



Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
November 18, 2018
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

arr. John Behnke

*When Peace, Like a River
Bells of St. Luke's
Cynthia Adair, director*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 694

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring Thy final harvest home; gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide; come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Easttom

God the Father made us in His image;

we were created as children of God.

God the Son revealed the fullness of love to the world

and by that love we have been renewed.

God the Spirit empowers us to make a difference;

the presence of God is always with us.

For the life we've been given,

for all whom we love,

for all that is good and holy in the world,

we give thanks to God!

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 new,

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.

ANTHEM

Taylor Scott Davis

Psalm 150

Chancel Choir

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord with the trumpet sound, with the trumpet sound! Play the harp and play the timbrel. Play the gong and sound the cymbal! Crashing cymbal! Let everything with breath praise the Lord.

In God's own house pronounce His praise, His grace He there reveals; to heav'n your joy and wonder raise, for there His glory dwells.

Let all your sacred passions move, you rehearse His deed, His deeds; but the great work of saving love your highest praise exceeds.

All that have motion, life and breath, proclaim your Maker blest; yet, when my voice expires in death, my soul shall praise Him, praise Him blest.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

Kevin McChesney

*Resounding Joy
Bells of St. Luke's
Cynthia Adair, director*

†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. Dave Poteet

I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me; you were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I complain of want; for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:10 - 13)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Giving Thanks "For" or "To"?

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 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, Creator of heaven and earth. You have provided the bread of the earth and the fruit of the vine. You have loved us from before our birth and will love us through everlasting life with You. Your faithfulness has created, redeemed, and enlivened us. Even when our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.

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 example of Your love revealed completely in Christ, You have given us hope and new life. You have delivered us from thoughts centered on ourselves to an abundant life shared with others. You revealed in Christ the joy of gathering together to give thanks. And we are reminded that we are not alone, You are with us.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, Jesus took 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 again and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Word 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.

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 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!

COMMISSIONING OF FAITH PARTNERS

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

We give thanks to the Lord:

**for God's everlasting love,
for our families and friends,
and for calling us to live a life of meaning.**

Out of gratitude we joyfully commit
to share God's love and bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Now Thank We All Our God
Robert Fasol, organist

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the glory of God:
Given in honor of Lauranne Harris with love from her mother, Sammie Harris

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Susan Easttom

Director of Family Ministry

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Bells of St. Luke's

Cynthia Adair, Director

Pat Birney, Holly Gibson, Selena Gillam, Steve Graham, Cathy Guyer,
Margaret Howell, Ron Howell, Dennis Martin, Ingrid May, Rita Pierce,
Jeff Sabin, Peggy Sims, Joe Wine

Communion Servers

Debbie Beckner, Nancy Bell, David Duke, Mindy Duke, Barbara Frazier,
Rev. Phil Greenwald, Rev. Wendy Lambert, Joe Moore, Linda Proctor-Moore,
Jeanne Morgan, Glenda Payne, Sherry Pemberton, Rev. Dave Poteet,
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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 and 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: Fred Lybrand, J.T. Boswell, Jason and Kayla Christopher, Kristin Lam, Scott and Paula Nicholson, Clark and Paige Wilson, Brandt and Austin Sterling, Lisa Bewley

Edmond: Brian and Sydney West, Taylor Lambert, Lusía Torres, Andrea Schmauch, Jordan and Jane Metcalf



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.



Church Christmas Party

Won't you be my neighbor for the All Church Christmas Party? Let's celebrate St. Luke's accomplishments for 2018 with parties at the Downtown and Edmond Campuses. This year's featured film is *Mr. Long's Neighborhood*. The Edmond Campus party is December 2, and the Downtown Campus party is December 9. The Gathering Hour starts at 4 p.m. and a delicious dinner and program begins at 5 p.m. Adult tickets are \$10. Tickets to a children's party will be \$5. All tickets are available for purchase in Threefold. Visit stlukesokc.org for more information.

The Mission Tree

Share God's love this Christmas season by visiting our Mission Tree in the Gallery! Starting next Sunday, November 25, take an ornament from the tree and, on the back, you will see items you can purchase to help those in need. Here are some of the suggested gifts: Mobile Meals needs Russell Stover Chocolate Boxes or Hickory Farms Boxes (return by December 21); Studio 222 needs art supplies. There are also student wish lists (return by December 9); Rancho Village Elementary School needs student uniforms (all sizes) and shoe laces; the Honduras Mission Trip needs reading books for Pre-K through Teen (Spanish and English versions). You can drop off your gift items in the boxes next to the tree!

The Sounds of Christmas

You will be in the Christmas spirit after St. Luke's most incredible musical performance of the year: You're invited to the annual Christmas Concert, *The Sounds of Christmas*, featuring the St. Luke's Orchestra, Chancel Choir, Cantate Chamber Choir, and the Bells of St. Luke's. This magical night takes place on Wednesday, December 5, at 7 p.m. in the beautifully decorated Sanctuary. A Holiday Reception being hosted by the Hospitality Team will follow in the Narthex. There is no better way to begin the Advent season than with amazing music and your family of faith.

Children's Christmas Musical

Make plans to attend this year's Children's Christmas Musical and Party! It's Sunday, December 2, at 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). This year's performance is *Arrest These Merry Gentlemen* - a caper featuring a detective from the Bethlehem police (Sgt. Joe Sabbath) investigating an alleged gang of joyfully rowdy shepherds disturbing the peace with a crazy story about angels and a mysterious baby. Childcare is provided during the musical for ages 4 and under.

Faith Partners Information

Many of us know how much suffering is caused by an addiction. People can feel trapped and don't know where to turn - or they feel too ashamed to ask for help. That's where Faith Partners steps in. As a volunteer, you can help someone break free from the paralyzing grip of addiction. Stop by the Gallery today to learn more about Faith Partners and how you can support or benefit from this ministry. For details, email Beth Armstrong at barmstrong@stlukesokc.org.

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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UMW Bake Sale Today

Support missions by purchasing some of the appetizing baked goods from the United Methodist Women's Bake Sale, today, 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.

Faith Filled Holidays

Stop by the Home Point Center today and pick up the free Faith Filled Holidays packet for your family. Inside you will find simple ways to incorporate your faith into your holiday celebrations during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

Membership Worship Service

Celebrate the beginning of the Advent season by officially joining St. Luke's. On Wednesday, December 5, at 6 p.m. (right before the Christmas Choir concert) a Membership Worship Service will be held in the Mansion Chapel. This service offers an opportunity to become a member of the St. Luke's family of faith in a private, worshipful setting. It will feature music, Communion, and a special message from Rev. Dave Poteet. There will also be an opportunity for baptism for those who have not yet been baptized. Childcare is provided, and family members are invited to attend! No RSVP required. For details, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.

Honduras Mission Trip

Experience a life-changing mission trip to the island of Roatan, Honduras! St. Luke's is continuing to build its relationships with the residents of Roatan on two trips next year: May 18-25 and May 25-June 1. Right now, the first trip is already full! There are only a few spots remaining for the second trip. The cost is \$1,650 which includes airfare, lodging, construction costs, and most meals. A payment plan is available, and a deposit is due by December 1 to secure your spot. For details, email Julie Robinson at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org.

Youth Christmas Decorating

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas for our Youth! Right after church next Sunday, November 25 (12 - 2:30 p.m.) we'll be decorating areas in our church for Christmas! Holiday music will be playing as we get into the Christmas spirit and make our space a beautiful and festive place! All 6th-12th grade students are invited, and lunch is provided! Email Amy Givens for details - agivens@stlukesokc.org.

Youth Spring Break Mission Trips

We're already planning for Spring Break! High school students will take a trip to Los Angeles on March 17-23. Through Next Step Ministries, we'll focus on homeless and relational ministry in LA. Travel, food, lodging, mission opportunities, and two days at Disneyland is \$875. A \$200 deposit is due by December 9 and another \$200 deposit by Jan. 13, with the remaining balance due in March. Middle school students are heading to Branson from March 17-20. We'll focus on service projects but we'll also attend the show "Samson" at Sight and Sound Theater and go to Silver Dollar City! The cost is \$250 which includes all food, travel, lodging, service projects, and fun events. A \$100 deposit will be due on January 27 and the remaining balance due in March. Email Amy Givens for details at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.