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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

RETURN TO YOUR HOME!

"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him. (Luke 8:39 ESV) The green of the Pentecost season reminds me of the green of summer of my youth and the many days I spent cutting grass in Iowa. While I am back to the Midwest to report on all God has done for us in Jesus as a congregation, the work and ministry of ILC continues through all of us as we keep on sharing with our loved ones all that God has done for us in Jesus! Today at International Lutheran Church, we celebrate the mission of the church and how God incorporates us in His mission to free all people into a new relationship with Him and with one another.

The Gospel lesson from Luke 8:26-39 today reminds us of this beautiful truth that God's mission is not only experienced in our lives but also lived out through our lives. This makes the mission of God a very personal matter and one that transforms our very identity and sense of calling and purpose. Jesus' journey across the lake to the Gerasenes and encounter with the demon possessed man helps us to see not only the power that Jesus has over the demonic forces of this world, but also His love and care for those trapped and bound by these forces. This encounter also demonstrates the principal that God's mission and action in the world is ultimately to bring all people into a new and right relationship with God and with one another. While we don't know the man's name, those who possessed and held him in bondage were many. "Legion," the title he used to refer to himself, was the name of a military organization of four to six thousand fighting men.

Thus, when Jesus frees the man, suddenly he is a completely different person and able to associate and engage with others. No longer driven to madness and uncontrollable behavior, Luke describes him as sitting quietly, dressed, and in his right mind. Perhaps we are surprised at Jesus' reaction when the man wanted to follow after Jesus. Jesus directs him back home to tell his family all that God has done for him in Christ. Yet this is the beauty of the Gospel. The Good News of what God has done for us in Jesus is not only for us personally, but it is also meant to be shared with our own families, friends, and neighbors. Just as we are called into a

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 AM *Divine Worship Service*
(in-person and live stream)

OTHER EVENTS

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new and healthy relationship with God through Jesus' death and resurrection whereby Satan's grip and control on our lives is completely destroyed, we are also called into a new relationship with one another through that same power of God's forgiveness. In the words of Saint Paul in Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." We not only have a new relationship with God but also with others, especially our family members.

In other words, we have been made heirs and members of God's own family which then transforms the way in which we interact with one another. God has freed us from our bondage to sin and the ultimate death and destruction that this bondage leads to. And so we have good news to share with many that they would be encouraged to know what God has done for them. And who better to share this good news with them than you and I?

As our family has an opportunity to share what God has done for us in Jesus with the families and individuals that make our ministry together possible, we also together with you live in the freedom that Christ has won for us so that all would experience His grace and mercy in their lives too. God bless and guide us all as we live in the freedom that Jesus has won for us so that all would be made heirs together with us of His grace.

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.

'THE TIME OF THE CHURCH'

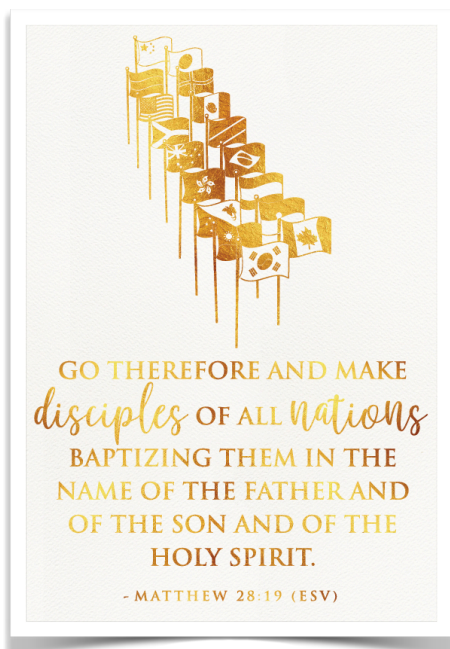
The Sundays following Pentecost are observed as 'the time of the church.' The color on the altar and lectern, as well the pastor's stole, will be green. These Sundays emphasize growth and give us time to maintain our faith, as always, through the means of grace (God's Word and the Sacraments). We will use green throughout the entire summer and into the fall.

BIBLE STUDIES ON BREAK

All of Pastor Carl's Bible Studies are on break until late summer / early fall. This includes Sunday Morning Bible Study, Sunday Night Bible Study, and Wednesday Night Bible Study. Announcements will be made regarding the dates these will resume.

VOLUNTEERING

If you see your name as one of the worship assistants, but you know you won't be at church on that designated day, don't worry! You are welcome to reach out to the church via email, but if you forget, we will find someone to stand in for you. Thank you for your willingness to serve your church! Alternately, if you would like to sign up to help out in a new role, please let us know.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE GIVING - NEW ACCOUNT

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

NEW: Please note that we are switching to receive deposits to a new account. The Citibank account is still open, but over these next few months we will be closing that account. Thank you!

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READINGS

June 22: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

OT	Isaiah 65:1-9
NT	Galatians 3:23-4:7
Gospel	Luke 8:26-39

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!

JUNE 22

10:00 AM

ACOLYTE

Carmen

GREETER

Dee Dee

USHERS

Eric & Michelle

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Christian

LIVE STREAM

Richard

KITCHEN HELPERS

Stella & Joey

OFFERING COUNTERS

Yoonsil & Matt