

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.



EDMOND CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2024

11 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

arr. Duane Funderburk

On Jordan's Stormy Banks
Douglas Perry, cello
Marji Shelton, piano

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Josh Attaway

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

How perfect His love which is constant and free, poured out for His children, for you and for me. I'll follow Him where He should ask me to go, and there by His side greatest peace will I know. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Attaway

Come and see the goodness of God;
we celebrate the glory of Christ.

We have nothing to fear:
we know the good news,
good news of a great joy,
that is Jesus Christ the 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. Josh Attaway

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

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

ANTHEM

Kevin McChesney

Canticle of Praise
 Threefold Handbell Choir
 Julie Evans, *director*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Josh Attaway

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

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

OFFERTORY

arr. Dan Forrest

Be Thou My Vision
 Chancel Choir
 Douglas Perry, *cello*
 Marji Shelton, *piano*
 Dr. Candace Fish, *director*

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
 Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
 Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my True Word, I ever with Thee and Thy will with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
 Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
 High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's
 Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Be my
 Vision, Lord.*

†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

Rev. Josh Attaway

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. (Luke 2:10 - 11, 24:50 - 53)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

They Returned With Great Joy

From the Sermon Series: And Their Eyes Were Opened

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

HERE I AM, LORD

Here I Am, Lord

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?" Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?" Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?" Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Josh Attaway

From the celebration of worship,
to the world in which we live;
our eyes have been opened
to the resurrection of Christ.

We share the good news
that Jesus brings great joy for all!

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

Dr. Candace Fish, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Josh Attaway

Edmond Campus Pastor

Dr. Candace Fish, *Campus Director of Traditional Worship*

Savannah White, *Campus Director of LifeLight Worship*

Chancel Choir

Threefold Handbell Choir

Julie Evans, *director*

Marji Shelton, *piano and organ*

Douglas Perry, *cello*

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. For more information about membership contact Logan Fish, Campus Director of Hospitality at (405) 285-2002 or lfish@stlukesokc.org

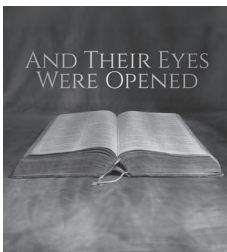
Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in March

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

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

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

SERMON NOTES



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.



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GROWING IN YOUR FAITH

We believe in the importance of growing in our faith throughout our lives. We have opportunities available for people of all ages – from nursery through adults. Visit online at stlukesokc.org to learn more about how you can grow in your faith.

Community Groups - Adults of all ages

Community Groups are small groups of adults committed to growing closer to God and one another. A full list of current Community Groups is available online at stlukesokc.org.

Thrive Youth Ministry – 6th – 12th graders

St. Luke's Thrive Youth Ministry is an exciting place for 6-12th graders to grow spiritually through a meaningful combination of Christian education, mission work, and relationships with each other. For a calendar with all upcoming youth events, please email Schuyler Henderson - shenderson@stlukesokc.org.

Children's Ministry - 6 weeks through 5th grade

St. Luke's Children's Ministry is designed to help every child learn about the love of God through biblically-based lessons. To learn more about our Children's Ministry contact Jocelyn Morgan - jmorgan@stlukesokc.org.

Parents with Young Children

The Family Room located at the back of the Worship Center offers a comfortable place for active or tearful children to be with their parents during the service.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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, 9:30 and 10:50 a.m.) at stlukesokc.org/live. Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install, please 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

Edmond Campus

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

Downtown Campus

222 NW 15th Street
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(405) 232-1371
stlukesokc.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

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- 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.
- Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center.
- A live feed of the service is available for parents with active or tearful children

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN MORE AT [STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS](https://stlukesokc.org/events)

GET PLUGGED IN | TODAY

Get plugged in at St. Luke's in 2024! Today, from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., you can find out more about getting connected at St. Luke's. Maybe you're ready to get involved in missions, or join the choir, or find a Bible Study or Support Group; we're here to answer your questions about getting plugged in at St. Luke's. Come by the table in the Narthex to learn more and get connected.

UWFAITH SUNDAY | TODAY

St. Luke's UWFaith (United Women in Faith) has a rich, long-running history of service within the church and the community. Today, 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.

YOGA WITH TISHA | TODAY

Everyone is invited to experience Yoga with Tisha today 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 Worship Center. 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.

OPPORTUNITY TO SEE *QUEEN ESTHER* IN BRANSON TICKET DEADLINE

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, May 10 - 11 and June 7 - 8. Cost varies based on age and hotel rooms needed. The deadline to reserve your spot for the May 10 - 11 trip is today, April 21 and for the June 7 - 8 trip the deadline is May 5 so reserve your spot now at stlukesokc.org/trip.

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 Edmond Campus session starts with dinner being served from 5:15 - 6:15 in the Worship Center (\$10 for adults and no charge for students and children) and the class beginning at 6:30 p.m. Nursery, children, and youth activities continue from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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.

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 you must fill out a form online at stlukesokc.org with the graduate's photo and information. There will be a reception that day for the Edmond Campus graduates and families from 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Sign up online at stlukesokc.org/events.

COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT | MAY 5

Come to enjoy St. Luke's Community Orchestra's last concert of the 2023-2024 season. They will present an exciting program filled with Latin music in honor of Cinco de Mayo. The concert is on May 5 at 3 p.m. in the Worship Center. Be sure to invite your neighbors and coworkers to this free concert of uplifting music. Everyone will be enjoying some Mexican pastry while listening to fun music that will inspire you to put on your dancing shoes! We will be collecting nonperishable protein items to distribute locally through our Community Market food ministry.

WOMEN OF FAITH STARTS NEW STUDY | APRIL 25 | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

The Women of Faith Bible study begins a new study on April 25 called *I'm Waiting God: Finding Blessings in God's Delays* by Barb Roose. This study explores the stories of women in the Bible who had to wait on God. If you've felt anxious, angry, discouraged, or depressed because God isn't giving you what you want, their stories will bring you hope. The Women of Faith meet on Thursdays at noon in the Downtown Campus Mansion Library. Lunch is available for \$5.

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 modern classic, everyone's favorite storybook characters are brought together for a timeless story. The show is rated PG-13 due to the complexities and darkness of the story. It may not be suitable for young children. 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 @poteetheatreokc on social media.

KID'S SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, PREK - 5TH GRADE | JUNE 3 - 6 AND JUNE 24 - 27

Vacation Bible School is for children PreK - 5th Grade! Your little one will have fun, make friends, and learn about the Bible at St. Luke's VBS. The Edmond Campus VBS is June 3 - 6 and the Downtown Campus VBS is June 24 - 27. Register your children or volunteer online at stlukesokc.org/VBS.

VOLUNTEER HELP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 3 - 6

Want to help a child have fun, make friends, and learn about the Bible? Then be a volunteer at this year's Vacation Bible School! VBS at the Edmond Campus is June 3 - 6 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. It's for children going into Pre-K this fall up to 5th graders. This is an event for volunteers to come help teach and lead our kiddos! Online Volunteer sign up is at stlukesokc.org/VBS.

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

Children entering 2nd-5th grades this fall can end their summer on a high note with an unforgettable weekend 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, we're going to engage kids' imaginations! 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.