we encourage you to make use of offering your tithes and gifts via online giving. Giving in this way will be recorded for your personal end-of-year giving statement.

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READINGS

September 1: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

OT	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
NT	Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel	Mark 7:14-23

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you are interested in serving as a worship assistant, or need to make a scheduling adjustment, please write to seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 AM

ACOLYTE

Maggie

GREETERS/USHERS

Christian & Esther

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Adam

LIVE STREAM

Olivia

KITCHEN HELPER

Minji & Stella

OFFERING COUNTERS

Yoonsil & Joohun

○ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

EDUCATION SUNDAY

& SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF AT 9 AM



BUT AS FOR YOU, CONTINUE IN WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED AND HAVE FIRMLY BELIEVED, KNOWING FROM WHOM YOU LEARNED IT AND HOW FROM CHILDHOOD YOU HAVE BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH THE SACRED WRITINGS, WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE YOU WISE FOR SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS. - 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-15 (ESV)

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

SIGN UP
Sunday

GET INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ILC!

kitchen help • LIVE STREAM • choir



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What is "Lutheran" anyway?

What does ILC believe and teach?

Did these questions ever cross your mind?

If so, come join our next

'ILC Info Session'

What: Informal time to learn about ILC

When: Sunday, September 8

(right after the worship service)

Who: Anyone new or just interested in learning more