

## 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 21, 2024

8.15 and 10:50 A.M

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

### PRELUDE

arr. Bradley Knight

*Easter Song: Hear the Bells Ringing*

St. Luke's Brass Ensemble

Robert Fasol, *organist/conductor*

Hayden Coie, *piano*

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. David Poteet

### †HYMN

REGENT SQUARE

*Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

*Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.*

*Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.*

*Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

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. 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

(8:15) Rev. Wendy Lambert  
(10:50) 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

Dr. Robert E. Long

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

## OFFERTORY

arr. Patti Drennan

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*  
St. Luke's Choir and Brass Ensemble  
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

*Rejoice, rejoice! We will rejoice! Lift up your voice, I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say rejoice!*

*God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice, in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come to glorify the saints for their eternal home. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Lift up your voice, lift up your voice, lift up your voice, rejoice, rejoice!*

## †DOXOLOGY

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***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

Ashley Carr Soter

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Steve Green

*I Can See*

Jackson Ewing, soloist

St. Luke's Brass Ensemble

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

*All at once He walked beside me, like He'd been there all along; not a stranger, but a father who can sense when somethings' wrong. And He answered all my questions, and He understood my fears that somehow vanished, now that He was here.*

*Can't you see who walks with you? Can't you hear who speaks your name? Can't you feel something stirring in your heart? How His words ring strong and true, like a once familiar strain. Can the paths we follow from now on be the same?*

*I couldn't bear for Him to leave me, so I begged Him to stay, spend the evening, a few moments before He went His way. Then, like a host, He stood and blessed me, broke the bread and poured the wine. Then I knew there was something I recognized.*

*I can see who walks with me, I can hear who speaks my name. I can feel something stirring in my heart. How His words still ring strong and true, like a once familiar strain, and I know I'll never be the same.*

*I can see, I can see, I can see.*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

MCDANIEL

*Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

*What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.*

*I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, since Jesus came into my heart! And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.*

*There's a light in the valley of death now for me, since Jesus came into my heart! And the gates of the City beyond I can see, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.*

*I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know, since Jesus came into my heart! And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll, since Jesus came into my heart.*

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

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!**

*Prelude and Fugue (C Major)*Robert Fasol, *organist*

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

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**Dr. Robert E. Long**

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**Rev. Wendy Lambert**

Senior Executive Pastor

**Rev. David Poteet**

Pastor of Congregational Care

**Rev. Linda Harker**

Online Campus Pastor

**Ashley Carr Soter**

Director of Young Adult Ministries

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MUSICIANS

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**Robert Fasol, *Organist/Choirmaster*****Dr. Hayden Coie, *Music and Worship Associate*****St. Luke's Choir and Brass Ensemble****Jackson Ewing, *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](mailto: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.



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## MINISTERS

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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](mailto: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](http://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.

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## One Church with Multiple Campuses

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### Downtown Campus

222 NW 15th Street  
OKC, OK 73103  
(405) 232-1371  
[stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org)

### Edmond Campus

900 N. Sooner Road  
Edmond, OK 73034  
(405) 285-2002  
[stlukesedmond.org](http://stlukesedmond.org)

### Online Campus

Watch service live, chat with  
clergy, request prayer, give online  
during every worship service  
[stlukesokc.org/online](http://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](http://STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS)

#### 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, please stop by the UWFaith table in the Narthex.

#### BUILDING BETTER MOMS | TODAY

Building Better Moms are meeting today 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. This event is totally free!

#### 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](http://stlukesokc.org/trip).

#### 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.

#### 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](http://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.

#### YOGA WITH TISHA | TODAY | EDMOND CAMPUS

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 at the Edmond Campus.



## **WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY STARTS NEW STUDY | APRIL 25**

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 Mansion Library. Lunch is available for \$5.

## **GAMES IN THE GARDENS | MAY 5**

Families at St. Luke's are invited to Games in the Garden. The Grove wants you to join them in the Garden on Sunday, May 5 from 10:30 - 12:30, after the LifeLight Service and 10:50 Service. There will be garden games and a light lunch ready for you and your family! Stay long as your schedule allows, The Grove would just love to get to visit with you! No reservations are needed, just come to the Garden between the Mansion and the CLC.

## **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](http://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](http://stlukesokc.org/poteet). Tickets are Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Kids/students \$10. Follow Poteet Theatre @poteettheatreokc 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](http://stlukesokc.org/VBS).

### **VOLUNTEER TO HELP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 24 - 27**

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 Downtown Campus is June 24 - 27 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](http://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](http://stlukesokc.org/credo).

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

### **GUYS VS GIRLS COMPETITION | TODAY**

Today, from 12:15 - 2:30, 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! Don't forget, a free lunch is provided at this event.