

IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBILITIES

Easter Day
April 16, 2017
at Ten Fifty A.M.



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.

Hymnals, Bibles, 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.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Ludwig van Beethoven

Hallelujah

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 302

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say,
Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens,
and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Alleluia! Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory,
boasting grave? Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head,
Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave,
the skies, Alleluia!*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Life after death seems impossible,
but nothing is impossible for God.

Death is not the end
but rather a beginning.

Christ conquered sin and death
that we might know life now and evermore.

The impossibility has been fulfilled:
"Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death is your victory?
Where, O death is your sting?"

Christ the Lord is Risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make anew,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God,
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope,
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us,
We are not alone.
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. David Poteet

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine. Now and forevermore be Thine!

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. Mack Wilberg

Amazing Grace!
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Sam Hall, *bagpipes*
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease; I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun; we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. C. Courtney/L. Hasseler

I Will Rise

Meagan Seubert, Keely McGough, Cynthia McGough, *soloists*
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

There's a peace I've come to know though my heart and flesh may fail. There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well." Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won, He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain, I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near when this darkness breaks to light. And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes. Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won, He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain, I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!" and I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!" And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!" And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!"

I will rise when He calls my name, no more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God fall on my knees and rise. I will rise, I will rise, I will rise!

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

Rev. Jeremy Sanders

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Jo-anna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. (Luke 24:1-11)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

And They Did Not Believe Them!

From the Sermon Series: Impossible Possibilities

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 327

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

What may be impossible to us
can be possible for God.

We are set free from death.

We are called to live life now and evermore!

Christ the Lord is Risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

†CHORAL RESPONSE

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah Chorus
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and of His Christ. And He shall reign forever and ever.

King of kings, forever, and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah! And Lord of lords, forever and ever, hallelujah, hallelujah!

And He shall reign forever and ever. King of kings! And Lord of lords!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

C. M. Widor

Toccata (Symphony V)
Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Pastor of Program Ministries

Musicians

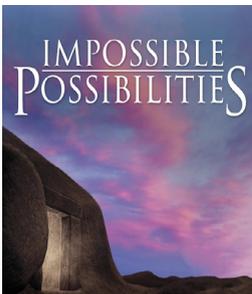
Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Sam Hall, Bagpipes

Cynthia McGough, Keely McGough, Meagan Seubert, Soloists



God makes the impossible... possible. It is hard to imagine being forgiven for the things that we have done wrong - even harder to imagine forgiving others who have wronged us. Living after death seems like the greatest impossibility, yet Christ was raised from the dead as a promise to us of life eternal. The greatest impossibilities of life can be made possible - by the power and the love of God.



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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: 96.1 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 February:

Downtown: Bill Culbertson, Beth and David Harris, Kara Trahan, Carla and Marshall Snipes, Connie and J.W. Mashburn, and Megan and Neil Stanek

Edmond: Sydney and Kyle Looper, Donna and Kevin Harwi, Amy and Zac Bradt, Leanne and Drew George, Amanda and Jay Cornmesser, Dearna and Garry Atkinson, Frances and Waldo Zenger, Jole and Barry Amos, and Lauren and Chad Kelliher



Date _____

Worship Service: 8:30 9:40 10:50

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

1st Time Guest

2nd Time Guest

Regular Guest

St. Luke's Member

Names and Birth Dates of Children With You

Announcements

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

Easter Offering

When you give to the 2017 Easter Offering, you will be supporting more than 50 different ministries of St. Luke's - organizations that bless the lives of others beyond the walls of our church. Throughout Lent, we have highlighted four of those ministries to give you an idea of the impact your generosity will have: Lydia Patterson Institute, Skyline Urban Ministry, Neighborhood Services Organization, and Studio 222. For more information on all of St. Luke's ministries, visit stlukesokc.org. Envelopes are available during worship. Gifts may also be made by calling the Finance Office at 232-1371, or online at stlukesokc.org. Don't forget that you can also donate by text. Simply text #Easter to (405) 252-9393.

New Series for Clergy Connection Class

Take a major step in your faith journey next Sunday through a powerful four-week Bible Study. Rev. Phil Greenwald will be teaching on the book of Philippians - a letter of gratitude and encouragement from Paul the Apostle. Some have called it "The Epistle of Excellent Things" or "The Epistle of Joy." In the letter from Paul, we hear practical guidance for dealing with adversity, friendship, love, and conflict. Each week we will look at one chapter and discover how Paul's message 2,000 years ago can help us to live a life of gratitude. It all begins next Sunday, April 23, in Room 206 at 9:40 a.m.

St. Luke's Columbarium

The Columbarium and Memorial Garden is located directly east of the Downtown Campus Sanctuary along Robinson Avenue. This sacred space holds the cremated remains of loved ones who have entered the Kingdom of Heaven. Niches, holding one or two urns, are available for a tax-deductible donation. Contact Rev. Phil Greenwald at 232-1371 or pgreenwald@stlukesokc.org to learn more about selecting a niche for your family.

Pet Blessing

We have all been blessed with unconditional love from our pets. Now you can honor the joyful gift that God has given us - our treasured relationships with them. St. Luke's Pet Ministry invites you to attend our "Pet Blessing" - next Sunday, April 23, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the St. Luke's Mansion (201 NW 14th Street). You are welcome to bring your pet (on a leash or in a carrier) to the parking lot outside of the Mansion. Pets will be prayed over by a minister and will receive a special certificate and photo following the event. It's free! For more information, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org, or call 600-3415.

Passages Grief Recovery Course

If you have lost a spouse, St. Luke's would like to help you through the healing process. You're invited to join a six-week Passages Grief Recovery Course. This course will be taught by Marla Cole, a licensed professional counselor, specializing in the field of grief and loss. Join us Mondays, beginning April 17 through May 22, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. in Room 225. There is no cost. Online signup is available at stlukeokc.org. For questions contact Morgan Jones at 600-3415, or mjones@stlukesokc.org.

Acts of Wellness Meeting

Acts of Wellness invites you to our next meeting on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Downtown Campus Mansion Library. Our guest speaker will be Tyler Pomeroy, a physical therapist with Core Physical Therapy, who specializes in lifestyle and sports activities. Childcare will be available upon request. Can't make the meeting, but still interested in Acts of Wellness? Email Morgan Jones at miones@stlukesokc.org to receive future meeting notifications or call 600-3415.

Prayer Requests or Questions: _____

How did you first hear about St. Luke's?

- TV Radio Web Other
 I'm a guest of _____.

Age Group

- 6th-12th Grade College 18-30
 31-40 41-50 51-59 60+

I would like more info about:

- Children's Programs
 Youth (6th to 12th grade) Programs
 Classes for Adults
 Volunteer Opportunities
 Other _____

Joining

- I wish to join St. Luke's
If you wish to join St. Luke's this morning, please bring this card to the front during the last song instead of placing it in the offering basket.
- I would like to know more about membership.
- I'm interested in joining but don't want to come to the front.
- Contact me about other ways to join.

Announcements

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

Marathon Potluck Mixer

Before we "Run to Remember" - let's celebrate everyone participating in the OKC Memorial Marathon with a Potluck Mixer: The Edmond Campus, 900 N. Sooner Road, will be hosting this potluck dinner for anyone who is a part of the Memorial Marathon on Friday, April 28, from 6 - 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Edmond. Bring a dish and don't forget your running shoes - Rev. Josh Attaway will hold a special "blessing of the shoes." Please bring your family, and RSVP online (stlukesokc.org) or email Savannah White at swhite@stlukesokc.org.

Canvas and Tunes Summer Day Camp

Have a child between age 10 and 13? They will have a blast this summer at a Day Camp called "Canvas and Tunes." It's a St. Luke's Children's Center Downtown program featuring art, music, field trips, community service, and more. This fun-filled summer camp will run June 5 through August 17 and is available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$225 per week. For details, please contact Gabrielle Moon at gmooon@stlukesokc.org, or call 600-3412.

Parent's Night Out

Parents - enjoy a Friday night to yourselves while St. Luke's takes care of your kids! "Parent's Night Out" is this Friday, April 21, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Downtown Campus. We're providing free childcare for kids (infant through 5th grade), including pizza and movies! Register online at stlukesokc.org, or email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1036.

Youth Summer Camps

Our Youth have a wonderful opportunity to experience a summer camp unlike any other: "Disciple Camp" for middle school students takes place June 1-5 (register by May 15). "Youth Force" for middle and high school students is June 25-30 (register by June 1). Our "Dayspring" high school students will enjoy camp from July 6-10 (register by June 15). For camp details, and to register, visit stlukesokc.org.

SonShine Camp

Do you have a child entering 1st or 2nd grade this fall? Before they head back to school, give them a special treat at "SonShine" Camp. On July 22 and 23 at Canyon Camp (Hinton, OK), they will enjoy activities and creative worship in this overnight camp that are geared for this younger age level; all under the caring and watchful eye of shepherds and leaders. Parents are encouraged to attend. The cost for parents is \$56. Register your child online before April 30 for an early-bird special price of \$59. After April 30 the children's price is \$79. Go to okcamps.org to register. Please use the code: SonShine Camp-1S2 when registering.

Growing in Grace Camp

Before your child starts the 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade this fall, give them an experience they'll never forget - an opportunity to experience God's love in God's beautiful creation at a three-day, two-night event called "Growin' in Grace" Camp. It's July 17-19 at Canyon Camp (Hinton, OK). Register online at okcamps.org before April 30 to receive early-bird pricing (\$167 vs. regular price \$187). Please use the code: Growin in Grace Camp-1G2 when registering.

Welcome

As Senior Pastor of St. Luke's, I would like to personally welcome you to our Easter services. Our mission is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. I hope you will take the time to explore the many opportunities at St. Luke's to share Christ, grow in faith, and serve the community. You can learn more about St. Luke's at the Welcome Center or by visiting our website at stlukesokc.org.



Worship is the most important ministry of St. Luke's. It is the time when each person can grow closer to God and find inspiration and strength to face the issues of life. But worship is just a beginning. We believe it is important for each person to grow in their faith and serve the community. Small groups, such as Sunday School, Bible Studies, Mommy and Me, Men's Groups and many more, provide us all the opportunity for fellowship, growth, and a way to make a difference.

There are several ways to worship with St. Luke's. We offer three services on Sunday mornings. Traditional services are held in the Sanctuary and begin at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Our contemporary service, LifeLight, begins at 9:40 a.m. in the Christian Life Center.

You can also find St. Luke's on Channel 5 (KOCO-ABC) Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (one week delay).

I also invite you to listen weekday mornings to my "Something to Think About" radio spots on Magic 104.1 FM and WWLS 98.1 FM/640 AM between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. These spots are designed to bring a word of encouragement to our community.

Thank you for making St. Luke's a part of your Easter celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Long". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Long
Senior Pastor



Sometimes life can feel fast-paced, and yet at other times, it seems like it will take forever to get to where we want to be. How can we make sure to focus on our goal but still make the most of the journey? Time continually moves forward but we don't have to get run over by it. We are meant to make the most of life. We are called to find joy and meaning, develop relationships, make a difference, and grow in our knowledge and understanding of God and the world around us. We can change the way we run the race. Join us next Sunday as we begin this new Sermon Series: Racing to the Flag.

Year of Gratitude

2017 - The Year of Gratitude

This year we have set a goal to write one Thank You note every day. Gratitude opens our hearts and minds to seeing God's work in our lives and in the world. A life of gratitude is a better way to live. Telling someone "thank you" makes a difference in their lives and our own. When we intentionally express our gratitude, we become more aware of what we have and who is in our lives - and we help make others aware of their value. You can pick up free Thank You cards every week at the Welcome Centers.

One Church with M

Downtown Campus

Sunday Worship:
8:30, 9:40, 10:50 a.m.
222 NW 15 OKC, OK 73103
(405) 232-1371
stlukesokc.org

Edmond Campus

Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11 a.m.
900 N. Sooner Road
Edmond, OK 73034
(405) 285-2002
stlukesedmond.org



Memorial Marathon Sunday

On Sunday, April 30, make plans to cheer on those running right by St. Luke's on Harvey Ave. Volunteers are needed to maintain the watering station for runners. Sign up online at stlukesokc.org. The Downtown Campus will not have the 8:30 or 9:40 Worship Services, but we will have one very special combined service at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Edmond Campus is having a special day of events, including a kids "Fun Run" in-between services and a car show. Service times are: Lighthouse Contemporary at 9:15 a.m. and Traditional at 11 a.m.



Online Worship

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Multiple Campuses

Online Campus

Sunday Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Watch Live, Chat with Clergy,
Prayer Request, Give Online
stlukesokc.churchonline.org

Asbury/Fuente de Vida Missional Campus

English Worship: 10:40 a.m.
Spanish Worship: 6 p.m.
1320 SW 38th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73119