

RAISING THE DEAD

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 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. Arnold Sherman

The Sure Foundation
Bells of St. Luke's
Cynthia Adair, director

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 89

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Brooks Lambert

The Lord of Life calls us
to gather for worship and fellowship.

In drawing near to God,
we draw near to one another.

We choose joy to be part of our lives,
and we want to make a difference.

We come to give thanks to God and rejoice in God's love.

It is through Christ that we find our strength and guidance for the ministry ahead.

†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. Phil Greenwald

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

Olivia Jane Fixley, daughter of Tyler and Lindsey Fixley, born on June 11, 2018.

BAPTISM SONG

Olivia, Olivia 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. Olivia, Olivia 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 Olivia surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

ANTHEM

arr. Ken Berg

My God Is a Rock
Chancel Choir and Percussion
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

My God is a rock in a weary land! And He's a shelter in a time of storm! My God is a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land, my God is a rock in a weary land! Shelter in a time of storm. I know He's a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land! I know He's a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm.

Oh, won't you stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter One when the Lord God's work was just begun, and won't you stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Two, when the Lord God's written His Bible thru! And won't you stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Three, when the Lord God died on Calvary, and won't you stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Four, He preach'd the Good News unto the sick and the poor!

My God is a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land, my God is a rock in a weary land! Shelter in a time of storm, I know He's a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land! I know He's a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm! Oh, yes! He is a rock! A shelter in a time of storm!

O, stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Five when the Lord God raised the dead alive. Stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Six when He went to Jerusalem and healed the sick! Oh, won't you stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Sev'n when He died and rose again and went to heav'n! Oh! wont' you stop and let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Eight, when John seem Him standin' at the Golden Gate!

My God is a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land, my God is a rock in

a weary land! Shelter in a time of storm, I know He's a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land! I know He's a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm! Oh, yes! He is a rock! A shelter in a time of storm!

O children, stop, let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Nine when the Lord God changed the water into wine and won't you stop! Let me tell you 'bout the Chapter Ten! Saint John saw Him comin' to this world again!

My God is a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land, my God is a rock in a weary land! Shelter in a time of storm, I know He's a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land! I know He's a rock in a weary land, shelter in a time of storm! Oh, yes! He is a rock! A shelter in a time of storm!

I know He is a rock in a weary land, weary land, in a weary land, I know He's a rock in a weary land! Shelter in a time of storm. My God is a rock in a weary land! And He's a shelter in a time of storm!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

MISSION MOMENT

Caterina's Club

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Kevin McChesney

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
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. Keith King

Some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" They said, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he means." Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him; so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she is delivered of the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world. So you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father, he will give it to you in my name. Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:17-24)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

No One Takes Away Your Joy
From the Sermon Series: Raising the Dead

MUSICAL REFLECTION

C. Tomlin, E. Cash, J. Reeves

Rejoice
Nathan LeBlanc, soloist
Robert Fasol, piano

See the morning, see it rising over the mountains high. See the mercy in the mighty hand of God. Living water come and fill us, only You can satisfy. Turn our sorrow into singing the song of Life.

Rejoice, rejoice, and sing with the angel voices. Rejoice, rejoice all Heaven and earth rejoice.

Lord Your strength is a tower, the righteous run into. Lord You love is a banner over us. And we hold onto the promise, that Your hold on us is true. There's no other like You Jesus, no one like You.

Rejoice, rejoice, and sing with the angel voices. Rejoice, rejoice all Heaven and earth rejoice.
Rejoice, rejoice, and sing with the angel voices. Rejoice, rejoice all Heaven and earth rejoice.
Always, again I say rejoice. Always, again I say rejoice. Always, again I say rejoice.
Always, always.

Rejoice, rejoice, and sing with the angel voices. Rejoice, rejoice all Heaven and earth
rejoice. Rejoice, rejoice, and sing with the angel voices .

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

Go to the World!

*Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews
life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Go the world! Go into every place. Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to
joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen." Alleluia, Alleluia!*

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We go forth to make an impact in the world
by the way we live our lives:
to choose joy for ourselves
and to ensure joy for others,
by sharing God's love
and bringing hope to the world.

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Fugue (G Minor)
Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long
Senior Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald
Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. Keith King
Online Campus Pastor

Brooks Lambert
St. Luke's Youth

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
Chancel Choir and Brian Daly, percussion

Bells of St. Luke's

Cynthia Adair, director

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



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.



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Dr. Robert E. Long
Senior Pastor
blong@stlukesokc.org

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor
wlambert@stlukesokc.org

Rev. Dave Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care
dpoteet@stlukesokc.org

Rev. Keith King
Online Campus Pastor
kking@stlukesokc.org

Rev. Phil Greenwald
Executive Pastor of Administration
pgreenwald@stlukesokc.org

Rev. Josh Attaway
Edmond Campus Pastor
jattaway@stlukesokc.org

Rev. Connie Barnett
Asbury Campus Pastor
cbarnett@stlukesokc.org

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



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.

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. Simply show up! No RSVP is required. For more information about membership, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.

Annie Musical Tickets on Sale!

The musical *Annie* is going to be performed in the Poteet Theatre at the Downtown Campus April 5-14! 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).

Edmond Campus 5th Anniversary

Today we are celebrating the 5th anniversary of the St. Luke's Edmond Campus! The Bell Dedication will take place in between services at 10:30 a.m. as we ring the new six-foot Bell for the first time! There will be displays around the church that tell our story, delicious food, and every family who comes will receive a gift.

Threefold Book Signing

Stop by Threefold today between 9:30 and 12:30 as Rev. David Severe will be on hand to sign his new book, *Weeding the Garden of Eden*. This memoir is the story of his childhood days through college, seminary and sixty years as pastor, teacher, and church leader.

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.

Opportunities to Travel with St. Luke's

Travel with your Family of Faith! Trips are planned to 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 you can find information 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

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.

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.

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, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - and on Friday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Simply show up at your convenience and take your time.

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. This event is free, so bring your friends and family!

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.

There are more opportunities to experience Easter at the Edmond and Asbury Campuses. You can find more information about these events at stlukesokc.org/easter.

TODAY'S MISSION HIGHLIGHT

CATERINA'S CLUB

ABOUT THIS MINISTRY

The mission of Caterina's Club is to provide warm meals, affordable housing assistance, and job training to homeless and low-income families throughout Southern California. It is supported by a vision to give children something they can depend on – a simple, yet meaningful dinner every night.



IMPACT

This overarching vision, which started as trying to keep children who were living in motels from going to bed hungry, has turned into 5,000 vulnerable children receiving a meal every night at 89 sites throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties. More than 200 families have been placed in permanent housing in safe neighborhoods through the *Welcome Home* program, and 132 teens have been trained through the *Hospitality Academy* at four Anaheim High Schools. Their vision is to provide every child the resources, love, and encouragement they need to be healthy, safe, and educated.

HISTORY OF CATERINA'S CLUB

It all started years ago with Mamma Caterina. Chef Bruno Serato and his mother, Caterina, visited the Boys and Girls Club of Anaheim down the street from his restaurant, *Anaheim White House*, where his mother noticed a 6-year old boy eating potato chips for dinner, because his family couldn't afford a proper meal. Caterina insisted that Bruno make some pasta for the child. They soon realized that there were many more of these hungry 'motel children,' so Bruno began making pasta for 72 children, five nights a week, giving birth to the program *Feeding the Kids in America*. Today, that event has expanded to feeding more than 25,000 children a week. Frustrated that feeding the children was not enough, Bruno began a second program called *Welcome Home*, which provides qualified families, living in the dark environment of a motel, with the necessary resources to move into the safety and stability of an apartment or condo.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

\$80 Provides a healthy meal for 80 children in California.

\$400 Two months internship at Chef Serato's restaurant, *The White House*.



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.

