

GAME CHANGERS

CHANGE YOUR GAME, CHANGE THE WORLD.

Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost
November 13, 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

Al Travis

Variations: Come, Thou Fount
Robert Fasol, organist

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 131

KREMSER

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant, and pray that Thou still our defender wilt be. Let Thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Potteet

This morning and every day,

God speaks to us.

God comforts and encourages us through our loved ones.

God inspires us in the beauty of nature.

God reveals Himself through the words of scripture.

Let us make time to listen for God in our lives.

God the Father speaks to us through all of creation.

God the Son proclaims the merciful love of God to us.

God the Spirit reminds us that we are children of God.

We will listen for God's message to us.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,

or persecution or famine,

or nakedness or peril or sword?

No!

In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

We are sure that neither

death nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities,

nor things present, nor things to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God, in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

†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

Be still and know that I am God.

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

Rev. David Poteet

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

K. Getty / J. Ferguson

Speak, O Lord
Chancel Choir and String Ensemble
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth; plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail, truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

†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

Susan Easttom

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the

boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood forth, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for thy servant hears." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel, at which the two ears of every one that hears it will tingle." (1 Samuel 3:1-11)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Speak, for Thy Servant Hears
From the Sermon Series: Game Changers

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Rachel Barnard / arr. Robert Fasol

Hollow
Rachel Barnard, *soloist*
Robert Fasol, *piano*

Hollow, hollow, Oh Lord, I feel so hollow! Emptiness fills my heart. It's like my world has come apart! Oh, Lord I feel so hollow!

God, You are always near. Please help me hear You, calm my fears. Mend my soul with your Love. I'm listening, my Lord above; that I won't feel so hollow.

So many 'round me feel the same, and only You can help us change the game!

Follow, follow, my Lord, it's You I'll follow! Fill my soul with Your grace! I know the challenge I must face, and now I feel less hollow. I hear You, and I'll follow!

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 463

CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me

*Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of Thy tone;
as Thou hast sought, so let me seek Thine erring children lost and lone.*

*O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in Thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.*

*O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things Thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.*

*O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling
thought and glowing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.*

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as Thou wilt, and when, and where,
until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.*

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Christ came to reveal God's love to the world:

to share the message of mercy,

to inspire us to live differently,

to call us to a better way of life.

POSTLUDE

Gordon Young

Toccata: Come, Thou Fount
Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor
Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care

Rev. Jeremy Sanders
Pastor of Program Ministries
Susan Easttom
Director of Children's Ministry

Musicians
Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
Chancel Choir and String Ensemble
Rachel Barnard, Soloist

Sermon Notes



We are constantly faced with decisions, both big and small in our daily lives. Have you ever made a decision in a moment, without fully realizing the impact it has on everyone around you? We all have the ability to change the course of our life and the lives of others, for the better with one decision. There have been people in all fields, throughout history who unknowingly made a choice that made a positive impact on the world. These people are often called “Game Changers” because they significantly affect the outcome of the people and culture in which they live. The Bible is full of examples of game changers that we can follow in our own lives to “change our game” and change the world around us!



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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. 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 or email to 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 website. A link is also available on the St. Luke's App.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in October:

Downtown: Randy, Kelli, Jordan, Joseph, & Jennings Moss, Amanda & Kevin Digney, Carson & Kurtis Dement, Bill Parry, Stan Holden, Robert Thompson, Robert Thompson II, Katie & Greg Shepherd, and Diane & Alex Hamilton

Edmond: Donna Curry, Jeanie & Paul Walker, Christin Luttrell, Cody Cornelius, Carol & Maurice Muirhead, Michele Eagleston, Brian Eagleston, Karen & Jeff Eagleston, Sarah Cohea, Trevor Courouleau, Shari Rigney, Krista Lange, Bob Guthery, Stephanie Skiles, Mandi Moon, Yara & Joe Ford, Karen Morgan, Toni & Dan Weinmeister, Terry & Sid Kramer, Kyle McKnight, Kristi & Greg Lawson, Lauren Riley, Carson Park, Eileen & Tim Ogilvie, Joyce & John Neely, Lesley & Rob Noller, Robert Flores, Bruce Cook, Stephanie & Matthew Giordano, Glenda & Gerald Bortle, Christina & Jeff Lovern, Pam & Bill Nichols, Michael Lindsey, Beth & Pete Holcomb, Jana & Cliff Dolton, Jana & Tony Leddy, and Diane Capps

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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 - 5th 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.

Help Serve Our Community

Volunteers are still needed to help serve our community and share kindness during the upcoming Thanksgiving season. On November 15, between 3 - 7 p.m., you can help St. Luke's and Feed the Children distribute care boxes to over 400 families. Volunteers will help 400+ families to pick up a food box, an essentials box, and a small Avon box. Volunteers are needed at the Asbury Campus parking lot to help unload the truck, move boxes, help greet, register, and direct people as they pick up boxes. Volunteers will work one hour shifts and can work more than one shift. Please sign up online at stlukesokc.org or at the Welcome Center.

Parent's Night Out

Parents, enjoy a night to yourselves while your children are having a blast at St. Luke's. Parent's Night Out, is this Friday (November 18) from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Bring your kids to the Downtown Campus, Room 210. We will provide free childcare, pizza and movies: *Pocahontas* and *Brother Bear*. This is for children ages infant through 5th grade. To attend, please register online at stlukesokc.org by Wednesday, November 16. For more information, email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

Latin Dance Class

Parents - let's dance! Bridges of Latin Dance (BOLD) is offering a free class during Parents Night Out on November 18, from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Youth Room. This one-hour class is a fun opportunity for you to spend the evening together learning Latin Dance. Free childcare is provided as part of Parents Night Out, which goes from 6 - 8:30 p.m. So grab dinner at 6, dance from 7 - 8, and relax before picking up your child at 8:30. No need to sign up. For more information, email C.J. Co or Ellen Mansfield: bold.passport@gmail.com.

UMW Bake Sale

Support missions by purchasing some of the appetizing baked goods from the United Methodist Women's Bake Sale on Sunday, November 20, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gallery. Proceeds from the bake sale will support missions. Be sure to stop by early to purchase goodies for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Join a 2017 Mission Trip to Honduras

St. Luke's is scheduled to continue its life-changing mission in Honduras in 2017. There is still room available on the first trip, March 11 - 18 (led by Natalie Roller). The cost is \$1,650 per person, which includes airfare, lodging, and meals in Roatan. There are a limited number of spots left. The registration deadline is November 30 and a \$100 deposit is due by that date. Checks can be mailed to Natalie or Julie at 222 NW 15th Street, OKC, OK 73103. For more information on the March trip, email Natalie at nroller@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1010.

Reformation and Wesley Heritage Tour

Dr. Bob and Marsha Long and Rev. Wendy Lambert will be leading a tour of Wesley and Reformation Heritage sites in Germany and England, September 1 - 13, 2017. You will tour some of the sites that are important in the lives of Martin Luther, Charles Wesley and John Wesley. You will also take time to tour sites related to WWII in Germany and have some free time to tour London. A trip brochure is available at the Welcome Center or more information can be found online at stlukesokc.org.

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.

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Call (405) 232-1371 for more info or visit stlukesokc.org.

Help Faith Partners Help Others

Faith Partners is assembling gift bags to give to the ladies who are at the substance abuse treatment center, Jordan's Crossing. Faith Partners is in need of donations for the bags. Travel sizes of the following items are needed: body wash, lotion, lip gloss, chapstick, small things. It is important that none of these be alcohol based (ie. body sprays, perfume, mouth wash). Donations are being accepted at the Welcome Center. All donations are due by November 27.

Moms Night Out

Moms, make plans to have fun with other women this Tuesday night while St. Luke's takes care of your kids. Mom's Night Out is going bowling on November 15 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Dust Bowl Lanes downtown (421 NW 10th St, OKC). Childcare will be provided at the Downtown Campus, and everyone will purchase their own meal. Register online at stlukesokc.org, or email Jamie or Taylor at moms@stlukesokc.org.

Mommy & Me Service Project

Everyone is welcome to join in the Mommy & Me Service project to help assemble blessing bags for the homeless on Saturday, November 19 from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. We will be meeting at the Edmond Campus in Rooms 131-133. This will be a great way to help teach our kids to serve their community. Simply register under events at stlukesokc.org.

Planning for Advent 2016

Symphony of Christmas Concert

Feel the joy and spirit of Christmas through live music! You're invited to the annual Symphony of Christmas Concert featuring the St. Luke's Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Cantate Chamber Choir, Bells of St. Luke's, and LifeLight Singers. This magical night takes place on Wednesday, November 30, at 7 p.m. in the Downtown Campus Sanctuary. A Holiday Reception hosted by the Hospitality Team will follow the concert in the Narthex. There is a pre-concert beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Narthex with El Sistema and the LifeLight Quintet. What better way to begin the Advent season than with amazing music and your family of faith!

Twas the Night Before Christmas - St. Luke's Christmas Party

Come celebrate the exciting things that happened at St. Luke's in 2016 and look forward to 2017 at the St. Luke's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11. The Gathering Hour and Holiday Open House is from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Narthex. Dinner and program begin at 5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Tickets are \$8. Children will enjoy their own Christmas Party with games and activities at 5 p.m. Tickets are available for \$4. Tickets can be purchased on November 27 and December 4 and December 11 in the Gallery.

Children's Christmas Play and Party

The Children's Christmas Musical and Party is going to be really special this year. On Sunday, December 4 at 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Center, the children are performing *We Three Spies* by Christy and Daniel Semsén. Kid "agents" with the CIK (Christmas Intelligence Kids) are a covert group of spies who secretly bring Christmas cheer to the needy. Bring everyone in the family! Childcare is available for birth - 4 years old. For more information, email Susan Easttom: seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.