

In Matters of
LIFE AND DEATH AND LIFE

First Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Communion
February 18, 2018
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

Daniel Gawthrop

Chorale

Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 64

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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 shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

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.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Keith King

Jesus came that we might have life
and have it more abundantly.

We were created to find meaning and purpose:

To reach out and make a difference,

To find joy,

To discover beauty,

To make memories,

To help others.

We can choose how we live.

We commit to living life more abundantly!

†UNISON PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, who gave us birth, You are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now Your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more Your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in You, and that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from Your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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.

ANTHEM

arr. Paul Sjolund

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Chancel Choir

Laura Cunningham, *violin*

Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign, my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou: If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now. My Jesus, 'tis now.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Ludwig van Beethoven

Moonlight Sonata

Joe Effinger, *cello*

Robert Fasol, *piano*

†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 GOSPEL

Susan Easttom

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:7-11)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

The Gift of Life

From the Sermon Series: In Matters of Life and Death and Life

INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Leader to people) Hear the Good News: Christ died while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(People to leader) In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(All) Glory to God, Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth You formed us into Your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

You sent Your Son that we might know life and have it more abundant. Live in us that we might live a life that makes an impact. Help us to see the opportunities we have to make a difference. Your mercy has transformed us, and You call us to share Your love with others.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Lead us into this season of Lent for a time of self-reflection about our life with you. Help us to consider life, death, and life beyond death.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The ushers will direct you to come forward to receive communion. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and a server will come to you. Please feel free to stay at the rail in prayer as long as you wish. Gluten-free bread is available at the serving station on the south side of the Sanctuary.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

SINE NOMINE

Give Thanks for Life

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love our praise. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the Christflame, bursting through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what is right, Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for our own, our living and our dead, thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by time or death or dread, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain lying in darkness, does its life retain in resurrection to grow green again. Alleluia! Alleluia!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

God the Father gave us life.

God the Son came that we may have life more abundantly.

God the Spirit empowers us to live life with meaning.

We will live with the mercy we've received and share that love with all!

POSTLUDE

Daniel Gawthrop

Allegro Ritmico
Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long
Senior Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald
Executive Pastor of Administration

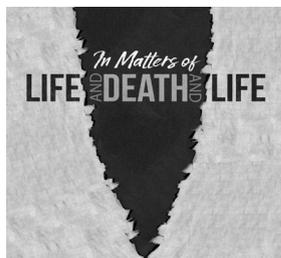
Keith King
Online Campus Pastor

Susan Easttom
Director of Family Ministries

Musicians
Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
Chancel Choir
Laura Cunningham, Violin
Joe Effinger, El Sistema OKC Student

Communion Servers

Debbie Beckner, Nancy Bell, Arden Boydston, Ed Doney, Susan Easttom, Barbara Frazier, Rev. Phil Greenwald, Rainey High, Rev. Keith King, Dr. Bob Long, Marsha Long, Erika Manning, Suzanne Manning, Jeanne Morgan, Diane Parker, Glenda Payne, Sherry Pemberton, Rev. Dave Poteet



Christ came to bring us life and life more abundant. We were created to live life to the fullest in this life and the next. We were meant to live as those who did not fear death and when faced with our own mortality - to know that at death we go forth to live. Lent reminds us that Jesus calls us to live a full and meaningful life with certainty and peace.



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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 January:

Downtown: Diane Cross, Mark and JoAnn Schlegel, Donna Spaulding, Mark Sliphorst, John and DeeAnn Dolan, Gregory and Paula Belt, Mark and Gloria Banister, Mary Rachel Bailey

Edmond: Laura and Chris Mitchel, Derek Caswell and Allison Murphree, Carrie Owens, Christopher Morris, Danielle and Justin Covalt, Lucy and Dylan Perry, Stacy Coleman, Brock Coleman



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

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Announcements

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



Telling the Story Video Booth

As a part of Telling the Story theme this year, we want you to be able to share your stories with the family of faith. We have made it easy for your voice to be heard in the new Video Booth. We encourage you to visit the video booth to record your story. Each week there will be different questions you can answer, or feel free to share a story that's on your heart. The Video Booths will be located around campus. There are simple and easy to follow directions and someone will be close by to offer assistance if needed.



Membership Sunday Today

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you into 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. For more information about becoming a member, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1028.

Lenten Devotionals

The staff has written devotionals for the Lenten Season. You can pick up a copy of these devotional booklets in the Narthex today. If you would rather have a digital version: follow [Facebook.com/stlukesokc](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesokc) or sign up for the Devotional Email at stlukesokc.org.

Alaska Mission Trip - Informational Meeting Today

Have you ever wanted to go to "The Last Frontier?" Here's your chance to see the beauty of Alaska while Sharing God's Love! On July 6, a St. Luke's mission team will be going to Wasilla, Alaska to continue our work with the First UMC of Wasilla. We will be doing light construction work at the church and parsonage, as well as assisting with Vacation Bible School. You're invited to an informational lunch today in Room 130 at 12:15 p.m.

Experience Yoga and Live Music

What's better than relaxing music? Relaxing music while doing yoga! Join Tisha Tate and Robert Fasol for a gentle yoga class and live music experience next Sunday, February 25, at 3 p.m. in the Worship Center at the Edmond Campus. Tisha will guide an all-levels yoga class, designed to help you feel better in your body and more peaceful in your mind. Meanwhile, St. Luke's Downtown Campus Choirmaster, Robert Fasol, will treat everyone with an beautiful performance on the piano. The class is free and open to the community. Bring a friend (and your yoga mat). No RSVP required.

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.

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Mission Trips to Honduras

Become a part of a life-changing mission in Honduras. There are still spots available for the May 19 -26 and May 26 - June 2 trips (led by Julie Robinson). The cost is \$1,650 per person, which includes airfare, lodging, and meals. The registration deadline is Monday, February 19 at noon. Contact Julie Robinson (jrobinson@stlukesokc.org) to reserve your spot today.

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.

Wednesday Night Alive

Join us for the Spring Session of Wednesday Night Alive! The menu for the next WNA is meatloaf, corn dogs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, cookies, apple pie, and frozen yogurt. Dinner is served in the CLC at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free). Classes begin at 6:30. Class descriptions are available at the Welcome Center and online at stlukesokc.org/wna.



Youth Lunch Bunch

Today is Youth Lunch Bunch day! All 6th - 12th grade youth come together after church and head out for lunch at a different restaurant each month. It's a great time to get connected in the church and make new friends. Bring a friend as well! If it's your first time with the Youth Lunch Bunch, we'll buy your meal! Meet up with the youth and youth staff after worship today from noon to 2:30 p.m. and we will go to Fuzzy's for lunch. Don't forget to bring money for lunch.

OCU Youth Service Day

Mark your calendar for a fun and meaningful day of service and prayer at OCU Youth Service Day! Join other United Methodist youth groups from around the state in worship and fellowship on the OCU campus - then help serve the OKC community together. It's Saturday, March 3, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Oklahoma City University. All 6th-12th grade youth are invited. Sign up online at stlukesokc.org. A permission form is needed to participate. There's no cost, and lunch is provided on campus! For more information, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1027.

Youth Winter Olympics

The Winter Olympics are coming to St. Luke's! The youth will be holding their own version of the Games - a fun competition that will represent the entire world's effort to win a gold medal! The Youth Winter Olympics will be next Sunday, February 25, from noon - 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to simply show up for a free lunch and a fun experience. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.