



# The Messenger

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

### JESUS - OUR PEACE

**“The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.” Isaiah 11:6 (ESV)** Today at International Lutheran Church, we continue our Advent celebration by lighting the Second Advent candle - the Candle of Peace. Isaiah’s idyllic image describes a peace that goes beyond human comprehension. This return to paradise is based on the actions of the “little child” that will lead us all. He is the of the “root” and “branch of Jesse” - David’s son yet David’s Lord!

Biblical prophecy has two parts. The first part shows us our sin and the consequences of that sin. The second part shares with us the reason for our hope in God and the action He will take to bring about our salvation. Chapter 11 of Isaiah’s prophecy begins with this same powerful two-fold message. The image is of both the coming shoot or branch from Jesse, the father of King David, and the fruit of this coming branch. The theme of a stump is not a particularly happy thought. It means that first the tree must be cut down. Much of Isaiah’s prophecy is of the impending doom and exile that the people will endure because of their many sins. Yet from this stump will come a new and fresh beginning. Isaiah is clear to show us how this descendant of David is different than David or any other king of Israel. He will be filled with the Spirit of the Lord. He will judge in this Spirit-filled truth and not according to what He sees or hears. His actions are that of the Spirit. Both righteousness and faithfulness are His very garments. He is God in the flesh!

Isaiah’s second image is of the result of this coming “shoot.” Note the “unnatural” result - a wolf and the lamb laying down together; a bear and cow mingling; and a

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM *Sunday Morning Bible Study*  
*Sunday School*  
10:00 AM *Divine Worship Service*  
(in-person and live stream)

### OTHER EVENTS

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lion eating like an ox. All these point to the perfected state of harmony and peace that this Child will bring. In fact, the Child will lead us all into this new state of peace and harmony by becoming the shoot even though He is the root! He is cut down. His lineage is ended so that we would be grafted into God’s family through baptism. The Christ and Messiah of God, the Son of David, became a child of Mary that we would be made the sons of God. He came and was born of a woman, that He would redeem all people. Through His righteous life and faith-filled death on a cross, He put an end to our wild and untamed behavior. Through death He brought a peace that the world does not know - peace with God and peace with one another. Jesus, He is our peace!

As we witness Hasung’s baptism this morning, we of course remember that we too have been baptized and clothed with Christ. And as the children of ILC lead us this morning through the Christmas program, we join them in giving glory to God for the Child that leads us each day in His peace. Come and join us as we continue our Advent celebration and light the Candle of Peace and as we look to Jesus who is our peace both with God and with one another!

*Pastor Carl*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, you may direct inquiries for any announcement to [seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com). Links to online or live stream events will be included in either the electronic version of *The Messenger* or will be sent out on Sunday morning.

### ILC SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Let's encourage our church's children as they tell the story of Jesus' birth today during the service. It takes courage to perform in front of an audience! And be watchful for the part the congregation can play in the pageant!

### ADVENT HYMN SING

Pieter Smal, occasional guest organist at ILC, and Hannah Nedrow are preparing a special Advent Hymn Sing Along at ILC on Sunday, December 21. Join the event at 1PM and joyfully sing some of the most well-known hymns of the season.

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Watch here in *The Messenger* and on the bulletin board and social media for the schedule of events for this special time of year as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### ONLINE GIVING

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FAITHFULLY MAKING USE OF ONLINE GIVING.

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## READINGS

### December 7: Second Sunday in Advent

OT	Isaiah 11:1-10
NT	Romans 15:4-13
Gospel	Matthew 3:1-12

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in serving as a Sunday Volunteer, or need to make a scheduling adjustment, please write to [seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:seoulilc.volunteer@gmail.com). Thank you!

### DECEMBER 7

10:00 AM

ACOLYTE	Sun & Yul
GREETER	Shema
USHERS	Eric & Michelle
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Nathan
LIVE STREAM	Christian
KITCHEN HELPERS	Chenhsi & Lydia
OFFERING COUNTERS	Sungwoo & Rachel

