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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

CONSIDER OUR CALLING

Here at International Lutheran Church, we have embarked on a task during these Sundays in the Epiphany season to consider our calling "into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor 1:9) and what that means for us as the body of Christ in this place. Today Paul points us to the foolishness and weakness of the Cross as the measure and standard by which we consider our calling into Christ (1 Cor. 1:18-31).

While it is probably not very popular today to dwell on the lowly things, the weak or despised things of this world, God has elected to display His wisdom and power through them. This is contrary to our thinking. A manger, a child, a voice in the middle of nowhere: through these things God was making His way known. In sending His own Son, God was teaching us what it means "to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8). Even in the gospel lesson, we hear Jesus declare those who are poor in spirit, those who mourn, and those who are persecuted as the "blessed ones" (Matthew 5:1-12). How about for us? Through simple water, plain bread and wine, God offers us righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon

THIS WEEK

2/5, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Class

In what we often count or consider nothing, God has chosen to show us His grace and mercy. Even our own calling, Paul says, is testimony to God's wisdom and power. Not because we are wise, strong or of a noble birth, but because in our weakness He demonstrates He alone is All in All. What comfort we have in His Cross, the ultimate in weakness where the Son of God died with the weight of our sin. His Cross alone calls us, draws us and brings us into fellowship with Him, both His death but also His resurrection. Yes, in Jesus and His Cross, our weakness becomes the means by which His strength is exhibited to us and others.

As we consider our calling into fellowship with Jesus, God grant us His Spirit to let His power and wisdom be revealed in the weakness and foolishness of our lives!

Pastor Carl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS

The 2020 Flower Chart is up on the board next to the front door. If you are interested in contributing:

1. Write your name on the flower chart for an open Sunday.
2. Place ₩35,000 in an offering envelope, writing 'for flowers for (date)' on the front. Place in the offering plate.
3. Take home the flowers for that Sunday.

UPCOMING EVENTS



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

If you are interested in serving as a worship volunteer, or need to make a scheduling adjustment, please write to seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 2

READER	Peter Han
ACOLYTE	Lydia Hanson
GREETER/USHER	SJ & Rebekah Moon
KITCHEN HELPER	Matt Wasmund & Lily Wasmund
COMMUNION ASST.	Martin Beach & Jim Kosmack
POWERPOINT	Jeremy Knapp
OFFERING COUNTERS	Richard Sherrer & Joo Hun Park
FLOWERS	

FEBRUARY 9

READER	Ricky Perez
ACOLYTE	Seunghye Jung
GREETER/USHER	Jeremy Knapp & Peter Knapp
KITCHEN HELPER	Yoon-Mi Hur & Anna Jo
COMMUNION ASST.	George & Kim-Marie Noll
POWERPOINT	Karina Noll
OFFERING COUNTERS	Richard Sherrer & Joo Hun Park
FLOWERS	Martin & Sun

LAST WEEK AT ILC

OFFERINGS on 1/26/20: \$1,731.35 (₩2,023,710)
 YTD (through 12/31/19) OFFERINGS
 \$68,941.60 (₩80,255,214)
 YTD (4/1/19-3/30/20) BUDGET
 \$103,230 (₩120,147,532)

ATTENDANCE
101

READINGS

Feb 2: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

OT	Micah 6:1-8
NT	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12

Feb 9: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

OT	Isaiah 58:3-9a
NT	1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20