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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

OUR JOURNEY IN JESUS - KNOWING HIS HEART

“For he himself (Jesus) knew what was in man” (John 2:25b). This Lenten season here at International Lutheran Church we will be contemplating our Savior’s passion by reading through the Gospel of John. Our theme, “Our Journey in Jesus,” is meant for us to see our Christian walk as a lifetime of discipleship. We begin our travels today with these words from John’s Gospel that remind us that Jesus knew exactly where He was headed as He walked the way of the cross.

Last week we noted that the season of Lent and our walk to the cross with our Savior is for us to see His death as necessary and indispensable for us and for our salvation. Jesus knows our heart and knows our need. Normally, this first Sunday in Lent is reserved for reading the Temptation of Jesus. As we study John’s Gospel, we see many of the “normal” narratives of Jesus’ life and ministry presented from a slightly different perspective. Instead of Jesus facing the Tempter in the wilderness, Jesus is faced with the everyday challenge to “prove” His identity - first at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-12), then at the Temple (John 2:13-22) and here in the midst of the “many (who) believed” in Him (John 2:23-25). John says that Jesus did not entrust himself to them because “he himself knew what was in man” (John 2:25b). He knows our hearts, and yet He came! He knew exactly where the Spirit was leading Him and still He followed. This is the truth of Jesus’ temptation and His walk into the wilderness of our lives. Whether this was His forty-day journey into our

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

7:30 p.m. AA and Al Anon

THIS WEEK

3/4 Lenten Service
(to be available online)

sin and death or each day He faced the Tempter’s lies during His earthly walk, He overcame these temptations for us.

During these days of worldwide concern over our community health and the impact we have upon each other, knowing our Savior’s heart can change the way we walk and live. His heart can help us see our journey in Jesus as an opportunity for our faith to change the way we see and treat one another. As we “Journey in Jesus” to His Cross and Passion during this season of Lent, we invite you to contemplate His heart for you and what that means not only for you, but also for your neighbor.

Pastor Carl

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN SEASON

Lent began this week on Wednesday. Devotional booklets have been printed and are available to take home for personal use. They can also be downloaded through The Messenger (online version) as well as the website.

ONLINE GIVING

Whether traveling or just not able to come to church, offering your tithes and gifts is easily accomplished through online giving. This method of giving will be recorded for your personal end-of-year giving statement.

Thank you for your role in keeping ILC's ministry ongoing.
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CHURCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE CHANGE

With growing concerns of the recent local spreading of the coronavirus COVID-19, the following events have been canceled:

1. All weekday Bible studies (Wednesday evening and Friday morning);
2. Sunday Education Hour classes (children's Sunday School and all adult Bible classes);
3. Other weekly activities that had been previously announced (February 28 Game Night and February 29 Fragrance of Christ servant event).

Please watch for additional notices through ILC email, website and Facebook page.

LAST WEEK AT ILC

OFFERINGS on 02/23/20: \$752.27 (₩900,000)
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
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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!

MARCH 1

READER	Emily Kosmack
ACOLYTE	Meredith Walker
GREETER/USHER	Anna Jo and Matt Wasmund
KITCHEN HELPER	SJ & Rebekah Moon
COMMUNION ASST.	Joohun Park and Megan Walker
POWERPOINT	Linnea Noll
OFFERING COUNTERS	Richard Sherrer & Joo Hun Park
FLOWERS	

MARCH 8

READER	Craig Davis
ACOLYTE	Joel Walker
GREETER/USHER	Lily Wasmund and Olivia Wasmund
KITCHEN HELPER	Anna Jo and Yoon-Mi Hur
COMMUNION ASST.	Rebekah Moon and Craig Davis
POWERPOINT	Richard Sherrer
OFFERING COUNTERS	Richard Sherrer & Joo Hun Park
FLOWERS	Martin & Sun

READINGS

Mar 1: 1st Sunday in Lent

OT	Genesis 3:1-21
NT	Romans 5:12-19
Gospel	John 2:23-35

Mar 8: 2nd Sunday in Lent

OT	Genesis 12:1-9
NT	Romans 4:1-8;13-17
Gospel	John 3:1-17