



Things You
Won't
Regret

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
(500th Anniversary)
October 29, 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. James D. Ployhar

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *organist*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 545

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the Word. From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.

Today is a celebration where we share praise and thanksgiving for God.

Thanks be to God!

We are grateful for faithful men and women who have followed Christ,

despite the cost and the circumstances,

whose convictions shaped the church we know today.

Thanks be to God!

The Holy Spirit gave them courage

and fills us anew this day.

We rejoice over the work of the Lord
to continually reveal His love to the world!

Thanks be to God!

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God Himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.

†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. David Poteet

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

To God the Holy Spirit let us pray most of all for faith upon our way.

Lord, have mercy! - Martin Luther

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. Dan Forrest

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Chancel Choir, Congregation and Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano/organ*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe now seeks to work us woe; his wrath and power are great and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He: Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever! His kingdom is forever!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

RECOGNITION OF BIBLE TEACHERS

Dr. Robert E. Long

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Richard E. Frey

Built on a Rock
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano/organ*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

Built on a rock the church still stands, even though temples are falling; yet over ruins of towers untold, bells are still chiming and calling; calling the old and young to rest, but, above all, the soul oppressed, yearning for rest everlasting.

Built to His praise, our Savior's church, still bears Him honor and glory. Where at His side the children learn the beautiful story. How He has promised one and all, to those who love Him, great and small, heaven and life everlasting.

Grant then, O God, where we abide, ever when church bells are ringing, people may gather in His name to hear the message they're bringing, "All I have told you, man shall see, for all these things will come to be; My peace abide with you always." Amen.

†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. David Poteet (Latin),
The Hon. Noma Gurich Miley (German),
Amy Givens

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another. (Galatians 5:1, 13 - 15)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Here I Stand
From the Sermon Series: Things You Won't Regret

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

BEECHER

Let My People Seek Their Freedom

"Let my people seek their freedom in the wilderness awhile, from the slave pens of the Delta, from the ghettos on the Nile." So God spoke from out of Sinai, so God spoke and it was done, and a people crossed the waters toward the rising of the sun.

"Let my people seek their freedom in the wilderness awhile, from the aging shrines and structures, from the cloister and the aisle." So the Son of God has spoken, and the storm clouds are unfurled, for God's people must be scattered to be servants in the world.

In the maelstrom of the nations, in the journeying into space, in the clash of generations, in the hungering for grace, in our agony and glory, we are called to newer ways by the Lord of our tomorrows and the God of earth's todays.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

The work and sacrifices of the Reformation

brought freedom in worship.

How will you use it?

The courage and convictions of church leaders

brought access to Scripture.

How will you use it?

We commit to grow in our faith, share God's love and bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

David N. Johnson

Grand Fantasia (Ein Feste Burg)

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

Amy Givens

Director of Youth Ministry

The Honorable Noma Gurich Miley

St. Luke's Member

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

Eric Bradford, Conductor



We all have done things that we wish we hadn't. But there are some things we can do that we will never have to regret - being kind to someone, saying "thank you," helping someone in need. Wouldn't it be nice to live without regret? We can live a life of joy and meaning when we focus on others first. Join us as we explore the most significant things we will never regret.



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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 September:

Downtown: Rallene and Bruce May, Taylor and Martin Brady, Deven and Rod Vernon, KT and Fred Morton, Dawn Wilson, Katie and John Stachowiak

Edmond: Emily Allan, Kelly Marose, Melanie Pickering and Colton Cheap, Anne and John Morris, and Lacy Michels



Communication Card

Date _____

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

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

- Taught Bible Study
- 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.



Today is Reformation Sunday!

St. Luke's is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. During the Worship Service, as a special way for us to remember Martin Luther's efforts to make the Bible available to everyone, we are honoring all teachers who have taught the Bible. The children will be learning about the Reformation and Martin Luther in their Sunday School classes with fun activities. After the services, please take some time to explore the exhibits and displays in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall that will be an inspiration to you. Remember to stop by to sample the German finger foods, and root beer floats.



Carillon Dedication and Concert

It's time to ring the bells! The renovation of the Carillon Bells is "heading for home," and a special Dedication Service will be held November 5. A meal will be served after Worship, and then starting at 12:45 p.m. the Sanctuary will be open for all who wish to remember a special person in their lives by ringing one of the Carillon Bells and lighting a candle. A Service of Dedication and Concert will follow at 1:15 p.m. when the bells will come to life as we celebrate the saints on whose shoulders we stand. We hope you will be a part of this celebration!

Stewardship 2018

When you give to the general operations budget you are supporting St. Luke's programming, missions, administration, ministry staff, and facility. We are committed to making sure every gift makes a difference. The church leadership is committed to living within our means. That's why we ask every family to make a financial commitment (pledge) every year - so that we might budget for the ministry and mission we can do in the coming year. We are asking your family to prayerfully consider what you are able to commit to give in 2018 and make plans to attend a special Commitment Sunday on November 5.

Edmond Dessert with Bob Today

If you haven't met Dr. Bob Long, or haven't visited St. Luke's beautiful Edmond Campus, please join us today at 2 p.m. for "Dessert with Bob." at the Edmond Campus. St. Luke's Senior Pastor, as well as Edmond Campus Pastor Rev. Josh Attaway will be there, as we celebrate the first year of the new Edmond Campus and learn more about Dr. Long's 26 years at St. Luke's. Guests from all campuses are invited!

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

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Mission Rancho Village - Feed the Children

Be a part of an amazing opportunity to bless hundreds of people while sharing God's love with our neighbors in South OKC. St. Luke's will be partnering with Rancho Village Elementary, Feed the Children, and the Lion's Club to distribute food, backpacks, and books to over 400 families. It happens Tuesday, November 7 at St. Luke's Asbury (1320 SW 38th St). There are two time slots to volunteer: 1 - 4 p.m. and 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. To volunteer for one or both times, please sign up at the Welcome Center or online at stlukesokc.org.

Clergy Connections Sunday School Class

Rev. Wendy Lambert is leading a two-week series as part of the Clergy Connection Sunday School Class beginning today at 9:40 a.m. in Room 206. The series is called "Ten Things of the Reformation That Changed the World."

Trip to the Holy Land and Jordan!

You're invited to join Rev. Wendy Lambert on a trip to the Holy Land and Jordan, May 30 - June 9, 2018. It will be a journey that can truly deepen your faith, enhance your connection to your family of faith, and make the Bible come alive! There are brochures at the Welcome Centers or online at stlukesokc.org. For more information, contact Wendy at wlambert@stlukesokc.org.

Youth Costume Bowl

Let's join other youth groups for a great night of bowling – dressed up in costume! It's tonight, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Vans will take students to Windsor Lanes. There are prizes for best costumes, so have some fun with it! Plus, we're collecting canned goods and toiletries to donate to Skyline Urban Ministry. The group that brings the most items gets a prize, so help us win! The cost for Costume Bowling is \$15.

Youth Metro Worship

All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to enjoy worship and fellowship with other youth groups! We'll join our friends from local churches as we come together for Youth Metro Worship on Sunday, November 5, from 6-8 p.m. at St. Andrew's UMC. We will meet at St. Luke's at 5:15 p.m. and travel together. We'll return by 8 p.m. Dinner is not provided at this event. It's free and there's no need to register.

