

RAISING THE DEAD

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 7, 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.

Hymns, 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

Theodore Dubois

Offertoire

St. Luke's Strings

Robert Fasol, *organist*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 428

CWM RHONDDA

For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair Your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure Your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written Your great name on humankind; for our growing in Your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

We worship the Lord with gladness

because we have known the goodness of God.

We praise the One who gave us life

and a life more abundant.

We give thanks to Christ for His amazing love

and rejoice in sharing that love with others!

†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. Wendy Lambert

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

†HYMN

FINLANDIA

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child, and I am not afraid. So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too. I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view. And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me, Your power and glory, let them shine through me; Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor, and may Your living kingdom come in me. The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor, and may You feed a hungry world through me.

ANTHEM

Jane M. Marshall

My Eternal King
Chancel Choir and Strings
Robert Fasol, organist
Eric Bradford, conductor

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby, nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace; Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst, me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well? Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell; not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward; but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing; solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

MISSION MOMENT

Infant Crisis Services

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

T. Simms/I. Houghton

Sing Redemption's Song
Cole Cloutier, soloist
St. Luke's Strings
Robert Fasol, piano
Eric Bradford, conductor

I was lost, I was desp'rate and broken. Wounded heart and the wounds were still open and that's the way You found me. That's the way you found me.

Turn the page by Your hand, yesterday washed away as You write in the sand my accusers, where are they? One by one in the silence they all walk away. And I will worship You for all that You are and all You've done for me. As long as I live I'll sing, I'll sing redemption's song.

Weeping comes in the night, but there's joy, blessed joy in the morning sky. Now that I, I belong to the One who has given the words to the song. And I will worship You for all that You are and all You've done for me. As long as I live I'll sing, I'll sing redemption's song.

†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

Ella Kate King

"Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow afterward." (John 13:33-36)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Death - It Changes Your Perception
From the Sermon Series: Raising the Dead

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

DUKE STREET

Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Lord, make us servants of Your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly, for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving, we are forgiven.

Dying we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day. Lord, make us servants of Your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We know the love of God the Father

and we will recognize all as children of God.

We know the love of God the Son

and we will serve others as He came to serve.

We know the love of God the Spirit

and so we will share God's love and bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Toccata Brevis

Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Ella Kate King

St. Luke's Youth

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Eric Bradford, Conductor

Chancel Choir

Cole Cloutier, Soloist

St. Luke's Strings

Sermon Notes

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given to the glory of God:

Given in memory of Virginia Johnson by the St. Luke's Knitters



Christ came to overcome the finality of death as well as bring new life in the midst of the darkest moments we face. We will all have times of worry and loss. Yet, even when we face devastating circumstances, we are reminded that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God. During Lent, let us turn our hearts and minds towards the One who brings life, and let us also look for ways to help others experience new life. In the face of sickness, death, and despair - Christ responds by raising the dead.



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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 March:

Downtown: Kay Acosta and Kent Letterman, Jose Armendariz and Diana Salgado, Nancy Sander and Gary Theilen, Sherry Coy, Jonathan Tobey, Laura and Sam Clarkson

Edmond: Lyn, Laura and Sam Scobey, Billy and Stacy Bean, Bruce Tophoj and Betty Maxwell, Ken Corley, C. Dee Clevenger, Vicky McDowell



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.



Order an Easter Lily

St. Luke's will be adorned with beautiful flowers Easter Sunday - April 21. You can purchase an Easter Lily in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one or friend. Your name and the name of your honoree will be printed in the Easter Bulletin. The Lily is only \$20. The order deadline is April 14. Order forms are available online and at the Welcome Centers.

Palm Sunday

All children ages 1 through 5th grade are invited to come early to wave palm branches at the beginning of each service on April 14! All children's Sunday School classes will walk through the worship areas and wave palms. Parents may drop off their children in Sunday school classes.

Holy Week Prayer Stations

St. Luke's Youth have designed interactive Prayer Stations to encourage you to connect with Christ in prayer and help you to focus on God during Holy Week. The Youth Room will also have a walking prayer labyrinth for you to experience. They will be open on Thursday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - and on Friday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Good Friday Membership Worship Service

St. Luke's is hosting a Membership Worship Service with special music, Holy Communion, and a joining moment led by a pastor. Join us Friday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in Watchorn Chapel. The service will conclude in time to attend the Good Friday service that begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For details, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Good Friday reaffirms our focus on Jesus as Christ through His crucifixion, and prepares us for His resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. You're invited to experience a meaningful time with your family of faith at St. Luke's Good Friday Tenebrae Service on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. There will be childcare available for infants - 5th grade.

Easter Egg Hunt

Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin' down the bunny trail! Families with children from ages 1-5th grade are invited to the Downtown Easter Egg Hunt! Get your cameras ready for this adorable dash for Easter eggs on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. at the OCU Quad (2501 N. Blackwelder). There will also be inflatables and a personal visit from the Easter Bunny.

Easter Sunday

He Is Risen! Join your St. Luke's family of faith for the glorious celebration of Easter Sunday on April 21. Traditional Worship Services are at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. and LifeLight Contemporary begins at 9:40 a.m. Make sure you invite your friends and family to experience Easter worship with you.

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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UMW Bake Sale

The halls of St. Luke's are going to smell wonderful on Palm Sunday. That's because the United Methodist Women are hosting a Bake Sale from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, in the Gallery. You'll be supporting missions by purchasing some of these delicious treats. Be sure to stop in early to purchase goodies for your Easter Dinner as well!

Annie Musical Tickets on Sale!

It's not too late to buy your tickets for the musical *Annie!* Being performed in the Poteet Theatre at the Downtown Campus until April-14, there are still tickets available! 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. Tickets are on sale at stlukesokc.org/annie or call Logan Fish at 285-2341. Tickets are \$15 per seat. *Annie* is presented through a special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTIShows.com).

Rebuilding Day

Be a part of "Rebuilding Day" - an annual event that brings volunteers together to renovate homes for low-income seniors and families in our community. Teams from local businesses, churches, hospitals, and other organizations will make free home repairs to an assigned house (based on all skill levels). This includes cleaning, painting, laying new carpet, renovating cabinets, repairing floors, siding, roofs, yard work, etc. Rebuilding Day is Saturday, April 13, in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of SW OKC. Sign up online (stlukesokc.org) or at the Welcome Center. For details, email Josh Attaway at jattaway@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2307.

Columbarium and Memorial Wall

St. Luke's is currently offering an Easter Special for both niches and plaques at the Columbarium and Memorial Wall. From now through April 21, the purchase of a Single Niche (\$1,700) or Double Niche (\$3,200) will include a Memorial Wall Plaque at no cost, or you can save 10% off the cost of a niche. The Memorial Wall Plaque special is \$250 (a \$50 savings). For more information, or to arrange a tour, please email Rev. Phil Greenwald at pgreenwald@stlukesokc.org or call 232-1371.

Informational Meeting About the 2019 Greece Trip

Rev. Wendy Lambert will be leading an informational meeting about the 2019 trip to Greece. Learn all about the sites we'll visit and meet others who are interested in going. Join us for lunch on April 14 at noon in the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus. Please RSVP to Rev. Wendy Lambert or call 232-1371. There are informational brochures about the trip at the Connection Point or you can email Wendy at wlambert@stlukesokc.org for more information.

Travel to Italy and Germany in 2020

Dr. Bob and Marsha Long and Rev. Josh and Brittany Attaway will be leading a trip to Italy and Germany in 2020. The trip will be highlighted by the opportunity to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau that is only performed once every ten years. The trip is June 1-14, 2020 and will feature stops in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, and others. There are informational brochures about the trip at the Connection Point or you can contact Rev. Josh Attaway, jattaway@stlukesokc.org or 285-2307 for more information.

TODAY'S MISSION HIGHLIGHT

INFANT CRISIS SERVICES

ABOUT THIS MINISTRY

Infant Crisis Services provides life-sustaining formula, food and diapers to babies and toddlers in times of crisis...Because no baby should go hungry.



Infant Crisis Services, uses a three-pronged approach: rescue, feed, and connect. Their primary goal is to make sure that clients leave with a week's worth of diapers, food, and formula. Infant Crisis Service also provides clothing and other items such as toys, books, bottles, and wipes (depending on supply), but feeding and diapering babies is at the core of their mission.

IMPACT

Your contributions have a lasting effect on the babies and toddlers they serve. Not just today, but in the long term. You are helping to provide them with a healthy start and a better future. Studies show for every one dollar invested in the early years of a child's life, there is about a \$7 to \$17 return on that investment. Currently Infant Crisis Service assists more than 1,200 infants and toddlers per month.

HISTORY OF INFANT CRISIS SERVICES

Infant Crisis Services began in 1984 as a Sunday school class at Westminster Presbyterian Church tried to discover how they could make a difference in their community. They decided to do something to assist parents that struggled to provide the necessary essentials to their little ones.



There are babies and toddlers who go to bed hungry; it happens every day in Oklahoma. Our state has the 8th highest incidence of childhood poverty in the U.S. with 1 in 4 babies living in poverty. Infant Crisis Services is bridging the gap for families until they are back on their feet or until they become qualified for government programs such as WIC and DHS.

It's because of the generous community that babies and toddlers go to bed with dry diapers, full tummies, and hope for a brighter future.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

\$80 Buys diapers for two babies for an entire month.

\$400 Provides formula for 4 babies for an entire month.



EASTER OFFERING

When you give to the 2019 Easter Offering, you will be supporting more than 50 different ministries – organizations that bless the lives of others beyond the walls of St. Luke's. If everyone gives \$2, \$5, \$10 or more for each of the 40 days in the season of Lent, we will surpass our goal of \$175,000 for the Easter Offering. Throughout Lent, we will highlight four ministries to give you an idea of the impact your generosity will have. Donation envelopes are available during worship. Gifts may also be made by calling the Finance Office at 232-1371 or online at stlukesokc.org/give. You can also donate by text. Simply text the words "STL EASTER" to the number 73256 and follow the instructions.

Give to the Easter Offering using your mobile device.

STEP 1

Text "STL EASTER" to 73256.

You'll get a text back with a link to set up your text messaging giving account.

STEP 2

Select the amount, use the dropdown menu for designated gifts, and fill out your payment information.

STEP 3

Save the number 73256 to your contacts for future donations.

