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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

OUR JOURNEY IN JESUS – A WELL TO ETERNAL LIFE!

“Give me a drink” (John 4:7). With this simple request, a wearied Jesus addressed an unnamed woman next to Jacob’s well in order to give to her and us the water that wells up to eternal life. Thank you for joining us here at International Lutheran Church as together we contemplate our Savior’s passion by reading through the Gospel of John. Our theme for this 40-day Lenten journey to the cross and empty tomb is “Our Journey in Jesus.” Our Christian journey of faith is “in Jesus.” As His Word and Spirit comes to live “in” us, we are then found “in” Him. This truth comes alive as we listen to Jesus’ conversation with a Samaritan woman next to Jacob’s well (John 4:5-26).

Journeys can be tiring. A long trip can exhaust us. John tells us that Jesus was tired from His journey and He decided to take a rest at the side of Jacob’s well as He and His disciples traveled through Samaria. “Give me a drink” is a simple and understandable request. But we are immediately made aware of the cultural and social divide that forms the basis of the woman’s response. Not only is she surprised that Jesus, a Jew, would speak to her, a Samaritan, but that He would presumably even use the same utensils that she would touch. Jesus reveals her true thirst for a meaningful relationship which only He can satisfy. As Jesus makes known to her His identity as Messiah, the One who would come, she is forgiven and given a new beginning – a new identity. Her past no longer holds her in bondage, but even becomes the place where she

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
(to be available online)

7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon

sees His grace and mercy well up for her and others to eternal life.

Do you ever feel wearied by the journey of life, pulled down by the past, frustrated with the present or fearful of the future? Many journeys require a place to rest, recharge and refill. Our modern highway systems around the world with their many rest areas along the way are an example of this very need. But where do we refill spiritually? Jesus is God’s Well of Water, His Spring of Life meant to flow in us to eternal life. His thirst on that dusty road and on the cross was in every sense a divine desire to refresh and restore you and me. God not only provided a well for Jacob, his flocks and his descendants, a Samaritan woman and even His own Son, but also so that you and I know this Messiah as our Messiah.

As we journey in Jesus to His Cross and Passion during this Lenten season, we pray that His Living Water would overflow in you, refreshing you and your neighbor to eternal life.

Pastor Carl

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE GIVING

Though we are not meeting in person, church operations still continue and to that end 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.

If you are unable or do not wish to give electronically, you may hold your offerings until we resume our normal worship schedule.

Thank you for your role in keeping ILC's ministry ongoing.
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Since our services have temporarily migrated to a virtual format, we will not be listing worship assistants here. However, if you are interested in serving as a worship volunteer for when we resume our normal schedule, please write to seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SEASON

Devotionals can be downloaded through *The Messenger* (online version) as well as the website.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE CHANGE

All weekday Bible studies (Wednesday evening and Friday morning) have been canceled until further notice. Please watch for additional updates through ILC email, the website and our Facebook page.

READINGS

Mar 15: 3rd Sunday in Lent

OT	Exodus 17:1-7
NT	Romans 5:1-8
Gospel	John 4:5-26

Mar 22: 4th Sunday in Lent

OT	Isaiah 42:14-21
NT	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel	John 9:1-41

EVERY GOOD AND
PERFECT GIFT
is from above
COMING DOWN FROM
THE FATHER.
-JAMES 1:7

CONGRATULATIONS
TO DELIGHTED GRANDPARENTS
PASTOR HANS AND GRETCHEN TRINKLEIN
ON THE FEBRUARY 23RD ARRIVAL
OF THEIR PRECIOUS
bundle of joy!

EZEQUIEL ZECHARIAH
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