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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

HOLY HOLY HOLY!

Holy, Holy, Holy! Today is Trinity Sunday! This weekend at International Lutheran Church we confess our Trinitarian faith in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit - not three Gods but One God worshipped and glorified. This historic teaching or doctrine of the Christian church is a mystery and beyond our comprehension, and yet this truth impacts our very lives today in the most practical and timely way as it addresses the challenge to our common unity or community.

The term *trinity* is never used in the Bible and yet the truth of God's uniqueness is expressed on every page from Genesis to Revelation. In fact, we begin today at the beginning and see God **the Father** speaking everything into existence through **the Word** as **the Spirit** covers the deep (Genesis 1:1ff). The second reading from Acts 2 and the conclusion of Peter's first sermon cuts to the very heart of this truth as he says, "God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36). Immediately the people respond with the question, "What can we do?" and Peter tells them to be baptized and receive the promised Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). But the Gospel lesson for this Trinity Sunday from the Great Commission of our Lord is the clearest of all: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all I have commanded you. And behold I will be with you always to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20).

Whether Creation, Redemption or Sanctification, all three persons of the Trinity are present and active to bring us into existence and into unity with God. Yet in order to bring us into community with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, there was a great cost. Though God is One, He was ripped apart for you and me. Jesus was divorced of the Father on the cross and the Spirit departed from His lips just as Ezekiel had seen the Spirit leave the temple in (Ezekiel

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9, 10, 11 *Socially Responsible Services* (three separate sessions; 40 minutes each; pre-register)

ANYTIME Worship Service
(to be available online prerecorded)

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (regularly scheduled at 9:00 a.m.; to be available online livestream)

THIS WEEK

Wed., 6/10 Bible Study
(to be available online livestream)

10). Yes, while this is a mystery deep and far beyond our limited understanding, the good news we need to hear today is that "Jesus came to them" (Matthew 28:18). He comes to us! This God who is Uncreated, Incomprehensible, Almighty, Lord of all has come to us in Jesus! We see His glory, the disciple John says, full of grace and truth.

As our whole world struggles to live in **community**, we are drawn into the mystery of God's unity revealed to us in the Trinity. And while we may be encouraged to practice social distancing, Jesus comes to us and removes all the distance that we have built up between ourselves and God and one another. As we join in worship today either online or through one of our *Socially Responsible Services*, may God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit come to each of us and bring us together in Him.

Pastor Carl

NEW EMAIL

Please note that seoulilc.church@gmail.com may be used for all church-related business (local tax record requests, contact with the Council, etc.). Please continue to use seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com for matters related to volunteering, social events, fellowship, and worship inquiries.

ILC VIRTUAL GAME NIGHT

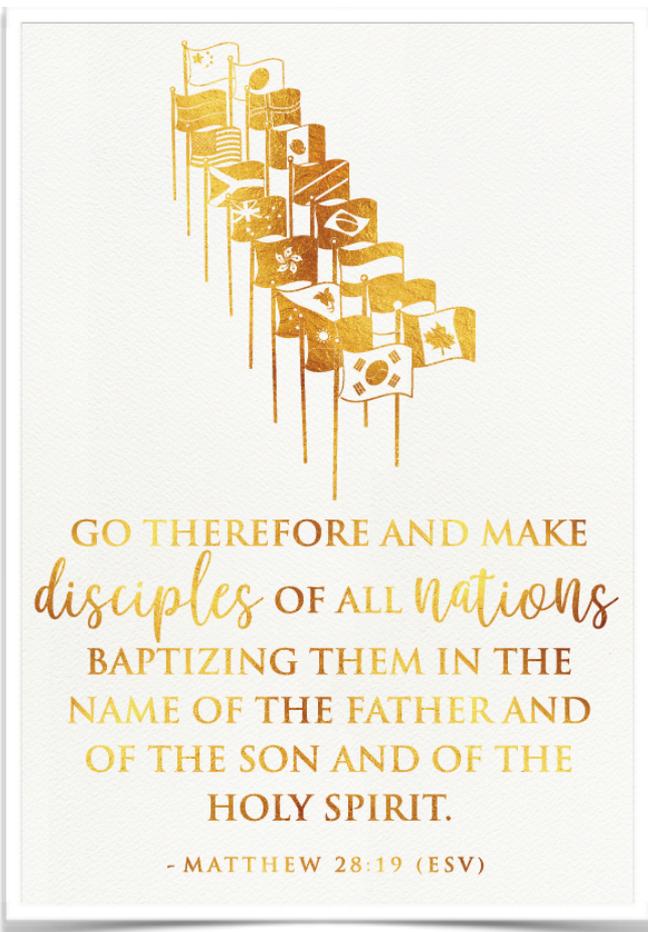
Thank you to those who joined in ILC's Virtual Game Night last Friday. Look for more opportunities in the future to fellowship with each other.

COVID-19 UPDATE

This Sunday, we continue ILC's *Socially Responsible Services*. **However, we also will continue to use our current online service format as the principal form of corporate worship.** Please watch *The Messenger*, the ILC Facebook page, and the ILC website for future updates and changes.

PENTECOST PROJECT

If you didn't see it last week, you may be interested in a special Pentecost Project that connects Pentecost, Holy Trinity Sunday, and some ILC members. If you are reading this on the electronic version of *The Messenger*, the link is found below. Otherwise, the video should be viewable from the ILC website.



CHURCH OPERATIONS CONTINUE

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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READINGS

June 7: Holy Trinity Sunday

OT	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
NT	Acts 2:14a, 22-36
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20

June 14: Second Sunday after Pentecost

OT	Exodus 19:2-8
NT	Romans 5:6-15
Gospel	Matthew 9:35-10:8