



Things You
Won't
Regret

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost
November 12, 2017
at Ten Fifty A.M.



St. Luke's
United Methodist Church



WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Hymnals, Bibles, large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Children's Ministry is available during the worship service for infants - 5th grade.

Parents with active or tearful children can watch a live feed of the service in the Watchorn Chapel. A children's activity bag is also available in the Narthex.

A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

arr. Robert C. Currier

This Is My Country
Bells of St. Luke's
Cynthia Adair, *director*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 185

LAUDES DOMINI

When Morning Gilds the Sky

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Christ revealed His love for us

and called us to share that love with others.

The sacrificial love of Christ is an example to us

to care for others more than for ourselves.

Just as we have a need to be loved

we also have a need to love others.

We were created with a unique ability to make a difference

and to change lives by the way we treat people.

†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

MEINEKE

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. David Poteet

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Because I have been given much, I too shall give; because of Thy great bounty, Lord, each day I live, I shall divide my gifts from Thee with every person that I see who has the need of help from me.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Shiloh Orin Stellman, son of Christopher and Marci Stellman, born on June 9, 2017.

BAPTISM SONG

Shiloh, Shiloh God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Shiloh, Shiloh God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Shiloh surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

†HYMN 111

TERRA BEATA

How Can We Name a Love

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind, indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find? Within our daily world, in every human face, Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the common place.

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight, our Friend and Partner's will is better understood, that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence, sensed and shown at work, at home or in the street. Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun: In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

ANTHEM

Fred Bock

Praise God!

Chancel Choir

Robert Fasol, organist/conductor

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God!

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with love, His praise tell forth, come now before Him and rejoice!

From all that dwell below the skies above now let the Savior's praise arise! Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

Praise God! Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God! Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise God! Praise God! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Praise God! Praise God! Amen! Amen!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

Valerie Stephenson

Joyous Spirit
Bells of St. Luke's
Cynthia Adair, *director*

†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†THE GOSPEL

Susan Easttom

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:9-13)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

A Love You Won't Regret
From the Sermon Series: Things You Won't Regret

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Marty Haugen/Johann Pachelbel

Gathered in the Love of Christ
Selena Gilliam and Sara Jo Martin, *vocalists*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

Gathered in the love of Christ, we are one in the family of God. We are the dwelling place that love has made. We are formed to be goodness and light in the world.

God is light, in God there is no darkness. Let us walk in the light of life. If we live in God, then we must love each other, ever follow the way of truth and life. Gathered in the love of Christ, we are one in the family of God. We are the dwelling place that love has made. We are formed to be goodness and light in the world.

See what love our God has shown to us, to call us the children of God. And as God has loved us, so we must love each other, ever follow the way of truth and life. Gathered in the love of Christ, we are one in the family of God. We are the dwelling place that love has made. We are formed to be goodness and light in the world.

Praise our God, who fashioned all creation; praise to Christ, who redeems us in love; praise the Spirit blest, who calls us and renews us, leads us all in the way of truth and life. Gathered in the love of Christ, we are one in the family of God. We are the dwelling place that love has made. We are formed to be goodness and light in the world.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you desire to become a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, please refer to the announcement insert for additional information.

†HYMN

NETTLETON

Christian Hearts, in Love United

Christian hearts, in love united, seek alone in Jesus rest; has He not your love excited? Then let love inspire our best. Members on our Head depending, lights reflecting Him, our Sun, Christians, His commands attending, we in Him, our Lord, are one.

Grant, Lord, that with Thy direction, "Love each other," we comply, aiming with unfeigned affection Thy love to exemplify; let our mutual love be glowing, so that all will plainly see that we, as on one stem growing, living branches are in Thee.

O that such may be our union as Thine with the Father is, and not one of our communion e'er forsake the path of bliss; may our light shine forth with brightness, from Thy light reflected, shine; thus the world will bear us witness, that we, Lord, are truly Thine.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Remember the love that Christ has shown to you.

We remember and give thanks!

Remember the sacrifices of those who cared for you.

We remember and give thanks!

We have been transformed by sacrificial love

and will share that love to bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

Franz Liszt

Choral: Nun Danket Alle Gott

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Susan Easttom

Director of Children's Ministry

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir

Selena Gilliam and Sarah Jo Martin, Vocalists

Bells of St. Luke's

Cynthia Adair, Director

Holly Gibson, Selena Gilliam, Steve Graham, Brianna Hillebrand, Margaret Howell, Vicky Kelly, Erika March, Dennis Martin, Ingrid May, Bill Morris, Rita Pierce, Jeff Sabin, Joe Wine



We all have done things that we wish we hadn't. But there are some things we can do that we will never have to regret - being kind to someone, saying "thank you," helping someone in need. Wouldn't it be nice to live without regret? We can live a life of joy and meaning when we focus on others first. Join us as we explore the most significant things we will never regret.



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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. Please write your prayer concerns on an attendance card during Sunday services or email to ccm@stlukesokc.org. You may also call 232-1371 with your prayers concerns.

Faith Partners

Faith Partners seeks to educate, refer and walk with people along their journey towards recovery from addiction. If you or someone you love struggles with addiction and would like help, please go online to faithpartners.stlukesokc.org or email to ccm@stlukesokc.org.

Radio Programming

Listen to "Something to Think About" with Dr. Bob Long between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. on following radio stations: 98.1 The Sports Animal and Magic 104.1. The sermon can be heard on KREF AM 1400 at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

TV Programming

St. Luke's Traditional service can be seen as a half-hour television program on KOCO channel 5 at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. CDs are available in Threefold or contact Bev Barnes at 232-1371. We will be glad to mail a copy of the service to you. Cost is \$5 for a CD or \$10 for a DVD.

Online Worship Service

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for the 10:50 a.m. Traditional Worship Service broadcast live from the Downtown Campus. You can watch on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Simply look for the "Online Worship" link on the stlukesokc.org website. A link is also available on the St. Luke's App.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in October:

Downtown: Krista Stepp, Pepper Pena and Craig Thompson, Mary Ellen and Joe Caesar, Marsha Austin, Theresa and David Stejskal

Edmond: Corinna Powell, Jennifer and Alex Wright, Kathy and Bill Nelson, Kelle Byrd, Tawna Mitchell, John, Deborah, Korbin and Kennedy Cardoza, Carolyn and Bill Hines, Cyndi and Bobby Gaither, Matt Griffin, Jenny and Seth Collier, Gayla and Chuck Harling, Mary "Suzanne" Stickle



Communication Card

Date _____

Worship Service: 8:30 9:40 10:50

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

- 1st Time Guest
- 2nd Time Guest
- Regular Guest
- St. Luke's Member

Names and Birth Dates of Children With You

Announcements

Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit stlukesokc.org.



Membership Worship Service

If you're looking to join the St. Luke's family of faith in a private worship setting, we'd love to invite you to attend to a special Membership Worship Service on Sunday, November 19, at 5 p.m. in the Watchorn Chapel. The service will feature music, Communion, and a special message from Rev. Dave Poteet. There will also be an opportunity for baptism of individuals who have not yet been baptized. Childcare will be provided. Family members of those who will be joining are also invited to attend. No RSVP is required. For details, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.



Stewardship 2018

Thank you to those who have returned their stewardship pledge cards. If you were unable to turn in your Stewardship pledge card last week, you can place your completed cards in the offering plates today. You may also mail it to the Business Office, or you can pledge online at stlukesokc.org/stewardship. Every gift matters as we seek to *Share God's Love and Bring Hope to the World*.

Celebration for Stephanie Greenwald Today

Be sure to drop by the Gallery this morning to celebrate with Stephanie and express your gratitude to her. She has answered a call into ministry and as part of continuing her studies and working through the candidacy process, she will be serving as part of the pastoral staff at St. Andrew's UMC. Please keep Stephanie in your prayers for all the ways that God will use her to make a difference through her ministry!

St. Luke's Mansion Open House

The Mansion at St. Luke's was built in 1917 as the family home of Judge Hefner and we are celebrating its Centennial Anniversary with an Open House on Sunday, November 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come tour the Mansion that has been beautifully decorated for Christmas and learn about the 100 year history of the property! There will be special music, holiday hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity to get a family portrait taken.

Clergy Connection Class

None of us are perfect. We all make mistakes. Thankfully, because of God's grace, we all get to begin again. We get second chances - but what will we do with them? The Bible is full of stories about people who felt discarded and worthless. Join Rev. Dave Poteet this Sunday for a fascinating Clergy Connection Class at 9:40 a.m. in Room 206 that looks at some of the stories that demonstrate how God redeems His people and offers us new life. Rev. Poteet will lead this class on November 12, 19, and 26. Everyone is invited.

Prayer Requests or Questions: _____

How did you first hear about St. Luke's?

- TV Radio Web Other
- I'm a guest of _____.

Age Group

- 6th-12th Grade College 18-30
- 31-40 41-50 51-59 60+

I would like more info about:

- Children's Programs
- Youth (6th to 12th grade) Programs
- Classes for Adults
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Other _____

Joining

- I wish to join St. Luke's
If you wish to join St. Luke's this morning, please bring this card to the front during the last song instead of placing it in the offering basket.
- I would like to know more about membership.
- I'm interested in joining but don't want to come to the front.
- Contact me about other ways to join.

Announcements

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Symphony of Christmas

You will be in the Christmas spirit during St. Luke's most incredible musical performance of the year! You're invited to the annual Symphony of Christmas Concert featuring the St. Luke's Orchestra, Chancel Choir, Cantate Chamber Choir, and the Bells of St. Luke's. This magical night takes place on Wednesday, November 29, at 7 p.m. in the Downtown Campus Sanctuary. A Holiday Reception hosted by the Hospitality Team will follow the concert in the Narthex. The Bells of St. Luke's will provide a pre-concert beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Narthex. What better way to begin the Advent season than with amazing music and your family of faith!

Trip to the Holy Land and Jordan!

You're invited to join Rev. Wendy Lambert on a trip to the Holy Land and Jordan, May 30 - June 9, 2018. It will be a journey that can truly deepen your faith, enhance your connection to your family of faith, and make the Bible come alive! There are brochures at the Welcome Centers or online at stlukesokc.org. For more information, contact Wendy at w Lambert@stlukesokc.org.

Opportunity to Serve

Looking for a way to help others? Being a part of Mobile Meals is one of the most rewarding volunteer opportunities at St. Luke's. Right now, we are in need of assistant cooks to help prepare meals for the elderly and homebound. You only need to commit to one Saturday a month. That's it! If interested, please contact Julie Robinson at 609-1009 or email her at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org.

BOLD (Bridges Of Latin Dance) Community Group

BOLD (Bridges Of Latin Dance) is resuming on Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor. They are looking to welcome new people into the group! They are offering Latin Dance classes during the Wednesday evening meetings. The classes are free of charge and no partner is necessary! Come and be a part of a great Community Group and learn to dance too! For details, email stlukesbold@gmail.com.

Youth Service Day Today

At St. Luke's, our Youth Ministry is committed to serving the community - and that's just what we are doing today! All 6th - 12th grade youth are invited to "Youth Service Day" from noon to 3 p.m. this afternoon. Simply show up, and we'll provide the lunch. We promise you'll have fun during this service project!