



# The Messenger

## International Lutheran Church

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

### A LIVING HOPE THAT ENCOURAGES

**Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV)** With these final words, Peter encourages us to put our trust in the God of all grace. Today at International Lutheran Church we are strengthened in our faith that we would be an encouragement to others.

Peter's words this morning come at just the right moment! "Cast all your anxiety on Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7 ESV) These words lift our spirits and remind us that we are not alone. God is with us in the midst of each and every challenging situation, fiery trial and moment of suffering. These words are Peter's final encouragement to you and me, "the Christian," to find our strength in Jesus whose reign is forever and ever.

Peter understood encouragement. Jesus encouraged Peter that very night when Peter would turn away in fear and deny his Lord before the next morning. Jesus' words were meant to give him the courage to encourage others once Peter had returned to the Overseer of his faith - Jesus. But how can God's word encourage us when we know that we too are so apt to fall and fail?

Peter's answer is not found in his faith, but rather the object of his faith - Jesus. For under the mighty hand of God, Jesus suffered the punishment of murderers, thieves, evildoers, and meddlers upon the cross, yet now is exalted above all thrones. Jesus, who was denied by both His own followers as well as the Father whom He loved, is now confessed as worthy to receive all honor praise and glory. Jesus lives! This, Peter says, is what gives

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM *Sunday Morning Bible Study and Sunday School*  
10:00 AM *Divine Worship Service*  
(in-person and live stream)

### OTHER EVENTS

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us strength to face each other and every day knowing that He cares for us. Though the devil growl like a prowling lion, we are called to stand firm in our faith established in the living One.

Just a few days ago (Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>), the church around the world remembered our Risen Lord's Ascension to the right hand of God the Father. Next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, is Pentecost when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter who leads us into all truth. For a little while, we are again in this in-between time devoted to watching and praying. We have ten days to contemplate the reality of the "now and not yet" of our faith. As Christians we live in hope. But this hope is not wishful thinking. Our hope is the assurance of things unseen, and a life trusting in the God of all grace.

As we gather this day to hear God's Word and receive the gift of His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins and the encouragement of our faith, we are reminded that He is our strength for this very hour so that we too would encourage one another.

**Pastor Carl**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, you may direct inquiries for any announcement to [seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### EASTER SEASON

Today we continue in the Time of Easter in the church year. White is the color for this season because "though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). Christ's triumph from the grave is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

### ILC POTLUCK BBQ

Let's make this the biggest Potluck BBQ yet! On June 7, ILC will host (with your help!) the last fellowship event until the fall. Start thinking about what you could bring to add to the bounteous table!

### GROWING IN YOUR FAITH LIFE

Apart from weekly Divine Service, multiple Bible studies take place throughout the week at ILC. Additionally, Pastor Carl is happy to work with you and your family for personal or group instruction and preparation for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

As summer approaches, we anticipate a few upcoming events, such as a Baccalaureate, Sundae Sunday, Sending Sunday, and our annual ILC Potluck BBQ. Stay tuned!

## 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

### May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 1:12-26
NT	1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
Gospel	John 17:1-11

## 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](mailto:seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com). Thank you!

MAY 17	10:00 AM
ACOLYTE	Cora & Maggie
GREETER	Christian
USHERS	Chuck & Eric
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	James
LIVE STREAM	Richard
KITCHEN HELPERS	Eric & Insun
OFFERING COUNTERS	Yoonsil & Adam