

# THE ONE THING

WHAT IF WE FOCUSED ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT IN LIFE?

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 18, 2016  
at Ten Fifty A.M.



**St. Luke's**  
United Methodist Church

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

David N. Johnson

*Trumpet Tune (D Major)*

Kyle Myers, trumpet

Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 185

LAUDES DOMINI

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

*When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised! The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

God draws us together:

**To encourage us,**

To challenge us,

**To be with us.**

God reminds us of our calling:

**To worship,**

To grow in our faith,

**To serve the community.**

Our lives make a difference;

**we will share God's love and bring hope to the world.**

†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

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

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

## 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

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlotte Marie Kazenske, daughter of Faustino and Stephanie Kazenske, born on October 28, 2015.

## BAPTISM SONG

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

## ANTHEM

arr. Dan Forrest

*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Chancel Choir, Brass and Timpani  
Robert Fasol, *piano*  
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea. Cherubim and Seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.*

*Thou art holy, Thou art holy!*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen! Amen!*

## LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

## OFFERTORY

J. Riddle/B. Johnson/C. Black

### *One Thing Remains* James Shackelford, *soloist* Robert Fasol, *piano*

*Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave, constant in the trial and the change, this one thing remains, this one thing remains: Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me. Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me. Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me, Your love.*

*And on and on and on and on it goes. Yes, it overwhelms and satisfies my soul. And I'll never ever have to be afraid, 'cause this one thing remains: Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me. Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me. Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me, Your love.*

*In death, in life, I'm confident and covered by the power of Your great love. My debt is paid; there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love. Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me. Your love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.*

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*It's Your love, God, I know Your love is never-ending, Your love is never failing.  
It's Your love, Your love, Your love.*

## †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 EPISTLE

Rev. Dale Wood

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned him. For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:1 - 8)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

*That You Lived at All*  
From the Sermon Series: The One Thing

## 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.

*Go, Make of All Disciples*

*“Go, make of all disciples.” We hear the call, O Lord, that comes from Thee, our Father, in Thy eternal Word. Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer, and let our daily living reveal Thee everywhere.*

*“Go, make of all disciples,” baptizing in the name of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same. We call each new disciple to follow Thee, O Lord, redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.*

*“Go, make of all disciples.” We at Thy feet would stay until each life’s vocation accents Thy holy way. We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart, revealing in our witness the master teacher’s art.*

*“Go, make of all disciples.” We welcome Thy command. “Lo, I am with you always.” We take Thy guiding hand. The task looms large before us; we follow without fear; in heaven and earth Thy power shall bring God’s kingdom here.*

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We have been blessed over and over again by Christ;  
**Now it is our time to go out and bless others.**  
 Our lives have meaning and purpose;  
**We will leave a legacy that impacts the world.**

POSTLUDE

Antonio Vivaldi

*Concerto (D Minor): Allegro*  
 Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Dr. Robert E. Long**  
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**Rev. Wendy Lambert**  
 Senior Executive Pastor

**Rev. Phil Greenwald**  
 Executive Pastor of Administration

**Rev. Jeremy Sanders**  
 Pastor of Program Ministries

**Rev. Dale Wood**  
 Retired Clergy

*Musicians*

**Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster**  
**Eric Bradford, Conductor**  
**Chancel Choir, Brass and Timpani**  
**James Shackelford, Soloist**  
**Kyle Myers, Trumpet**

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God:  
*In honor of Bette Raulie on her 95th birthday given by Darrelyn Hoffman.*  
*In memory of James Anderson given by his wife, Jerrie Anderson and family.*

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.

### **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).

### Membership Sunday Today

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you to our family of faith! Today is Membership Sunday. 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!

### Parent's Night Out

Parents with children - birth through 5th grade - make plans to have a Friday night out! St. Luke's is holding a "Parent's Night Out" on September 23, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. We will provide free childcare, free pizza, and movies for the kids! We will watch *Chicken Little* and *Brave*. You MUST register online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) by September 21 in order to attend. For more information, email Susan Easttom: [seasttom@stlukesokc.org](mailto:seasttom@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1036.

### 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.

### Edmond Campus Update

It's getting closer to Grand Opening Sunday! There are several celebrations being planned. On October 9, at 11 a.m., there is a Consecration Service that 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

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 brisket and smoked sausage. 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.

### Bible Boot Camp Today

Children in 3rd-5th grades are invited to a Bible Boot Camp being held this afternoon! This workshop will teach them how to become better acquainted with their Bible. Lunch is provided for this special class - today from Noon - 3 p.m. in Room 220.

# 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

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

### Mom's Bible Study

Moms have a new Bible study to help them parent with confidence and joy. We will read *Brave Mom: Facing and Overcoming Your Real Mom Fears*, written by Sherry Surratt, President and CEO of MOPS International. Sherry addresses the top 10 mom fears and includes stories from real moms who share the help and answers they found. Mothers of children ages, birth through high school, are welcome to join in faith-building discussion with other moms. There is no cost. It's on Mondays, September 19 through November 28 (except for Mommy & Me Playdates - 10/10 and 11/7), from 10-11 a.m. in Room 209. Childcare is provided in Room 210. RSVP online or contact Morgan Jones: [mjones@stlukesokc.org](mailto:mjones@stlukesokc.org), or call 600-3415.

### Acts of Wellness

Time to get fit! Join us for the first meeting of the new Health and Wellness Ministry - "Acts of Wellness" - Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Mansion Library. Whether your goal is to walk a mile or to run a marathon, this brand new faith-based group wants to motivate and encourage you to reach your own personal health and wellness goals. Our first meeting will feature the inspiring story of Mat Jones, an OKC Triathlete who overcame incredible adversity to achieve his goals. Register online to attend ([stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org)). It's free, and childcare will be provided. Email Mark Mitchell with any questions: [mark.mitchell@outlook.com](mailto:mark.mitchell@outlook.com) or 819-8322.

### Mommy & Me

Do your children know about "Stranger Danger?" The Edmond Police want to help your children stay safe. Join us Monday, September 26 for a Mommy & Me event at St. Luke's Edmond Campus. We will meet officers and their canine unit in the east parking lot from 11:30 - 1 p.m. They will be teaching kids (and parents) how to best protect ourselves from strangers. Lunch is \$5 and kids eat free. For more information, email Jamie at [jwilliamson@stlukesokc.org](mailto:jwilliamson@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1012.

### Interactive Bible Study with Ulyanovsk UMC

Our live Bible Study with our sister church in Russia has returned! You're invited to meet our family of faith in Russia during a Skype call next Sunday, September 25, at 8:30 a.m. in the Mansion Library. We take turns reading Scripture and sharing stories with members of the Ulyanovsk UMC - a church St. Luke's helped develop in 1992. Come say hello to our Russian friends! Or say it in Russian, "Privet!"

### Youth Lunch Bunch - Today

6th-12th grade Youth, today's the day! Youth Lunch Bunch is getting together for fellowship, fun, and food after Sunday worship from 12-2 p.m. 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. For more information, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027.

### Youth - Crop Walk

Next week, St. Luke's Youth will be trying to end hunger, one step at a time. 6th-12th grade students will participate in a Youth "Crop Walk" on Sunday, September 25, to benefit Skyline Urban Ministry. They will meet in the Youth room for lunch, then go to Skyline for a 3-mile walk. There's no cost to participate, but donations will be accepted. Contact Amy Givens for more information: [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org), or call 609-1027. Skyline Urban Ministry provides groceries, meals, clothing, eye exams, and dignity to Oklahomans living with poverty.