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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

REJOICE AGAIN IN JESUS

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

(Philippians 4:4 ESV) Some things need repeating. Not because they are hard to grasp, but because we easily forget their importance. Here at International Lutheran Church, we have been reading Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. His words of joy in the midst of hardship are an encouragement to each of us as we consider all that God has done in Christ to make us His own and to move us to find our joy in Him alone.

Change is definitely in the air. Have you noticed the changing color in the leaves or the cooler temperatures? It does seem that Fall has finally come. Yes, when the leaves begin to change and fall, we are reminded again of the seasons and that winter will soon be upon us. These seasonal changes are a good reminder to us of the things to come. But even as these changes point to what is ahead, sometimes they make us think that nothing will ever change.

This is also why Paul's command at the close of his letter to the church of Philippi is so important to us. He simply says, "Rejoice in the Lord Always, and again I say rejoice!" Paul's call to rejoice is not some "Pollyannaish" phrase of the power of positive thinking. No, Paul's call to rejoice in the Lord is based on what God has already accomplished for us in our Savior Jesus. We are to rejoice in Him! His love and grace, His satisfactory death and resurrection are the things that are to occupy our thoughts. Whatever prayers or petitions we have we can take it to the Lord, because we know He hears us for Jesus' sake. The examples of faithfulness and gentleness are the very things we are to put into practice. The mercy and forgiveness shown to us are the patterns of our lives.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	<i>Bible Class and Sunday School</i>
10:00 AM	<i>Divine Worship Service</i> (in-person and live stream)
7:00 PM	<i>Bible Study</i> (live stream)

OTHER EVENTS

Go to ilcseoul.org > Upcoming for other events

Even when it seems that everything in life is falling down, and it is hard to remember why we were filled with joy, we remember what he has done for us. Why? Because this is the very promise that we need to lift our eyes off the death and destruction that is everywhere. Jesus has risen from the dead. God has swallowed up death (Isaiah 25:6-9). He now invites us all, every nation to come to His Heavenly Banquet Hall to eat with Him the finest of foods and the richest of wines. At our Lord's Table, Jesus forgives our sins and removes the reproach of all people. He feeds us His very Body and Blood as a living testimony and promise of His return. This is why Paul can rejoice even at the side of the very imperial guard that threatens to take his life. Yes, the resurrection of Jesus gives birth to joy we have in Him again and again, so that we will be filled with His peace and eager to share His invitation to all.

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.

REFORMATION

Throughout this month, be watching for references to our Lutheran tradition as expressed in the Reformation. The culmination will be Reformation Sunday celebrated on October 25, followed by our annual Oktoberfest celebration on November 1.

ILC INFO SESSION

Immediately following the service next week (10/18), 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.

LUTHER MOVIE

On Friday, October 30, we will have our annual showing of the movie *Luther*. Join the cinematic experience, complete with popcorn, refreshments, and more!

OKTOBERFEST AT ILC

We will celebrate Oktoberfest on Sunday, November 1. Come and celebrate this annual event of music, games (for adults and children), and a German-themed meal.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE GIVING

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

Your generosity helps makes the ministry of ILC possible, by God's grace!

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READINGS

October 11: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

OT	Isaiah 25:6-9
Epistle	Philippians 4:4-13
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-14

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

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

OCTOBER 11

10:00 AM

ACOLYTE	Adam & Anna
GREETER	Chenhsi
USHERS	Chenhsi & Lydia
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Ken
LIVE STREAM	Christian
KITCHEN HELPERS	Eunhee & Young Ja
OFFERING COUNTERS	Yoonsil & Adam



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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: October 18th

(right after the worship service)

Who: Anyone new or just interested in
learning more

