## WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today. Our mission is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We hope you leave inspired by a message of hope and ready to embrace life in the week ahead.



# Downtown Campus Service of Worship April 14, 2024 8.15 and 10:50 A.M

(†Those who are able, please stand in honor of God.)

Prelude

Franz Joseph Haydn

Concerto (Movement 3: Allegro) St. Luke's Orchestra Robert Fasol, organist/conductor

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Ashleigh Robinson

†Hymn

CHRIST AROSE

*Up From the Grave He Arose* 

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior, vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

## †Call to Worship

Come and see the goodness of the Lord!

His mercy and grace are always before us!

Look for the ways that Christ has blessed your life;

He has opened our eyes to possibilities in the world.

The tomb is empty for He is risen!

He offers new life to all!

## †Affirmation of Faith

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day He rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;

the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

(\* universal)

## †GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

## Call to Prayer

Rev. Linda Harker

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

## LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Dave Poteet

- \* To register your attendance please text "guest" or "member" to (405) 351-4001.
- \* Prayer requests can be submitted by texting your request to (405) 351-4001 or a prayer card can be dropped in the offering box.

## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Josh Attaway

\* Give today - text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.

### **O**FFERTORY

arr. Joel Raney

## He Lives St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He Lives! Alleluia, He Lives! He lives, He lives!

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever some may say; I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King. The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find, none other is so loving so good and kind.

Because He lives. I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone. Because I know, I know He holds the future, and if you ask me how I know He lives? He lives, He lives within my heart.

Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives! Alleluia, He lives! He lives, He lives! He lives! He lives!

†Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†The Gospel Rev. Linda Harker

Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:10-12, 33-35)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Josh Attaway

"Don't wait to do something."
From the Sermon Series: And Their Eyes Were Opened

Musical Reflection

arr. Kurt Kaiser

Open My Eyes, That I May See Niko Theriault, soloist St. Luke's Orchestra Hayden Coie, piano Robert Fasol, organist/conductor

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key, that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee. Ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee. Ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let it bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for Thee. Ready, my God, Thy will to see; open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine! Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†Hymn terra beata

### This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

**†S**ENDING FORTH

Rev. Josh Attaway

Go and see what Christ has done!

He has brought life, a life more abundant.

The Resurrection has opened our eyes

and we can see His glory in the world around us!

†Postlude

F. Schubert/B. Tyler

Total Eclipse, ala Franz Schubert Robert Fasol, organist

## -Leading In Worship

**Rev. Josh Attaway** Edmond Campus Pastor

**Rev. Linda Harker** Online Campus Pastor **Rev. David Poteet**Pastor of Congregational Care

Ashleigh Robinson
Director of Church and Community
Engagement

## Musicians -

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
Dr. Hayden Coie, Music and Worship Associate
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Niko Theriault, Soloist

#### Want to Join St. Luke's?

Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's mission to share, grow and serve? You can join St. Luke's on Sunday morning during Worship. Or you can text "join" to 405-351-4001. For more information about membership contact Tisha Tate Garcia at ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org.

#### Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in March

Downtown: Dillon Wehba, Jake Yunker, Terra Rotelli, December McKenzie, Jackie Fowner, George and Kathy Wilson, Elaine Peek, Patti Wells, Eli Evans, Beth Crounse, Scott, Natalie, Case and Beau Bryan, James and Ashley Moelling, Barbara Smith

Edmond: Jeff and Kelly Vandermaas, Cody and Anna Cramer, Lois Kasbaum, Kathy Wood, Mike and Leslie Johnston, Carol Harr, Valerie Biltz, Cindy Adkins, Wes and Becky Wilkinson, Gary and Judy Rutz, Lemuel Bardeguez, Karen Snear, Mark and Dana Holland

Online/TV Campus: John Valentine, Donna Carpenter, Jimmy Lynn McConnell, Eleanor Inglis, Lawrence (Larry) Brown, Christopher DeHaven, Larry and Kate Rutledge, Orin Aker, Doug and Bonnie Clagg, Ann McCarthy, James Harkins and Angela Owens



At the time, the disciples thought that the Crucifixion was the most devastating thing to occur to the ministry of Jesus. But through the Resurrection, their eyes were opened and they saw the Crucifixion in a new light. The Risen Christ changes our perspective and we can perceive new opportunities. The Resurrection opens our eyes to see possibilities to create a better world for ourselves and for others.



## - Ministers -

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor blong@stlukesokc.org

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**Rev. David Poteet** 

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Rev. Keith King

Pastor of Worship kking@stlukesokc.org Rev. Linda Harker

Online Campus Pastor *lharker@stlukesokc.org* 

#### **Congregational Care Ministry**

The St. Luke's family of faith desires to extend care to you in the times of concern and joy and all that is in-between. Prayer Cards can be found at the Welcome Center and completed cards can be returned there. You are also welcomed to email your prayer concerns to ccm@stlukesokc.org or you may also call 232-1371 with your prayers and concerns.

#### **Online Worship Service**

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for our live-stream of the Edmond Campus Services (LL at 9 a.m. and Traditional at 11 a.m.) and the Downtown Campus Traditional Service (8:15, 9:40 and 10:50 a.m.) at stlukesokc.org/live. Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install search - stlukesokc or St. Luke's Methodist Church.

#### TV Programming

St. Luke's Traditional service can be seen as an hour long television program on KOCO channel 5 at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. The program is a week delayed.

One Church with Multiple Campuses



## Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

The mission of St. Luke's is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We accomplish that by sharing the message of Christ, growing in our faith, and serving the community.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Register your attendance by texting guest or member to (405) 351-4001.
- Prayer requests can be submitted via text message or dropped in the offering box.
- Give today text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
- A live feed of the service is available for parents with active or tearful children.
- A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LEARN MORE AT STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS

#### OPPORTUNITY TO SEE QUEEN ESTHER IN BRANSON

Join your family of faith to witness the biblical story of Esther at Sight & Sound Theater in Branson, MO. This overnight experience is for individuals, couples, or families. Your ticket will include charter bus transportation, show tickets, two meals, plus arrangements for a comfortable hotel stay. We are offering two trip dates that are led by our St. Luke's Discipleship staff. Cost varies based on age and hotel rooms needed. Spaces are limited, and anticipation is high, so reserve your spot now at stlukesokc.org/trip for May 10 - 11 or June 7 - 8 and connect with St. Luke's to experience the story of Queen Esther come alive on stage.

#### WNA EXTRA EDITION | FINAL WEEK

WNA Extra Edition - The Rise and Fall of the Kings of Israel will conclude this Wednesday. The pastors of St. Luke's have been sharing about Saul, David, Solomon and sharing even more insight into these biblical characters. The last Downtown Campus session starts with dinner being served from 5:15 - 6:15 in the CLC (\$10 for adults and no charge for students and children) and the class beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Nursery, children, and youth activities continue from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

#### REBUILDING DAY | SATURDAY, APRIL 20

On Saturday, April 20, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., we will join together on Rebuilding Day to paint, repair, or restore components in a senior citizen's home that needs repair. The work ranges from simple home repair, to painting, sometimes repairing drywall or installing pull bars and smoke detectors. We also clean up inside and outside the home. Volunteers of any skill level will have a place to serve, kids, 10 and older, can help if they have a parent or guardian working alongside them. Sign up at stlukesokc.org/events.

## UWFAITH SUNDAY | APRIL 21

St. Luke's UWFaith (United Women in Faith) has a rich, long-running history of service within the church and the community. On April 21, we are celebrating their history and their work in missions and service to St. Luke's and around the world. If you would like more information about the United Women in Faith you can stop by the UWFaith table in the Narthex.

#### MARATHON SUNDAY | APRIL 28

This year's Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is set for Sunday, April 28. Due to road closures that facilitate the race, the Downtown Campus will have only one service that morning at 10:50. The Edmond Campus will have its normal service times at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All services will be livestreamed as well.

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY | MAY 5**

Congratulations to our high school and college graduates! All graduates will be honored during every worship service and in the bulletin on May 5, but to be included in the bulletin, you must fill out a form online at stlukesokc.org/events with the graduate's photo and information. There will be a reception that day for the Downtown Campus high school graduates and families from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Gallery.

#### 4TH AND 5TH GRADERS SERVICE DAY | APRIL 20

All 4th and 5th grade students are invited to help serve our neighbors by volunteering at Skyline on Saturday, April 20. They will help in the clothing and food areas and then grab a guick lunch. Students will meet at 8:15 a.m. in the South parking lot at the Downtown Campus and will return by 1 p.m. Parents are encouraged to join us, but not required. Please sign up at stlukesokc.org/events. For details, email Taylor Easttom at teasttom@stlukesokc.org or call (405) 609-1036.

## BUILDING BETTER MOMS | APRIL 21

Building Better Moms next monthly meeting is next Sunday, April 21 from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we learn to play new board games, card games while we eat lunch and have fun with other moms. We're building a mom's community and we'd love for you to join us! Lunch and childcare are provided. Please RSVP and let us know if you'll need childcare at stlukesokc.org/event. This event is totally free!

## NIGHT OF PRAISE AND OKC MARATHON BLESSING | APRIL 26

Everyone is invited to come to the next Night of Praise on Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Christian Life Center at the Downtown Campus. Bring your friends and family for a night of worship music, an inspirational message, and a blessing of the shoes for those running the OKC Memorial Marathon races. We even have a free t-shirt for runners! Childcare is available for children 4 and under.

YOGA WITH TISHA | APRIL 21 | EDMOND CAMPUS Everyone is invited to experience Yoga with Tisha on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m. This is a perfect chance to slow down and let go through breath, movement, and inspiration. She will be in the Youth Room at the Edmond Campus, you can enter through the south side doors. We hope that you will join us and spread the word to others! Childcare will be provided. Please register online and sign up for childcare if it is needed at stlukesokc.org/event.

## SPIRIT SISTERS START NEW STUDY | APRIL 16 - MAY 7

The Spirit Sisters Study Group invites ladies of all ages to take part in the new study by Max Lucado - "Help Is Here: Finding Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Come join in fellowship as they study and learn together about the gift of the Holy Spirit. The study led by Rev. Linda Harker begins on April 16 and concludes on May 7 and meets at 11 a.m. in Room 202 Books are available in Threefold. You can register for the study at stlukesokc.org/events.

#### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships are available for students attending OCU or have participated in St. Luke's Youth or school partnership programs. Scholarships are also available for individuals who are in addiction recovery that are enrolled at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. For more information and an application, can be found online at stlukesokc.org/scholarship. The deadline for applications is May 1.

## POTEET THEATRE'S PRODUCTION OF INTO THE WOODS

Be sure to get your tickets to Poteet Theatre's upcoming presentation of Into the Woods. In this rare modern classic, everyone's favorite storybook characters are brought together for a timeless story. Performance dates are May 3 - 5 and May 10 -12. You can purchase your tickets online at stlukesokc.org/poteet. Tickets are Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Kids/ students \$10. Follow Poteet Theatre @poteettheatreokc on social media.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY **GRADES 6 - 12**

## LUNCH BUNCH | TODAY

Youth Lunch Bunch is meeting after church today from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m., and all 6th-12th grade students will head out together for a delicious lunch! Bring money for food, but if it's your first time at Lunch Bunch, we'll pay for your meal!

#### **GUYS VS GIRLS COMPETITION | APRIL 21**

All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited to enjoy an afternoon of mini battles between the guys and the girls - with the ultimate winning group getting to choose the location of the next Lunch Bunch and getting a free lunch at Lunch Bunch! The Youth Guys vs Girls event is Sunday, April 21 from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m. Don't forget, a free lunch is provided at this event.