

RAISING THE DEAD

First Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Communion
March 10, 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

arr. Linda McKechnie

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Bells of St. Luke's

Cynthia Adair, director

RINGING OF THE BELLS

+HYMN 159

CRUCIFIER

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of Him who died. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

We gather to worship the One who is, who was, and who always will be;
death has no hold on us because of the everlasting God.

When we face darkness, loss, or even death,
we know that we are not alone.

Christ is Emmanuel, God with us,
so that whatever we face, we know He is with us.

Christ came as the Light of the world
and darkness has not overcome Him.

Even in our mortality we remember
that God delights in raising the dead.

+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.

ANTHEM

arr. Dan Forrest

Holy, Holy, Holy

Chancel Choir and Brass

Robert Fasol, piano

Eric Bradford, conductor

*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 shall be.

*Thou art holy, Thou art holy, Thou art holy! 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! Amen!*

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Cynthia Dobrinski

Enduring 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 GOSPEL

Rev. David Poteet

Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. I knew that thou hearest me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (John 11:32 - 44)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

"Let him go!"

From the Sermon Series: Raising the Dead

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. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. We are Your children, and You are our God.

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. Now, as we enter into the season of Lent, help us with this time of repentance and self-reflection. Guide us on this journey toward Easter as we open our hearts and minds to Your message of redemption.

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

arr. Gary Slechta

Amazing Grace
St. Luke's Brass Ensemble

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Dr. Robert E. Long

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

Listen, Now We Tell a Mystery

Listen, now we tell a mystery, told by prophets long before; we will all be changed forever; pain and death will be no more. With the Spirit's healing power faith becomes reality; we proclaim immortal glory far beyond what we can see.

Sound the transformation trumpet; sing a song of victory; heaven and earth join in the chorus, welcoming new liberty. Ever changing, ever growing, claiming all we're meant to be, we will join the Spirit's work of setting all creation free.

Celebrate new life eternal, springing from Creative Love; Light of all light brings rejoicing all around us and above. With the liberating Spirit, we will rise on soaring wings, ever onward, ever forward, as the world in triumph rings.

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Dr. Robert E. Long

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

The Lord of Life has called us

to share His love with the world.

We need not fear

for He is with us.

Christ is the Light of the World,

and the darkness has not overcome Him!

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Suite No. 2 in B minor - Rondo
St. Luke's Brass Ensemble
Robert Fasol, organist
Eric Bradford, conductor

**Please keep in your prayers the Youth Mission Teams
who are sharing God's love during their Spring Break**

Middle School Mission Team traveling to Branson, MO

Students: Lexi Arnold, Gabe Buxton, Audrey Copeland, Adam Curran, Nathan Curran, Victoria Gooden, Rylee Hendrickson, Garrett Irwin, Ella Kate King, Josh Klontz, Colin Mason, Ian Mathias, Katelin McDonald, Noel Mercer, Tyler Miller, Dawson Murphy, Ella Pilgrim, Reese Pirrong, Courtney Pukaite, Callie Selke, Abbey Sieg, Macy Stone, Katy Wagner

Adults: Jeremy Biggs, Lori Cook, Brad George, Mikayla George, Cary Pirrong, Crystal Wagner

High School Mission Team traveling to Anaheim, CA

Students: Isaac Arnold, Arden Boydston, Grace Cavett, Caton Coe, Jackson Conroe, Hayden Foreman, Nia Grigsby, Emily Hamilton, Nathan Hottel, Grace Jackson, Jayden Kelly, Kamryn Kelly, Brooke Kelser, Paris Khandros, Brooks Lambert, Raiden Lambrix, Erika Manning, Carley Miller, Case Pirrong, Mallory Pursell, Emma Reynolds, Harlea Robinson, Rose Sailer, Taylor Selke, Kathryn Souza, JD Tatarian

Adults: Amy Givens, Brian Givens, Lance Mock, Evan Nicklas, Steven Resendez, Wendy Lambert, Susan Fendley, Michelle Pursell, Macie Rubio

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert

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

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Bells of St. Luke's

Cynthia Adair, director

Jennifer Birney, Pat Birney, Selena Gilliam, Steve Graham, Margaret Howell, Ron Howell, Dennis Martin, Ingrid May, Rita Pierce, Reid Powell, Jeff Sabin, Peggy Simms, Joe Wine



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 February:

Downtown: David Bell

Edmond: JD and Carissa Terry, Lee Zimmerman, Mario Lopez, Shelley Reading, Rick and Linda Weathers, Trent Gibson, Milton and Becca Smith, Dennis and Jayne Griesemer, Sean and Leslie Hamlin, David and Mary Forrest, Marty and Joye Alberts, Russell and Sarah Stafford

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the glory of God:
Given in memory of Shirley Cloud by the Wesley Class

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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.



Wednesday Night Alive Lenten Series

Wednesday Night Alive will begin a new session for Lent from March 13 - April 17. There are classes for adults, youth and children. Dr. Long and Rev. Lambert will be teaching a class for adults - "The Last Week." They will be looking at the different events Jesus experienced and encountered in His last week. Yoga, Latin Dancing, Tai Chi, and Knitting and Needlepoint classes will continue to meet as well. No registration is needed. All classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. WNA dinner will start 5:15 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). \$5 for adults (children 12 and under eat free).

Game Night

The Family of Faith Game Night has been moved to Wednesday March 13 during the dinner hour of Wednesday Night Alive. The clergy take on laity in a friendly spoof of Family Feud. There is no need for a ticket and dinner starts at 5:15 p.m. \$5 for adults and kids 12 and under are free. WNA classes will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Annie Musical

The musical *Annie!* is going to be performed in the Poteet Theatre at the Downtown Campus April 5-19! Your entire family will enjoy this classic story of a young girl trying to survive life in an orphanage while hoping to reunite with her parents during the Great Depression. Save the dates and watch for information about ticket sales.

Lent Devotionals

There are two different devotionals available to help you on your Lenten spiritual journey. The 2019 Lent Devotionals are daily devotions written by the St. Luke's staff and are available at the Welcome Centers. Also, we began to study the Gospel of John together in January in preparation for Easter. The reading plan was to read one chapter per week until Lent when we will read two chapters. It's not too late to start, you can always catch up! Both devotional booklets are available online.

Questions About General Conference?

Dr. Bob Long and Rev. Wendy Lambert addressed the Administrative Board and Finance Committee Monday night to discuss the results of last week's Special Session of the UMC General Conference. To hear their overview and how it will affect St. Luke's, a video of that meeting is available online at stlukesokc.org/GC2019. The St. Luke's clergy are available to listen and visit with you about General Conference.

VBS Save the Date

Save the date for VBS Downtown, June 24 - 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. VBS is for children ages 4 and up (3-year-olds may attend with a parent). Volunteers are needed to help make this year's VBS the best ever. Childcare will be provided for all volunteers. Sign-up online beginning April 1.. More details to come! Contact Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1036.

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.

Questions Mental Illness Family Support Group

If you're going through a crisis involving mental illness, help and hope is available to you at St. Luke's. Beginning March 19, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family Support Group will be meeting at the Downtown Campus every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202. Trained facilitators will provide a free and confidential space for anyone whose family is struggling with mental illness. You can learn to cope and move into advocacy with NAMI. Simply show up March 19, or email Beth Armstrong at barmstrong@stlukesokc.org to learn more.



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.

Pilgrimage to Italy Information Meeting

St. Luke's will be hosting an informational meeting for the trip to Italy and Germany in June of 2020. Learn all about the sites we'll visit, led by Dr. Bob Long and Rev. Josh Attaway, and meet others who are interested in going. Join us for lunch on Sunday, March 17, at noon in the Mansion Library. Childcare is available. Please RSVP to Rev. Josh Attaway - jattaway@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2307.

Alaska Mission Trip

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Alaska while sharing God's love with residents in need. St. Luke's will be making its 4th mission trip to Alaska from July 12-19. This year, we will head to the United Methodist Church of Chugiak, Alaska (20 miles north of Anchorage). If you are interested in this mission trip or need further information, please email Rev. Connie Barnett at cbarnett@stlukesokc.org.

Walk in Paul's Footsteps in 2019

Join Rev. Wendy Lambert on a once-in-a-lifetime trip that follows the footsteps of the Apostle Paul throughout Greece. The trip will be October 14 - 23, 2019, and will visit several sites that were instrumental in the formation of the early church. It will be an experience that deepens your understanding of Scripture and your relationship with God. There are brochures at the Welcome Centers or email Wendy at wlambert@stlukesokc.org for more information!



Youth March Madness Today

'Tis the season for college basketball!! We'll have our own fun with basketball games and more during Youth March Madness! You don't have to be a pro to play and have fun next Sunday, March 10, from 12-2:30 p.m. We will meet in the Youth Room and then travel to the OCU gym. All 6th-12th grade students are invited. Join us for a free lunch and a fun afternoon.