



The Messenger

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CHUCK

The Miracle of the Change of Plans



Our Gospel reading for this Sunday is Mark 6:30-44. This story is often called “The feeding of the five thousand.” or sometimes, “Jesus

multiplying the loaves and fish.” I’ve never heard it referred to as “The miracle of the change of plans.” That is a part we miss. We always focus on the headline. Jesus fed how many people? With exactly how many loaves and how many fish? We forget the context. Jesus was *trying* to take the twelve disciples and go off to a remote place so that he could de-brief and rest and regroup after they went off to villages two by two preaching the Gospel. Imagine how wonderful this could have been for the disciples! To reflect and learn and share with Jesus without the distraction of the crowds! So, they set out in a boat. And the people ran on foot. The people won the race. Now if it had been me I would

have been a little ticked off. I’m not happy when I have a plan in place and people go and mess up my plans. If I have it in my head that things are going to happen a certain way, I struggle with anger and disappointment when the plan suddenly changes. Not Jesus. He saw the crowds that he had just tried to escape, and he had compassion on them. The same crowds that had them so busy they could not eat, Jesus chose to feed them. He saw them as a sheep with no shepherd. Shepherds do a lot of things, but one of the main things is to make sure the sheep have grass to eat, and plenty of it. No wonder Mark notes the crowds sat down on the “green” grass. Jesus is Lord, Jesus is God. He can feed ten million with one loaf if he wanted, the numbers don’t matter a whole lot. But his compassion on the crowd is what truly matters. He doesn’t walk away, he doesn’t rebuke, he teaches, again and again, patiently, and he feeds his flock.

Sunday schedule

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 a.m. Adult Bible Studies

7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) & Al Anon

Upcoming events

Sunday, August 12, 11:15 a.m. Farewell Hoffman Family

Announcements

Online Offering Information

Citibank 260-00497-243-01

International Lutheran Church

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness to this important Stewardship aspect of our ministry. If you will be away from Seoul, please continue to support ILC with your tithes and offerings. The easiest way to do that is by using Online offerings.

The Messenger

Please send announcements / information for The Messenger by Wednesday to Seoulilc.office@gmail.com

If you are interested in receiving The Messenger by email, please let the ILC office know (Seoulilc.office@gmail.com) It is sent out weekly on Thursday morning. Otherwise you can pick-up a copy at church.

Last Sunday for Pastor Chuck and his family Sunday, August 12



Share the Word!

As you meet people who are new to the Seoul community, please invite them to join you for worship at ILC, introduce them to others while they are here, and provide them any additional information they would like.

Altar Flowers

2018 Flower chart is up on the board next to the front door. It's just waiting for your signature! Help us continue to beautify our altar for worship. Please include 35,000 KRW in an envelope labeled to earmark your Sunday. Thank you!

Worship Assistants

A sign-up sheet is available by the bulletin board to offer you the chance to volunteer to be a worship assistant at 10 AM worship service. In the areas of greeting/ushering; acolyte; reading the lessons; communion assistants; offering counting; remotely controlling powerpoint slides..etc

July 22	
Worship Assistants	10:00 AM
Altar	Pastor Chuck
Greeters & Ushers	Karina Noll
	Linnea Noll
Acolyte	Aiden Davis
Reader	Pedro Dominguez
Power Point	Kristian Noll
Communion Assts.	George Noll
	Kimmarie Noll
Kitchen	Anna Jo
	Seung Eun Lee
Offering Counters	Richard Sherrer
	Joo Hun Park
Flowers	

July 29	
Worship Assistants	10:00 AM
Altar	Pastor Chuck
Greeters & Ushers	Young Kyoo Han
	Suk Yeon Jang
Acolyte	Seung Hye Jung
Reader	AJ Vogel
Power Point	Richard Sherrer
Communion Assts.	Michelle Yoon
	Joo Hun Park
Kitchen	Anna Jo
	Seung Eun Lee
Offering Counters	Richard Sherrer
	Joo Hun Park
Flowers	Leona & Sang Hyun Yun

ILC Worship Attendance

July 15 10:00 80

July 22 Ninth S. after Pentecost
OT - Jer. 23:1-6
NT - Eph. 2:11-22
Gospel - Mark 6:30-44

July 29 Tenth S. after Pentecost
OT - Gen. 9:8-17
NT - Eph. 3:14-21
Gospel - Mark 6:45-56