

# THE ONE THING

WHAT IF WE FOCUSED ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE?

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 11, 2016  
at Ten Fifty A.M.



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Craig A. Penfield

*Credo: I Believe in One God*  
St. Luke's Orchestra  
Robert Fasol, organist  
Eric Bradford, conductor

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 139

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in His keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good He upholds. Hast thou not known His sustaining?*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Come before the Lord;

**Grow still and listen.**

Hear the love that God speaks to you.

**We will make time for what is important.**

Time is a gift and should be spent in the most valuable ways.

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

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

**We will give our best to the most important things in life.**

†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.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Sloane Rex Gannaway, daughter of David and Stephanie Gannaway, born on February 2, 2016.

## BAPTISM SONG

*Sloane, Sloane 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. Sloane, Sloane 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 Sloane surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

## CALL TO PRAYER

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Rev. David Poteet

## 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

## HYMN 277

STORIES OF JESUS

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here: scenes by the way-side, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

*First let me hear how the children stood round His knee, and I shall fancy His blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the love-light of Jesus' face.*

## RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Cheryl Ann Coy, Dick Hyde, Ruth Hyde, Alan Losinger, Joan McMillin, John Miller, Jay Musgrove, Frances Norman, Fredrick Porter, John Wagner, Doris Wagner, Rebecca Zeavin

## PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Steven Michael Brown

Elizabeth Grace Mildren

John Macklin Dewey

Kaylee Grace Norman

Christian Alexander Draper

John Pitman

Hudson Ferris

Halle Siess

Jackson Bruce Maner

Xzavion Zyke Tucker

Ethan Leigh McCartney

## LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

## OFFERTORY

arr. Joseph M. Martin

*Sing Them Over Again to Me*  
 Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
 Robert Fasol, piano  
 Eric Bradford, conductor

*Sing them over again to me. Sing them over again to me. Sing to me beautiful words, wonderful words of life.*

*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life. Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life. Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty; beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life; beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

*Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life. Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life. All so freely given, wooing us to heaven; beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life; beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.*

*I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me; how He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary. I was lost but Jesus found me; found the sheep that went astray; threw His loving arms around me; drew me back into His way. Beautiful words, wonderful words, beautiful words, wonderful words of life!*

*Sweetly echo the gospel call; wonderful words of life. Offer pardon and peace to all; wonderful words of life. Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever; beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life, beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life; beautiful words, wonderful words of life!*

## †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.*

## †NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. (James 1:19-25)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*"Listen to their hearts."*  
 From the Sermon Series: The One Thing

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

arr. Robert Fasol

*Nearer*  
 St. Luke's Orchestra  
 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.

*Let Us Reach Beyond the Boundaries*

*When our way is undemanding, let us use the time that's ours to delight in simple pleasures, sharing joys in gentle hours. When our way is anxious walking and a heavy path we plod, teach us trust in one another and in You, our gracious God.*

*From the homes in which we're nurtured, with the love that shapes us there, teach us, God, to claim as family every one whose life we share. And through all that life may offer, may we in Your love remain; may the love we share in families be alive to praise Your name.*

*Let us reach beyond the boundaries of our daily thought and care 'til the family You have chosen spills its love out everywhere. Help us learn to love each other with a love that constant stays; teach us when we face our troubles, love's expressed in many ways.*

## †SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We will say "no" to some things,  
so that we can say "yes" to others.

In order to live life well,

**we commit to putting the most important things first.**

## POSTLUDE

Stephen Paulus

*King David's Dance*  
Robert Fasol, *organist*

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Dr. Robert E. Long**

Senior Pastor

**Rev. Wendy Lambert**

Senior Executive Pastor

**Rev. David Poteet**

Pastor of Congregational Care

**Rev. Phil Greenwald**

Executive Pastor of Administration

**Rev. Jeremy Sanders**

Pastor of Program Ministries

*Musicians***Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster****Eric Bradford, Conductor****Chancel Choir and Orchestra**

## 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.



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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 the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wedding Ring Class given by Marvin Schlegel.*  
The Flowers in the Narthex this morning are given to the glory of God:  
*In honor of the wedding of Daniel Hunt and Stephanie Wegener on September 10, 2016.*

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).

### Edmond Campus Update

It's getting closer to Grand Opening Sunday! There are several celebrations being planned. A new date has been set for the Consecration Service. The new date is October 9 and will take place in the newly completed building. This service will be a time to celebrate, give thanks to God, and pray over the new building. The Edmond Campus Grand Opening will be on October 16 with two services, LifeLight at 9:15 a.m. and the Traditional service at 11 a.m. with tours following each service. The new campus is located at 900 N. Sooner Road.

### Wednesday Night Alive

Wednesday Night Alive is off to a great start. It's not too late to join a class of your choice. Dinner is 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 beef tacos. Detailed class information is available online at [stlukesokc.org/WNA](http://stlukesokc.org/WNA). You can also pick up an informational booklet at the Welcome Center.

### Abide - Stephanie Greenwald's New CD

Stephanie Greenwald's new CD is here! *Abide* is a beautiful compilation of 10 original songs from St. Luke's Director of Worship. *Abide* features Stephanie on vocals and piano. You will be inspired and refreshed by the message of hope found in these songs. Purchase your CD in Threefold today! The album is also available on iTunes and Spotify. All proceeds go to the life-changing missions of St. Luke's.

### 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. at the Edmond Downtown Community Center. A Disciple III class is being offered at the Downtown Campus during WNA.

### Membership Sunday

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you to our family of faith! Membership Sunday is on September 18. You're invited to a come-and-go brunch, with private joining moments available in the Mansion Chapel from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All you have to do is show up. No RSVP is required! St. Luke's is a wonderful place, and you can make it even better with your presence. Come join us!

### St. Luke's Music Academy

At St. Luke's, you can experience God through the beauty of music. If you've been thinking about learning to play an instrument or learning to sing, this is your chance! St. Luke's Music Academy is a new program that is offering music lessons and classes for adults and children (ages 6 and up). You can enroll with a qualified private teacher for weekly lessons or group classes. If you are interested, please fill out the online information form. For more information, email Candace Fish at [cfish@stlukesokc.org](mailto:cfish@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1026.

# 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).

## Announcements

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### 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, September 18, from Noon - 3 p.m. in Room 220. Register online by September 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.

### Baristas Wanted

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 almost autumn and temperatures are 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 September 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.

### 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 14.

### Tiffany's Legacy Bible Study

Come join a fascinating Bible Study for women: Tiffany's Legacy. It's a small, weekly Bible study group in which women will find caring fellowship while focusing on several series that encourage spiritual growth. Tiffany's Legacy is studying Ray Vander Laan's *Faith Lessons on the Early Church*. Join us Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Room 222. Contact Georgann Osby at 751-9046 to sign up. No cost to participate.

### Youth Metro Worship Tonight

St. Luke's Youth, 6th - 12th grade, are invited to experience the joy of fellowship at Youth Metro Worship. We will join other youth groups from several local churches to worship together tonight, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's. Students are invited to come earlier at 5 p.m. for dinner, set up, and hospitality. There's no cost. Just show up and have a great time. For details, email Amy Givens: [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027.

### Youth Lunch Bunch - Next Week

6th - 12th grade Youth, don't forget! Starting next week, September 18, the Youth Lunch Bunch is getting together for fellowship, fun, and food after Sunday worship throughout the fall, from 12-2 p.m. on the following days: September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18. Bring money for food, but if you're a guest, we'll buy your lunch! Meet in the Youth room, or youth leaders will be in the Narthex at the fountain to greet any guests. Invite a friend! For more information, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027.