



Finding
the Way

Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019
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

Jean Langlais

The Jordan River
Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 103

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light; Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

We worship the One who gives life
and life more abundant.

When it seems that things have run dry and we feel empty inside,
we are reminded of the nature of Christ who renews and restores.

The Lord replenishes our spirit
and gives us His very best!

†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

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Arthur Elliott Rohman Parsons, son of Brian and Dana Parsons, born on October 14, 2016.

Johanna Lotte Renate Parsons, daughter of Brian and Dana Parsons, born on July 26, 2018.

BAPTISM SONG

Arthur and Johanna, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too. We this day do all agree a child of God you'll always be. Arthur and Johanna, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Arthur and Johanna surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Earlene Rentz

He Leadeth Me

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

He leadeth me! O blessed thought! O words with heavn'ly comfort fraught! What e're I do, where're I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me: His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine, and never murmur nor repine, content whatever lot may be, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me. He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me. His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand, His mighty hand, for by His hand my God leadeth me. 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 GOSPEL

Rev. David Poteet

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (John 2:1 -11)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

†HYMN

BEACH SPRING

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free, rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me! Underneath me, all around me in the current of His love, leading onward, leading homeward to that glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best, vast the ocean of His blessing, sweet the haven of His rest! O the deep, deep love of Jesus - for my heaven of heavens is He; this my everlasting glory - Jesus' mighty love for me!

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

More Than Enough of the Very Best!

From the Sermon Series: Finding the Way

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Elton John / Bernie Taupin

Blessed

Robert Fasol, *piano*

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

FESTAL SONG

How Wide the Love of Christ

How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race but holds our one humanity within its broad embrace.

How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not ease until this broken world is bound in everlasting peace. (continued on reverse side)

How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars, and yet upon our passing lives unmeasured mercy pours.

How deep the love of Christ, descending to a cross! He bears within His wounded hands all human pain and loss.

All praise to You, O Christ, for love whose depth and height, whose length and breadth fill time and space with endless life and light.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

When circumstances leave us empty,

Christ fills us with His love.

We have not been abandoned;

we are not alone.

Because God lived amongst us,

we have received the very best!

POSTLUDE

Hans Uwe Hielscher

Finale/Toccata (Immortal, Invisible)

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

Sermon Notes



Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." How do we know the Way? What does it look like to follow Christ? Finding the Way means growing in our knowledge of who Christ is, deepening our faith, and committing our time and effort that we might make a difference. A life lived in Jesus is a better life and so we are committed to following Him. We are committed to *Finding the Way*.



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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 December:

Downtown: Don and Jeannie Gardner, Michael and Michelle Pelletier, Andrea Klimo, Miles Pringle, Melinda Olbert

Edmond: Mike and Betty Brooks, Ken and Joan Loy, Chase and Lindsey Thompson, Anthony and Kirsten Troitino, Brett and Kirby Behenna, Wade and Jo Bittle, Steve Strong, Greg Kamp and Cheryl Stone-Kamp, Debbie Goff, Russell and Tracey Ingram, Ed and Connie Stum



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

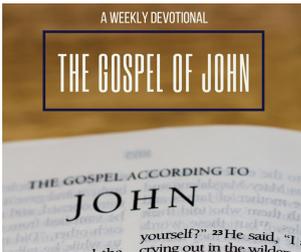
Announcements

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



Wednesday Night Alive Starts January 16

This session of Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) offers classes for children, youth, and adults and starts January 16. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free). Classes start at 6:30 p.m. WNA is a great opportunity for the entire family to grow in their faith. Class descriptions are available at the Welcome Center and online at stlukesokc.org/WNA.



Gospel of John Devotional

We are asking everyone to read the Gospel of John together this year as a way to grow in your faith. There are devotional booklets of the Gospel of John available at the Welcome Center to help you accomplish this goal. The reading plan is only one chapter per week until Lent when we will read two chapters. Please join Dr. Long and your family of faith as we commit time together to read the Gospel of John.

Membership Sunday

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you into our family of faith! January 27 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. All you have to do is show up. No RSVP is required. For more information about becoming a member, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.

Family Service Day

Share God's Love as a family by serving the community together. Join us Saturday, February 2, at the Regional Food Bank from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For families with kids younger than 8, there is a room reserved at the Food Bank and they are doing a special project designed just for them. Please register online at stlukesokc.org. Oklahoma consistently ranks among the hungriest states in the nation. One in four children and one in six adults has inconsistent access to healthy food. Your family can help. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org.



Opportunities to Travel with St. Luke's

Travel with your Family of Faith. Trips are planned to Washington DC and Greece in 2019, along with a trip to Italy and Germany in 2020. There are informational brochures about all the planned trips at the Connection Point, or online at stlukesokc.org/travel.

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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Washington D.C. Trip Informational Meeting

Learn all about the exciting trips we're taking this year to see the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. at an informational meeting on Sunday, January 27, after worship (noon) in the Mansion Library. Lunch is provided. The two trips are April 1-5 with Rev. Wendy Lambert and May 15-19 (for adults in their 20s and 30s) with Dr. Bob Long. To attend the meeting, please RSVP with Beth Armstrong: barmstrong@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1045.

Honduras Mission Trip

There are a few spots remaining for the May 25-June 1 trip to the island of Roatan, Honduras. The cost is \$1,650 which includes airfare, lodging, construction costs, and most meals. A payment plan is available. There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 27 at 12:30 pm in Room 130 at the Downtown Campus if anyone would like further information on the trip. For details, email Julie Robinson at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org.



Confirmation Parent Meeting Today

Confirmation is an important part of a student's journey as they learn more about Christian beliefs and living a life of faith. To answer any questions parents may have about the upcoming class (which starts in late January and ends on Confirmation Sunday in May), there is a meeting today, at 10:50 a.m. and noon in Room 214. Confirmation students are usually 6th graders, but parents of older youth who have yet to participate in Confirmation are also welcome. There is no cost. For more information, contact Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or 609-1027.

Youth Spring Break Mission Trips Sign Up Deadlines

High School students will take a trip to Los Angeles on March 17-23. A \$400 deposit is due today, with the remaining balance due in March. Middle School students are heading to Branson from March 17-20. A \$100 deposit is due by January 27 and the remaining balance due in March. Email Amy Givens for details at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.

Youth Lunch Bunch

The Youth Lunch Bunch is getting together next week! Right after church, we'll head out to a new restaurant (a different one each month) and enjoy the afternoon. It's a great time to get connected or bring a friend! Join us Sunday, January 20, from noon to 2:30 p.m. All 6th-12th grade students are invited. Simply show up and bring money for food. For details, contact Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.