

DARING GREATLY

HAVING THE COURAGE TO TRULY LIVE

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 24, 2017
at Ten Fifty A.M.**



St. Luke's
United Methodist Church

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

arr. Mark Hayes

All Creatures of Our God and King

Robert Fasol, *organist*

St. Luke's Brass

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN

DIADEMATA

Teach Me, O Lord, I Pray

Teach me, O Lord, I pray, Your precious truth divine; lead me to understand Your Word and make its precepts mine. Impart Your wisdom, Lord, shed light upon my way, that I may know Your boundless love; teach me, O Lord, I pray.

Train me, O Lord, I pray, in knowledge and in skill; O daily let me walk with You and do Your perfect will. O train my heart and mind to serve You unashamed, at home, abroad, wher-e'er the Christ has yet to be proclaimed.

Use me, O Lord, I pray, to shed Your light sublime to rich and poor, to high and low of every race and clime. O may Your flaming zeal burn constantly and true, till souls in darkness everywhere fall down and worship You.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

The actions of God are often a mystery to us;

His ways are not our ways.

Christ promised to give us His peace

which goes beyond our understanding.

Yet not all is unknown:

we can depend on God's faithfulness;

we can trust in God's love;

we can know the presence of God in our lives.

Listen for the Spirit calling you

to share the love of God 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

Rev. Keith King

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Have faith in God, He's on His throne; have faith in God, He watches o'er His own; He cannot fail, He must prevail; have faith in God, have faith in 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

†HYMN 601

THY WORD

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love you to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

RECOGNITION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS

Marguerite Arn, Tracy Clay Freeny, Darrelyn K. Hoffman, Carma Jean Jenkins, James R. (Jim) McKillen, Lonnie Ray Nowlin Sr., Philip Reynolds Reed, Karen Rosa, Eric Martin Smith, Karol Ann Smith, Narci Smith, Mike Sutherland, Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Waggoner

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Dr. Robert E. Long
Susan Easttom

Henry Jones Bair

Cyanea Hobbs

Isabelle Leclercq

Will Boone

Riley Hobbs

Sophia Leclercq

Carter Burks

Mary Beth King

Andrew Everett Mann

Emery Diesselhorst

Abbie Kleese

Paige Elizabeth Pilgrim

Avery Camden Fisher

Lola Lackey

Ehren Vaughn Schroeder

Troy Griswold

Cooper Leclercq

ANTHEM

arr. Dan Forrest

God of Grace and God of Glory
Chancel Choir and St. Luke's Brass
Robert Fasol, piano
Eric Bradford, conductor

God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your power. Crown Your ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us scorn our Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You Whom we adore, serving You Whom we adore.

God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your power. Crown Your ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour. Amen, Amen!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Herms/West/Grant

Daring to Be
Amy Hardiman, soloist
St. Luke's Brass
Robert Fasol, piano
Eric Bradford, conductor

I've had enough of the same old tired ordinary world telling my heart that I'm nothing but an ordinary girl. So sick and tired of falling for that lie every time. I've got a desire just to find out if there's more, and it starts tonight.

I'm waving goodbye to my pretty little life, taking Your hand and crossing that line, daring to leave the old me. Shout it out loud, and I'm not ashamed. Diving in now, and so not afraid. Hello to all that You see, and everything You made me, I'm daring to be.

"Perfectly safe and complacent." Those are words Your love's replaced with "fearless and brave, and courageous." Yeah, that's who I am today.

I'm waving goodbye to my pretty little life, taking Your hand and crossing that line, daring to leave the old me. Shout it out loud, and I'm not ashamed. Diving in now, and so not afraid. Hello to all that You see, and everything You made me.

Can you hear it, calling every heart to come alive, pulling us deeper to the life that we were meant to find? And it starts tonight.

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†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. David Poteet

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for a man of Tarsus named Saul; for behold, he is praying, and he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to thy saints at Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon thy name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came, has sent me that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 9:10-17)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Even If It Doesn't Make Sense
From the Sermon Series: Daring Greatly

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 438

DUKE STREET

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; Thee, only Thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; in all my works Thy presence find, and prove Thy good and perfect will.

For Thee delightfully employ what-e'er Thy bounteous grace hath given; and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with Thee to heaven.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

God calls us to share love and hope and mercy
in the ways that God has shared with us.

We are challenged to step outside our comfort zone
and minister in new ways to new people.

Listen for God's voice calling you
to share grace in unexpected ways.

POSTLUDE

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Praise the Lord
St. Luke's Brass
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

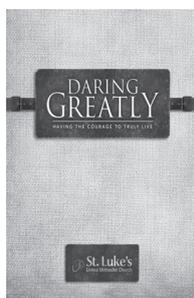
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Musicians
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Chancel Choir and St. Luke's Brass
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Sometimes the worry of failure or loss can limit what we choose to do. But life was never meant to be lived from the sidelines. God calls us to be engaged with everything that life has to offer. This means we will experience joy and sorrow, success and failure. Winning at life doesn't mean that we will never experience a loss, but that we are willing to take a risk. By daring greatly, we will find a life far more abundant!



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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.

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the glory of God:
In honor of Bette Raulie's birthday by her daughter, Darrelyn Hoffman.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in August:

Downtown: Marshall Stockdell, Ray Howell, Ashtyn and Jacob Armandariz, Gene Rainbolt and Charlotte Lankard

Edmond: Donna and Bob Burn, Cathy and Kurt Leichter, Trisha and Connor Dempsey, and Jenny and Dan Storm

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Communication Card

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.

Carillon Bells are Coming Home

The Carillon Bells are coming home! Our 60-year-old bells have been refurbished in Cincinnati over the past year and are scheduled to return to St. Luke's next Sunday, October 1. Come see all 42 bells up close before they're returned to the tower. The refurbishing was part of last year's "Heading for Home" capital campaign. The bells will be on display on NW 15th street, just north of the Sanctuary, and will be installed the following week. Once the bells are in place, there will be a special concert to celebrate their return!

El Sistema Oklahoma Fall Concert

Witness the power of music to transform young lives! You're invited to the El Sistema Fall Concert on Sunday, October 8, at 2 p.m. on The Great Lawn at Myriad Gardens. The children have been exploring the theme, "What makes a community strong?" You can celebrate the El Sistema Oklahoma community and all those who support the children with your attendance. It's free and open to the public, so bring your lawn chairs!

Mission Trips to Houston

We now have several trips planned to the help with the cleanup in Houston: September 28 - October 1, October 5 - 8, October 18 - 21. The cost of the trip is free, we only ask that participants plan on paying for their own meals. For more information and to sign up, go online to stlukesokc.org/Harvey. You can give to support this mission trip by texting STL Relief to 73256 to give to the Disaster Relief.

Trunks Needed for Fall Festival of Treats

The Fall Festival of Treats is one of the kids' favorite events of the year, and you can make it better than ever! We're looking for volunteers to be a part of "Trunk or Treat" on October 25 at 6 p.m. in the South parking lot (NW 14th & Harvey Ave). There will also be inflatables for the kids and a Spooky Organ Concert for everyone to enjoy. If you can decorate your vehicle and fill your trunk with candy for all the kids, please sign up online at stlukesokc.org or email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org.

Group Link

Are you interested in connecting with people going through a similar stage of life? This is the perfect time to step out of your row and into a circle by joining a new small group. "Group Link" is a St. Luke's program designed to create new small groups within our family of faith. For three weeks in October, Group Link will introduce you to what "small group life" is really like. At the conclusion of the three-week program, groups will continue to meet on their own, at the time and location of their choosing. At the Downtown Campus, Group Link begins Thursday, October 5, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. At the Edmond Campus, it begins Sunday, October 1, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Sign up is easy - just complete the form included in today's bulletin and return it to the Welcome Center. Or you can sign up at stlukesokc.org or at the Welcome Centers, or contact Morgan Jones (Downtown) at mjones@stlukesokc.org (609-1028) or Josh Attaway (Edmond) at jattaway@stlukesokc.org (285-2307).

Children's Bible Boot Camp Today

Parents, your children will love a "Bible Boot Camp" being hosted by St. Luke's Downtown Campus right after church, from 12 - 2 p.m. in Room 210. Kids will learn how to use their Bible and enjoy a pizza lunch, free! This is open to children in 3rd through 5th grade.

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.

Russia Mission Trips Deadline

It's time to finalize the trip to Ulyanovsk, Russia and there is still space for you. The trip takes place on December 28, 2017 - January 6, 2018. The cost is \$2,500 and you must sign up by September 28. We will be participating in a New Year's retreat with the Ulyanovsk church. Please contact Lauranne Harris at lauranne18@msn.com if you are interested or have further questions.

Children's Christmas Musical and Auditions

It's time for the Children's Christmas Musical and Auditions! This year's performance - "Wrapping All the Way" will be presented on Sunday, December 3 at 3 p.m. by the St. Luke's children in 1st - 5th grades. Children may audition for singing/speaking roles by appointment only. Register online at stlukesokc.org. Auditions start, October 1 and October 8 (in 5 minute increments), beginning at 12:10 p.m. Kindergarten children may participate if an adult attends rehearsals with them. There's no charge. For details, contact Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1036.

Parents Night Out

Parents - mark your calendars for a Friday night on the town! The Downtown Campus is offering free childcare on October 6, from 6 - 8:30 p.m., so you can have a Parent's Night Out. Your children will have a blast while enjoying a delicious meal and watching movies. There's no cost. Register online at stlukesokc.org, or contact Susan Easttom: seasttom@stlukesokc.org or 609-1036.

Wednesday Night Alive

Come and join your Family of Faith on Wednesday evenings at Wednesday Night Alive! The menu for the next WNA is smoked chicken, pulled pork, roasted potato fingerlings, coleslaw, rolls, and dessert. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under eat free). Classes start at 6:30 p.m. More information about classes is online at stlukesokc.org/wna.

Be a Part of a Trip of a Lifetime!

St. Luke's is hosting two trips to the Holy Land in 2018. Rev. Wendy Lambert will lead a group to the Holy Land and Jordan May 30 - June 9, 2018 with an optional extension to cruise the Nile and tour sites in Egypt. Rev. and Mrs. Phil and Stephanie Greenwald and Susan Easttom will lead a group to the Holy Land on a trip especially designed for families with children (though you do not have to have children traveling with you to be a part) June 7-14, 2018. Both trips will deepen your relationship with God and your understanding of the Bible. There are brochures available at the Welcome Centers or online at stlukesokc.org.

Latin Dance Class

You are invited to Rumba Buena II, a Latin dance class hosted by BOLD (Bridges of Latin Dance) on Friday, September 29 in the Parlor, Room 120 at the Downtown Campus. It will be from 7 - 9 p.m. and free dance lessons in Merengue, Bachata and Salsa will be given. For more information email bold.passport@gmail.com. The event is free and no dance partner is necessary.

Youth Day at Frontier City

Summer may be over, but the fun never stops for St. Luke's youth! Join us for a roller coaster afternoon at Frontier City! On Sunday, October 1, right after church (noon), 6th - 12th grade students will head out together to ride the ferris wheel, roller coasters, bumper cars, and all that Frontier City has to offer. We will return at 6 p.m. It's \$20 per ticket, plus money for food. Sign up by this Wednesday (September 27) by contacting Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.