



# The Messenger

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR CARL

### ON THE ROMAN ROAD: COUNTED TO YOU

**But the words ‘it was counted to him’ were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (Romans 4:23-25 ESV)**

This weekend at International Lutheran Church we reflect on the good news that Jesus’ righteousness is counted as ours through faith in Him. Over the next few weeks while we are literally “on the road” and visiting fellow colleagues in Asia who support our work with International Lutheran Church, I will be sharing with you this New Testament book of Romans. Together we will explore the depths of God’s love as well as our calling as citizens of His Kingdom of Grace in a series entitled *On the Roman Road*. God bless each of us with His wisdom as we explore how we are “counted” as righteous in the sight of God.

The Epistle to the Romans is probably the best known of all the New Testament epistles (or letters) to the churches. Romans is the first letter in the list of New Testament documents after the book of Acts and well known for its clear articulation of the Gospel - “the power of God for salvation” (Romans 1:16). While the Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the church in Rome, it is unlike his other letters in that he had not yet visited Rome, let alone start the church in that place. Instead, with this letter he hoped that he would be able to visit and secure their support and encouragement for his mission goal to take the Gospel all the way to Spain even as he hoped to encourage them. You can read about this in Romans

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM *Sunday Morning Bible Study*

10:00 AM *Divine Worship Service*

(in-person and live stream)

### OTHER EVENTS

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1:8-15; and 15:22-33. For this reason, the letter helps us understand the core teachings of the Christian faith and specifically the gospel with its emphasis on Jesus Christ and His atoning sacrifice on our behalf. The grace of God is clearly and unequivocally pronounced throughout the letter but especially in the section we read today as Paul draws a connection between the faith of Abraham and the faith that we share in Jesus. He uses a concept of “imputed” or “alien” righteousness by describing this righteousness as a gift from God and something that is “counted” as ours by faith. To do this, he reminds his readers of another person who was counted as righteous by faith, namely Abraham. And he notes how Abraham believed God and God’s promise to him concerning his descendants. Paul finds comfort and encouragement in these simple words that Abraham was counted as righteous, because then, righteousness is not about our ability to earn it or deserve it, but rather it becomes something that is given.

As we join in worship today and remember that we are sent out on to the road of life and into the world for a purpose, that God who counted Abraham righteous would also, on account of our faith in Jesus, count us righteous too. May His Spirit give us strength as we live a life of service together in Him for our neighbor.

*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 POTLUCK BBQ

Let's make this the biggest Potluck BBQ yet! Today (June 7), ILC will host (with your help!) the last fellowship event until the fall. **What will you bring?!**

### SENDING SUNDAY

Today we will have the chance to wish godspeed to those who are repatriating to their home countries, moving away, heading off to school in another country, or just traveling over the summer break.

### BIBLE STUDIES ON BREAK

Sunday Night Bible Study, Wednesday Night Bible Study, and the Friday Morning Women's Bible Study are all on break until early fall.

### SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

If your name is on the Sunday Volunteer list but you will not be at ILC on that Sunday, please don't worry! Together, we will find someone to step up and help fill the role. Thank you for your help!

### MEN'S GROUP FELLOWSHIP

On Saturday, June 6, the ILC Men's Group will meet online. All men are welcome to join in from 7-9PM. The link will be included in the electronic version of *The Messenger*.

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### ONLINE GIVING

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

**Your generosity helps makes the ministry of ILC possible, by God's grace!**

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## READINGS

### June 7: Second Sunday after Pentecost

OT	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Second Reading	Acts 2:14a, 22-36
Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20

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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!

JUNE 7	10:00 AM
ACOLYTE	Emeth & Genesis
GREETER	Dee Dee
USHERS	Olivia & Lily
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Matt
LIVE STREAM	Christian
KITCHEN HELPERS	Dee Dee & Matt
OFFERING COUNTERS	Johun & Olivia

