

# THE ONE THING

WHAT IF WE FOCUSED ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE?

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 4, 2016  
at Ten Fifty A.M.



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Louis Vierne

*Carillon*

Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 66

LAUDA ANIMA

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress; praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.*

*Father-like, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows; mother-like, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.*

*Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face; saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

All the sights and sounds,  
**the busyness and distractions,**  
cause a disjointed life,  
**leading us away from what really matters.**

We come to worship the One.

**We come to honor and remember all that God has done for us.**

We will not let the distractions of life take away our focus.

**We will put the first things, first.**

†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. Jeremy Sanders

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

## CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

*In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.  
Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.*

## 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

arr. Kurt Kaiser

*Take My Life*  
Chancel Choir  
St. Luke's String Ensemble  
Robert Fasol, *piano*  
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love, at the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King, always, only, for my King.*

*Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is Thine own. It shall be Thy royal throne. It shall be Thy royal throne.*

## LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. David Poteet

## OFFERTORY

Dietrich Buxtehude

*My Jesus Is My Lasting Joy*  
Rachel Barnard, *soloist*  
St. Luke's String Ensemble  
Robert Fasol, *organist*  
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*The troubles of this earthly life distress me but a day, through all this hard and troublous strife, my treasure lasts for aye. Away, O world, with pomp and gold, and all thy vain display! Whate'er betide, God's love will guide, and keep all harm away; whate'er betide, God's love will guide, and keep all harm away.*

*My Jesus is my lasting joy, the world but empty show where sorrow grows and fears destroy; all's dreary here below. When life is done, with God's own Son in faith I shall abide; He reigns above, and in His love will keep me at His side; He reigns above, and in His love will keep me at His side.*

## †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

Stephanie Greenwald

"Hear, O Israel The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deuteronomy 6:4 - 9)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. David Poteet

*The Secret of Life Revealed*  
From the Sermon Series: The One Thing

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

Stanton Lanier

*Quiet Place*  
St. Luke's String Ensemble  
Robert Fasol, *piano*  
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

## 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

HOLINESS

*Take Time to Be Holy*

*Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. Be looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.*

*Take time to be holy, let Him be thy guide, and run not before Him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.*

*Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath His control. Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Rev. David Poteet

Multitasking is an illusion

**that just adds distractions.**

We will put the first things, first;

**and focus on what really matters in life.**

## POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

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

# LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Rev. David Poteet**  
Pastor of Congregational Care  
**Rev. Jeremy Sanders**  
Pastor of Program Ministries

**Rev. Phil Greenwald**  
Executive Pastor of Administration  
**Stephanie Greenwald**  
Director of Worship

*Musicians*  
**Robert Fasol**, *Organist/Choirmaster*  
**Eric Bradford**, *Conductor*  
**Chancel Choir**  
**St. Luke's String Ensemble**  
**Rachel Barnard**, *Soloist*

## Sermon Notes

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## THE ONE THING

WHAT IF WE FOCUSED ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE?

The world is full of distractions. Friends check their smartphones instead of talking. Social media diverts our attention from work. Television, computers, and video games interrupt family time. What if we focused on what is important in life? Research has shown that multi-tasking is an ineffective way of accomplishing anything. But, real growth can occur when we put the first things first in life. We can transform our lives and the world around us when we make time to focus on The One Thing that really matters.



# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

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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](mailto: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](http://faithpartners.stlukesokc.org) or email to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto: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](http://stlukesokc.org) website. A link is also available on the St. Luke's App.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God:  
*In honor of Phil and Cathy Busey on the 4th Anniversary of El Sistema Oklahoma.*  
*Thank you for your love and support of the children of Oklahoma City.*

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in August:

*Downtown:* Jimmey Brown, Crystal Radcliff, Megan Beard, Dennis Boutwell, Sandra Pyle, Lenore and Jeff Allison, Lauren Allison, Donna Cantrell, Jean and John Boswell, Jana McKee, Lindsey and Jordan Ewert, Janice and Larry Cook, Lisa Lager, Paula Maggard, and Becky and David Lippert

*Edmond:* Gloria and Richard Rollins

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# 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.

## Helpful Information

Hymnals and Bibles are located in the arm rest of the seat.

Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Children's Ministry is available during the worship service for infants - 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Announcements

Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).



### Wednesday Night Alive Starts This Wednesday

Wednesday Night Alive starts this week with many new class options. Dinner will be served each week in the Christian Life Center at 5:15 p.m. and most classes start at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the meal is only \$5 per person and children 12 and under eat for free. This week's meal features fried chicken and all the fixings! Detailed class information and registration is available online at [stlukesokc.org/WNA](http://stlukesokc.org/WNA). You can also pick up an informational booklet at the Welcome Center.

### Disciple Bible Study

The 2016 Fall Session also features Disciple Bible Study classes. Disciple Bible Study is designed to teach students how to become better disciples of Christ through Bible study. The Disciple I class is offered at 6:30 Monday nights at the Downtown Campus or on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., starting September 13 at the Edmond Downtown Community Center. A Disciple III class is being offered at the Downtown Campus during WNA. Register is online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).

### Edmond Campus Update

It's getting closer to Grand Opening Sunday! There are several celebrations being planned. On October 2, a Consecration Service is being held in the newly completed building - this service will be a time to celebrate all the hard work and dedication needed to open St. Luke's Edmond. On October 9, St. Luke's Edmond will experience two services in the new building. There will be a LifeLight Service at 9:15 a.m. and a Traditional Service at 11 a.m. The Edmond Campus Grand Opening is scheduled for October 16 with the two services and with tours following each service. The new campus is located at 900 N. Sooner Road.

### Excitement at the New Edmond Campus

Exciting things are happening at the new Campus! We are so pleased to announce that the St. Luke's Edmond Children's Center is opening on September 6 at 6:30 a.m. with over 130 kids enrolled! There are still openings for enrollment. If you are interested, please contact Quisha Beardsley, [qbeardsley@stlukesokc.org](mailto:qbeardsley@stlukesokc.org). This wonderful new facility will be busy touching young lives with God's love.

### Bedlam Learning Series

The Bedlam Learning Series kicks off September 9 with OSU's Dr. Bob Blackburn, Executive Director at the Oklahoma Historical Society and OU's Cal Hobson, a 28-year Oklahoma Democratic lawmaker. Check-in and registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The first lecture is at 9 a.m., the second lecture begins at 10:30 a.m. Lunch is available at noon for \$7. Registration is also available at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org).

### Celebration Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 11, St. Luke's 3rd graders will be getting their own Bibles at all three services. The 3rd graders will receive Bibles with their own names on the front - signed by Dr. Long and provided by Marvin and Ima Mae Schlegel. Also being celebrated next Sunday is St. Luke's 50 year members. These special members will be presented with gold membership name tags that recognize their hard work and dedication to St. Luke's. Some 50 year members may be presenting the 3rd graders with their Bibles as a touching symbol of love to the youngest members of our family of faith.

## Joining St. Luke's

If you wish to place your membership with St. Luke's this morning, please complete this card and bring it to the front during the final hymn.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you transferring from another church?  Yes  No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like more information about other ways to join or upcoming membership events, please contact Beth Armstrong, Director of Welcoming Ministry, at (405) 609-1045 or [barmstrong@stlukesokc.org](mailto:barmstrong@stlukesokc.org).

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### Mom's Night Out

Moms, let's enjoy a fun, relaxing night out at "Paint Your Art Out." This painting party is a great opportunity to get to know other moms from your family of faith in a comfortable atmosphere. It's Tuesday, September 20, from 6 - 9 p.m. at Paint Your Art Out (10 S. Broadway, Edmond). Childcare is available at the Edmond Campus, and the cost to participate is \$25. RSVP online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) by September 7.

### Tiffany's Legacy Bible Study

Starting soon! A small, weekly Bible study group for women called "Tiffany's Legacy." Women will find caring fellowship while focusing on several series that encourage spiritual growth. This fall, Tiffany's Legacy will study Ray Vander Laan's Faith Lessons on the Early Church. Join us Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11 a.m., starting September 7 (running through December 7) in Room 222. Contact Georgann Osby at 751-9046 to sign up. No cost to participate.

### Mom's Ministry Service Project - Cookies for Cops

Want to show your support for the Edmond Police Department? Join us September 10, as we take cookies and cards to those who serve and protect. It's our way of showing kindness and appreciation for all they do. An officer will be there to talk with the kids and give a quick tour of the station. Your kids can make a picture or bring a card expressing kindness. Feel free to bring cookies if you want. We will be picking up several dozen and bringing for the whole group to give. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Edmond Police station (100 E 1st St). There is no age limit for the kids and anyone is welcome to come.

### Baristas Needed

Threefold is now hiring smiling baristas! The new Edmond Campus and the Downtown Campus are accepting applications. Downtown openings: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:15 - 5:15 p.m. Edmond openings: Sundays 7:45 - 12:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday 8:15 - 5:15 p.m. We're accepting applications now through September 14. If you are interested in being a barista in a great place, you can apply online at [jobs.stlukesokc.org](http://jobs.stlukesokc.org) or contact Tam-e at [tholmes@stlukesokc.org](mailto:tholmes@stlukesokc.org) or 600-3405.

### Mommy & Me Playdate

It's finally cooling down, so let's do Yoga in the St. Luke's Garden! All moms are invited to come enjoy a special "Mommy & Me" playdate - a yoga session with your kiddos on Sept. 12. It's a great opportunity to experience and teach your kids about the art of yoga. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. (\$5 for adults, children eat free) and yoga will begin in the Garden at 12:30 p.m. Register online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) and pay at the door.

### Bible Boot Camp -

Children in 3rd - 5th grades are invited to a Bible Boot Camp! This workshop will teach them how to become better acquainted with their Bible. Free meals are provided for this special class - Sunday, Sept. 18, from Noon - 3 p.m. in Room 220. Register online by Sept. 14 at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) (their name, grade, any food allergies), or email Susan Easttom at [seasttom@stlukesokc.org](mailto:seasttom@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1036.

### Youth Choir

As a part of Wednesday Night Alive, St. Luke's is starting a Youth Choir! Youth (6th-12th grade) are encouraged to sign up for this new choir at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org). The choir meets every Wednesday from 4:30-5:15 p.m. For more information, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1026.