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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

We are in a new sermon series on our identity in Christ as *The Family of God in This Place*, following the ILC theme of *A Home, a Family, a Place of Worship*.

THE FAMILY OF GOD FOCUSED ON JESUS

With Chuseok behind us and Hangul Day before us, Fall is definitely here! Holidays are more than just a *day off*. In many ways, they reveal what is important to our culture and can be a reflection of our own personal identity as well as our communal identity. For us in Christ, our identity can also be reflected in how we spend our time together or the reasons we come together. As *The Family of God in this Place*, our cooperate worship has always been the center of our identity as International Lutheran Church. This is reflected in our sole devotion to Jesus.

Last week we read about our identity in Christ as displayed in our lives of humility which are in Christ. Today we continue to read this New Testament letter to the church in Philippi. This chapter is a very personalized account of Paul's own faith walk and what it means for him to be a follower of Jesus. He reveals his own personal mission statement with the words, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14 ESV). Surprisingly, we notice that Paul does not give us a list of his accomplishments, something that often becomes the focus of our identity or personal introduction. Rather, Paul shares his own self-realization that the drive to know Christ comes from God Himself. Paul's desire to "press on" is seen only in light of the "upward call" that has taken hold of him. Yes, this upward call was made loud

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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., 10/7 Bible Study
(to be available online livestream)

and clear in the death and resurrection of Jesus, the One through whom God has made us His own! For Paul, Jesus was his only focus in life and death.

God has called you in sending His one and only Son. His death and resurrection not only grab our attention, but bring us to life in Him, giving us a purpose and drive to know Him who has made us His own. During these days of global uncertainties, we press on toward the goal to which God has called each and every one of us in Christ. Our focus is Jesus!

Pastor Carl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE SCHEDULE

We will not gather for worship at the sanctuary for this week (10/4), but plan to return to our *Socially Responsible Services* on 10/11, if restrictions are still eased at that time. Two time slots will be available - 9:00 and 11:00. Access to the prerecorded services will continue to be found on the ILC website (www.ilcseoul.org), Facebook, and through a YouTube link that will be sent out on Sunday morning.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASSIST IN WORSHIP?

We always are looking for more people to volunteer to record the Bible readings, parts of the liturgy, prayers, and the hymns. Please let us know at seouilc.volunteer@gmail.com if you are willing to help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Virtual Sunday School this Sunday, 10/4. If you have children and are interested in joining our program (or if you would be willing to help), please email ILC Volunteer at seouilc.volunteer@gmail.com. Virtual Sunday School will continue at the same time even during our *Socially Responsible Services*.

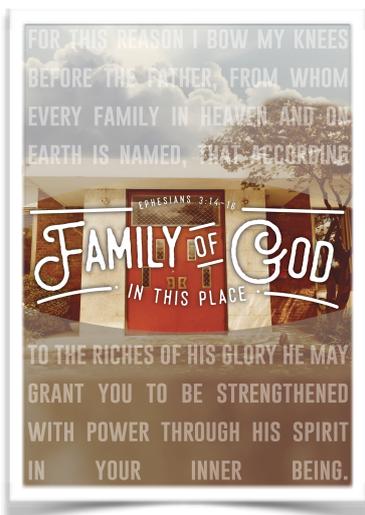
WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Virtual Bible Studies take place throughout the week:
Sunday nights at 7:00 - *The Biblical Foundation of the Lutheran Understanding of Vocation*
Wednesday nights at 7:00 - *A Home, a Family, a Place to Worship*
Friday mornings at 10:00 - *Women's Bible Study (Reading Through the New Testament)*

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. Please write to seouilc.volunteer@gmail.com with any questions or requests.

10/4: from Martin and Sun
*in memory of Claire Margaret
(née Albanus) Beach*



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

CHURCH OPERATIONS CONTINUE

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FAITHFULLY MAKING USE OF 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.

READINGS

October 4: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OT	Isaiah 5:1-7
NT	Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46

October 11: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

