

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.



WISDOM THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Patriotic Sunday

June 23, 2024

8:15 and 10:50 A.M

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

PRELUDE

arr. Mary McDonald

America

St. Luke's Orchestra

Hayden Coie, *piano/conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Brooks Lambert

†HYMN

AMERICA

My Country 'Tis of Thee

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, author of liberty, to Thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

For the freedom of religion that allows us to gather in safe fellowship,
we give You thanks, O Lord.

For those who paid the ultimate price in defense of the freedoms we have,
we give You thanks, O Lord.

For the women and men who served and those who serve today,
we give You thanks, O Lord.

For all those who serve the greater good, and for their families,
we give You thanks and ask that You bless and protect them, O Lord.

†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. 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. David 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 boxes located in the Narthex.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

- * Text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- * Cash and checks can be dropped in the offering boxes located in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY

arr. John Rutter

The Battle Hymn of the Republic
St. Luke's Choir, Orchestra, and Congregation
Cristy Gosset, conductor
Hayden Coie, piano

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; they have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps, His day is marching on!

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnish'd rows of steel: "As ye deal with My contemnners, so with you My grace shall deal; let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with His heel, since God is marching on."

Glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, since God is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me. As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on!

Glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, while God is marching on.

Glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, glory, glory hallelujah, while God is marching on.

Amen, Amen!

†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.

†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ashleigh Robinson

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 17:17, 18:24)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

In the Trenches

From the Sermon Series: Wisdom That Makes a Difference

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Irving Berlin

God Bless America

Selena Gilliam, soloist

St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

Cristy Gosset, conductor

Hayden Coie, piano

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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

ST. ANNE

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ God's holy Son; as members of each body joined, in Him we are made one.

For love excludes no race or clan that names the Savior's name; His family embraces all whose Father is the same.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Jesus taught us that there was no greater love than to be willing to lay down your life for a friend.

We have opened our hearts to receive and share the love of Christ.

A sacrificial love is one that considers the needs of others before one's own.

We strive to live that kind of love in our daily lives.

Jesus came to show us the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

We will follow His example in order to make a difference.

†POSTLUDE

arr. Mervin Tay

Armed Forces Salute
St. Luke's Orchestra
Hayden Coie, *piano*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Linda Harker
Pastor of Online Campus

Ashleigh Robinson
Director of Church and
Community Engagement

Brooks Lambert
Ministry Associate

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational
Care

MUSICIANS

Dr. Hayden Coie, *Music and Worship Associate*

St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

Selena Gilliam, *Soloist*
Cristy Gosset, *Conductor*

Want to Join St. Luke's?

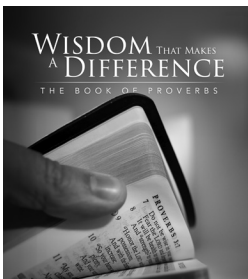
Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's mission to share, grow and serve? You can join St. Luke's on Sunday morning during Worship. Or you can text "join" to 405-351-4001. For more information about membership contact Tisha Tate Garcia at ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in May

Downtown: Autumn West, Taylor Overholser, Nora Duraso, Brian and Yolanda Scott, T. J. Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Jr., Lindsey and Ryan Spetnagel, Eldon and Pam Matlick

Edmond: David and Terry Dahlgren, Mike and Emerald Groom, Jordan and Lizzie Acock

Online/TV Campus: Juleta Autrey, Jake Frost



If someone is described as "booksmart", the implication is that they know facts, but struggle with common sense. Wisdom is the ability to make knowledge applicable to the world in which we live. The Bible talks about the importance of wisdom and the difference it can make to the world in addition to our own lives. The Book of Proverbs has numerous passages that give practical advice and enhance our wisdom. Knowledge is power, but there is more to life; we want wisdom that makes a difference.



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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. 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

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
OKC, OK 73103
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stlukesokc.org

Edmond Campus
900 N. Sooner Road
Edmond, OK 73034
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stlukesedmond.org

Online Campus
Watch service live, chat with clergy, request prayer, give online during every worship service
stlukesokc.org/online



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](https://stlukesokc.org/events)

GET READY FOR ST. LUKE'S ON BROADWAY | JULY 21 - AUGUST 25

Broadway excites our imaginations and touches our hearts. The music is spectacular, but oftentimes we can see ourselves in the characters. We share their joy, understand their pain, and are inspired. You will be inspired too, through guest performances by Broadway stars and messages of hope from Dr. Long, as we experience some of the most memorable musicals ever written. Be sure to save the dates and start inviting friends to join you for St. Luke's On Broadway. Please make a stop at the Welcome Center today - there are magnets and invitation cards on a carabiner for you to use as you invite your family and friends! For more information, go online to stlukesokc.org/broadway.

July 21: *Rent*

July 28: *Back To The Future The Musical*

Aug 4: *Prince of Egypt*

Aug 11: *Frozen*

Aug 18: *Fiddler On The Roof*

Aug 25: *Les Misérables*

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE | NOW - JULY 21

You can be a blessing to students simply by filling up a backpack! Be a part of St. Luke's "Back To School Supplies Drive" that continues until July 21. Backpacks will be displayed around the Downtown and Edmond Campuses, with each backpack having a school supplies list located inside. Please take as many bags as you want, purchase the items on the list, and return the filled bag to either campus by July 26. Or you can purchase supplies through our Amazon link on our website. If you prefer, you can text "SLM School" to 73256 to make a donation for the supply drive, and we will fill the backpacks on your behalf. To make an online donation, visit stlukesokc.org.

JULY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE IS AVAILABLE

Join your family of faith on an exploration of our faith as we spend a year in the Bible in 2024. You can pick up a July Reading Guide today in the Narthex or go online to stlukesokc.org/Bible.

THE TABLE SMALL GROUP MEETING | JULY 6

The Table (adults in their 20s and 30s) will be reviewing the books of the Bible as we read them together as a church in their small group meetings this year. The goal is to have a working understanding of the themes and messages of each book by the end of the year. The next small group meeting is on Saturday, July 6 at 10 a.m. The Table Small Group meets the first and third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus.

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY | JULY 11 | EDMOND CAMPUS

Cool down this summer at the Summer Block Party. Kids of all ages can enjoy water inflatables, battle it out in a giant water kickball game, or slide on a huge slip-n' slide on Thursday, July 11, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Edmond Campus. Refresh yourself with delicious shaved ice from Kona Ice, courtesy of the church, and enjoy mouth-watering treats from various food trucks on site.

TOUR THE BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER SHRINE | JULY 15

All Senior Adults are invited to be a part of a group tour at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in OKC. On Monday, July 15, the Seniors will meet at the Downtown Campus at 9:30 a.m. in the north parking lot to caravan together to the Shrine. If you would prefer, you can meet at the Shrine, the tour begins at 10 a.m.

OPEN HEARTS GROUP MEETING | AUGUST 4

The St. Luke's Open Hearts fellowship group is for members of the LGBTQ community to grow in their faith. They meet the first Sunday of each month at 12:15 p.m. in the Mansion Library. There will not be a July meeting. The next meeting is on August and lunch will be provided. Contact Rev. Wendy Lambert, [wlambert@stlukesokc.org](mailto:w Lambert@stlukesokc.org), for more details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU!

Taylor Easttom, Jocelyn Morgan, Madison Woods, Elizabeth Peters, Savannah White, Candace Fish, and Cooper Barnard would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers, teachers and helpers who made VBS 2024 memorable for a BIG group of kids! Your help was so appreciated. They couldn't have done VBS without you!

CAMP CREDO, 2ND - 5TH GRADE | JULY 29 - JULY 31

Children entering 2nd-5th grades this fall can end their summer with an unforgettable experience at Camp Credo! From July 29 to July 31, St. Luke's is heading to the Oakridge Christian Camp in Anadarko with students, parents, and volunteers. This summer at Camp Credo there will be swimming, water slides, go karts, basketball, corn hole, frisbee golf, 9 square and so much more. The cost is \$250 for a child, \$150 for a youth helper, and \$100 for an adult volunteer. Scholarship opportunities are available. Register online at stlukesokc.org/credo.

EDGAR CRUZ AND THE BRAVE AMIGOS | JULY 31

Edgar Cruz and the Brave Amigos are coming to St. Luke's! Their concert will entertain you with Classic Rock, Spanish, originals, country and classical selections. The concert is July 31, at 7 p.m. in the Edmond Worship Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults, Seniors (55+) \$8, and Children/Students are free. Tickets can be purchased online at stlukesokc.org/poteet. Proceeds raised from this concert event will benefit the arts programs of St. Luke's.

POTEET ACADEMY DANCE INTENSIVE CLASS

Poteet Academy is thrilled to announce that they will produce Newsies, Jr. - April 11-13, 2025! All young actors, ages 10 - 17 that are interested in this production are encouraged to sign up for the Poteet Academy Dance Intensive Class that will meet on Mondays from September 9 - November 11. This class will focus on jazz, tap, and ballet, which will help you prepare for auditions on November 18. The cost of the class is \$225 and the cost of the production is \$425. Visit stlukesokc.org/poteet to sign your child up for the classes. For more information, please contact Kelsey Paul, at kpaul@stlukesokc.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

YOUTH WEEK | JULY 17 - 21

Enjoy service projects and fun events during Youth Week 2024! This is a great week of local events – with a service project and fun activity each day on July 17-21! We've got a great line up so you can come to one day or come to all! We'll enjoy a water park, games, Top Golf, and movies, We will also make a positive difference by serving our neighbors in need. Register online and see complete details at stlukesokc.org. The cost is \$20/day and you will need to register online. Vans will leave from and return to both campuses each day as we come together to serve and have fun!

For more details about any of the Youth events, please email Amy Givens - agivens@stlukesokc.org.