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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

ON THE ROMAN ROAD: THE WORD THAT CALLS US TO GO!

“So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17 ESV). This week at International Lutheran Church we hear again God’s Word that calls us to faith in Him and sends us to share this Good News to all. He puts this Word in our mouth and in our heart that cries out “Jesus, save me!” But the good news doesn’t stop there! His Word sends us into the world to tell one and all that God is near and that “all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved” (10:13).

Our sermon series, *On the Roman Road*, has been taken up and down the many vistas that are key to the Christian faith. We have seen that we have all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory (3:23). Yet in God’s great love and mercy He rescued us in sending His one and only Son to be our Redeemer (4:23-25). For while we were weak, at just the right moment, Christ died for us (5:6). While we still struggle with sin in this life (6:22-23) and with our own flesh (7:23-24), we are not alone in this spiritual battle as God’s Spirit prays for us (8:26). In fact, we are more than conquerors as nothing can separate us from God’s love (8:39). Today we hear again the Word that calls us to call on Him - Jesus, our Savior.

We face many challenges in this life and we may try to do all we can to carry on and do our best. Sometimes though we are completely overwhelmed. The images of the swelling rivers and flooded streets in Seoul have certainly gotten our attention this week. In those moments, we may be open to asking for help from a neighbor, a teacher, a classmate, a coworker or parent. We might swallow our pride and admit we can’t do everything. It is not a very comfortable position to be in as we can feel weak and vulnerable. But in these moments we can also experience the amazing grace of God as we call on Him who does not put us to shame. Instead, He has taken that shame upon Himself. Your Savior and my Savior, Jesus, bore all our

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., 8/12 Bible Study
(to be available online livestream)

shame upon the cross that we would be covered in His righteousness. He does not shame us, but rather longs for us to rely on Him. He is eager for us to trust in Him and call on Him that we would then have the courage and strength for us to share the word that is in our mouth, in our heart: Jesus!

This week may be filled with challenging events. You may be able to “soldier on” and get through. But hear again the good news that all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved! Be prepared to share it with those all around you as He delivers us one and all and sends us forth with this amazing news.

Pastor Carl

LIVE AND ONLINE SERVICES

Please register if you plan to attend ILC's *Socially Responsible Services*. Please watch *The Messenger*, the ILC Facebook page, and the ILC website for future updates and changes.

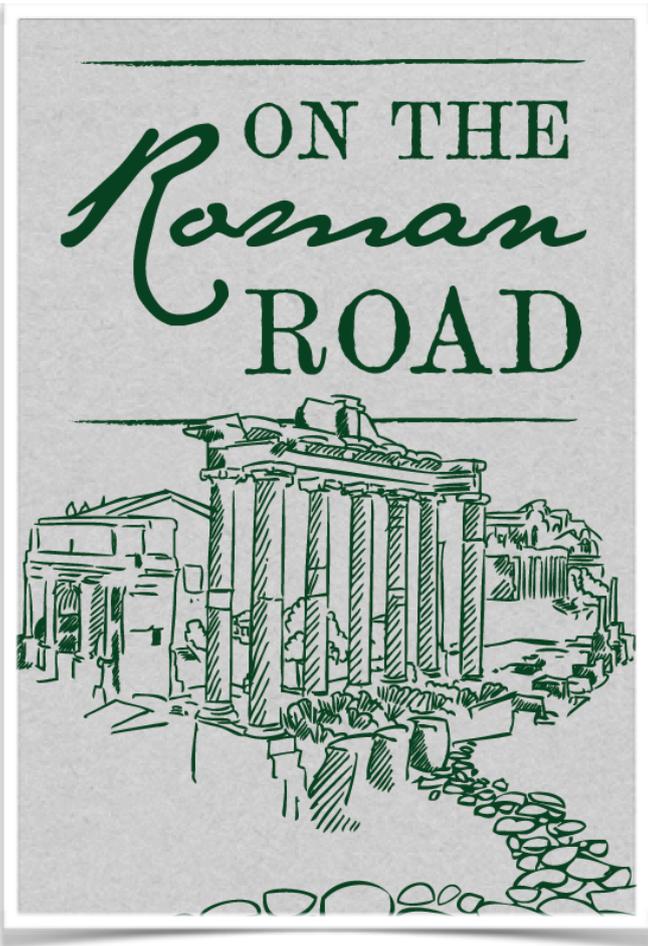
COMING AND GOING

A special blessing to those within our community who have already left or who will be leaving soon. May God go with you as you move on to new places of work, study, and life.

Do you know anyone coming to Seoul? If someone from your work, school or family is coming, let us know and we would be happy to reach out to them. We pray for the individuals and families who will be relocating to South Korea and look forward to finding ways to serve them.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Pastor Carl's summer sermon series is based on our readings of Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome. If you have the time, you might find it helpful to read the NT lessons in advance of the Sunday service. May God bless our growth in the message communicated through Romans.



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

August 9: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

OT	Job 38:4-18
NT	Romans 10:5-17
Gospel	Matthew 14:22-33

August 16: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

OT	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
NT	Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28

FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for beside the altar in order to honor or gift to someone, the cost is ₩35,000 for a potted arrangement that can be taken away after the last church service. Place the donation in an offering envelope and write your name and 'for flowers for (date)' on the envelope. Place in the offering plate.



8/9: from Michelle Yoon