

ORIENTATION TO LIFE

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 8, 2019
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

Felix Mendelssohn

Be Not Afraid
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 139

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in His keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good He upholds. Hast thou not known His sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Life has its challenges:

we've known hardship and failure;
there have been moments of doubt
and we've grieved over loss.

We come to worship Christ

and remember the gifts of His life,
the life we've received,
and the abundant life He calls us to live.

In the struggles we sometimes experience,

we are reminded that Christ isn't the source of the difficulty,
but rather the Savior who will walk with us in the midst of our pain,
and provide hope and strength along the way.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare.

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power and love,
whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to His children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love,
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

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

Hannah Kathryn Hinds, daughter of Devin and Katie Hinds, born on January 8, 2019.

BAPTISM SONG

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

ANTHEM

Mark Hayes

I Am
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry. Whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty. I am the bread of life.

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never stumble. Whoever follows Me won't stumble in the darkness, but have the light of life.

I am the gate. Whoever enters through Me, they will be saved. I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

I am the way. I am the truth. I am the resurrection. I am the life. No one come to the Father except through Me. I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life.

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and my sheep know Me. Just as the Father and I know each other, I lay down My life for the sheep.

I am the resurrection. Whoever believes in Me will surely live. Even though they die, they will live again.

They will never die. I am the way. I am the truth. I am the resurrection. I am the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life. I am the way, I am the truth, I am the resurrection. I am the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

I am the way. I am the truth. I am the way, the truth, the life.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

McClarney / Moore /
Brown / Tomlin

Yes and Amen

Wendyle Andrews, soloist

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, piano

Eric Bradford, conductor

Father of kindness, You have poured out grace. You brought me out of darkness; You have filled me with peace. Giver of mercy, You're my help in time of need. Lord, I can't help but sing.

Faithful, You are! Faithful, forever You will be. Faithful, You are. All Your promises are Yes and Amen. All Your promises are Yes and Amen.

Beautiful Savior, You have brought me near. You pulled me from the ashes; You have broken every curse. Blessed Redeemer, You have set this captive free. Lord, I can't help but sing.

Faithful, You are! Faithful, forever You will be. Faithful, You are. All Your promises are Yes and Amen. All Your promises are Yes and Amen. Faithful, You are!

Faithful, forever You will be. Faithful, You are, yes, You are! All Your promise are Yes and Amen.

I will rest in Your promises. My confidence is Your faithfulness. I will rest in Your promises. My confidence is Your faithfulness. I will rest in Your promises. My confidence is Your faithfulness. I will rest in Your promises. My confidence is Your faithfulness.

*Faithful, You are! Faithful, forever You will be. Faithful, You are, yes You are!
All Your promises are Yes and Amen! All Your promises are Yes and Amen!
All Your promises are Yes and 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 EPISTLE

Dr. Gary Brown

Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication

for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.
(Ephesians 6:13-20)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

It will be hard, but you can do it!
From the Sermon Series: Orientation to Life

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Louis Landon

Perseverance
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

†HYMN 127

CWM RHONDDA

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield; be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We are the children of God
called to a life of goodness and meaning.
In the midst of difficulty,
Christ is with us.
We are not alone,
thanks be to God, Amen!

POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Sinfonia (Give Thanks to God!)
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

Dr. Gary Brown
St. Luke's Member

Musicians
Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
Eric Bradford, Conductor
Wendyle Andrews, Soloist
Chancel Choir and Orchestra



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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 the prayer request cards found in the Registration Pads and place them in the offering plates 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.

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 at stlukesokc.org/live.

Want to Join St. Luke's?

Are you interested in joining the St. Luke's mission to share, grow and serve? You can join St. Luke's on Sunday morning during Worship. For more information about membership contact Morgan Jones, Director of Welcoming Ministry at 609-1028 or mjones@stlukesokc.org.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in August:

Downtown: Peggy and Don Manning, Kerry Guinn, Traci Wynn, Daniel and Tina Adams, Edward Knight, Allegra Knight, Rick and Beverly Fisher, Anna and Eric McMurray, Stephanie Wendt, Paulina Thompson

Edmond: Chase Miller, Nate and Lauren Enabnit, Bradley and Elinor Domes, Seth and Betsy Weedin, Jack and Janet Reynolds, Michael and Tyna Kelley, Kay Gump, Scott and Libby Adler, Mike, Jana, Katie and Jack Cheap, Bill, Julia and Georgia Krywicki, B.J. and Alicia Young, Patience "Bobbi" Claudio, Howard Daniels

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Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

The mission of St. Luke's is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We accomplish that by sharing the message of Christ, growing in our faith, and serving the community. Listed below are new and exciting ways for your entire family to be involved. For information about growing in your faith every week, stop by the Welcome Center today, call 232-1371, or visit stlukesokc.org.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO GROW

At St. Luke's, we believe serving connecting with others allows us to grow in faith together. From Sunday School to Bible Studies to Community Groups, there are several ways to grow in faith through connecting with a group of your peers. From Bible studies to service groups, find the perfect way to connect. Information is available at the online at stlukesokc.org/grow.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

Wednesday Night Alive

St. Luke's "Wednesday Night Alive" starts this week! The 2019 Fall semester of WNA offers a variety of amazing classes for everyone - children, youth, and adults. Dinner will be served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under eat free). Classes start on September 11 at 6:30 p.m. Pick up your Wednesday Night Alive information booklet today at the Welcome Centers for detailed information on each of the class offerings or go online to stlukesokc.org/wna for all the information and to register.

Family University: Navigating Life in a Social Media World

We know parents struggle to find balance and safety in this social media world. Candice Hillenbrand, Director of Mission Engagement, and mother of teenagers will be leading a new WNA class that will encourage parents to share information and have meaningful discussions about these unique parenting challenges. This class is intended to help parents build bridges of trust with their children while giving them the practical tools and education needed to help navigate this online world within their families.

Don't Forget the Fall Disciple Classes

Disciple Bible Studies are designed as an in-depth study of God's Word offering an opportunity for both learning and lasting friendships. There are several Disciple Bible Studies meeting this fall. *Disciple 1: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study* is offered on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. There are two short term Disciple Studies lasting for eight weeks being offered: *Introduction to the New Testament* meeting Mondays at 6:30 p.m., starting September 23. *Introduction to the Old Testament*, begins on September 27 and meets on Fridays at noon. You can sign up online at stlukesokc.org/disciple.

Bible Study

All men and women - spend your Thursday lunch hour by deepening your faith through Bible Study. We have two classes taking place from 12 - 1 p.m.

- The Women of Faith class is studying "Experiencing God's Presence" in the Mansion Library. Childcare is provided, and lunch is offered for \$5. Books will be available at class for \$10. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.
- Rev. Keith King is leading a class called "Under Construction: Building Men of God" in Room 106 (Vaught Chapel). Lunch is provided for \$5. They will look at the book, *The Story Continues: The Acts of the Apostles for Today*. For details, email Keith at kking@stlukesokc.org.

UMW Circles Groups

Women of all ages are invited to participate in the UMW Circles Groups - small groups meeting to encourage missions, Bible study, personal growth and social action. Several groups are returning from the summer hiatus: Phoebe Circle meets every third Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in Room 130. Bring your own lunch. Lydia Circle meetings are every first Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Parlor for breakfast and a program. Grace Circle, for women in their 30s and 40s, meets every first Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. for coffee and fellowship in Room 130.

HAPPENING TODAY

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. All you have to do is show up. For more information about becoming a member, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.

Grandparent's Day

Today is National Grandparent's Day! We are recognizing and giving thanks for grandparents during all services. After worship, they will receive a special treat and Home Point materials to help them grow in their faith journey with their family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

3rd Grade Bibles

Remember getting your very own Bible as a child? It gives children a spiritual foundation that lasts a lifetime. Parents, make September 29 an unforgettable day by registering your student to receive a personalized Bible during one of the worship services. This moment is open to families with children in 3rd grade (families with 4th or 5th graders who did not receive a Bible in 3rd grade are also welcome to participate). The deadline to sign up your child is Sunday, September 15. Email Susan Easttom at seasttom@stlukesokc.org - or call 609-1036. We need the child's name as it should appear on the Bible, and which service they will be attending.

Reading Buddies

There are 168 hours in a week. In just one of those hours, you can bless a young life. Starting the week of September 16, St. Luke's will be partnering with Lee Elementary to provide Reading Buddies to the students of this OKC school (SW 29th and Walker). The volunteer schedule is flexible! You choose the day and time that's best for you. Not only will you be helping a child academically, your support will provide a loving presence in their life. You will feel blessed as well! For more information, email Rev. Keith King at kking@stlukesokc.org.

Poteet Theatre Volunteers Needed

There's no business like show business! If you love theatre, you will enjoy being a volunteer at St. Luke's Poteet Theatre. You're invited to be an important part of productions this fall as a Greeter, Usher, Concessions Operator, Box Office Vendor, Set Builder, Painter, and more. Shows will run November 7-17. This opportunity is for all church members and guests! Sign up at stlukesokc.org or contact Logan Fish with questions: lfish@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2341.

Family Fun Day

Enjoy food, music, fellowship, and fun! St. Luke's Edmond is hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 14, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Enjoy a lunch buffet in the Narthex at 11:30 and a concert at noon in the Worship Center for only \$5! The Edmond Campus indoor and outdoor playgrounds will be open for little ones, and St. Luke's Youth will be doing face painting. Invite your friends and have a great time! Purchase tickets online at stlukesokc.org. For more, email Logan Fish at lfish@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2341.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Metro Worship

Youth - want to meet new friends and grow in your faith? Join us as we meet up with youth groups from local churches for worship. The event is called Youth Metro Worship and is set for Sunday, September 15, from 5:15 - 8 p.m. at Mustang UMC. All 6th-12th grade students are invited. Simply show up. There's no cost but dinner is not included. For details, contact Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.