



**Finding**  
the **Way**

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost  
November 17, 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

Kevin McChesney

*Resounding Joy*  
Bells of St. Luke's  
Cynthia Adair, *director*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN

NATIONAL HYMN

*God of Our Fathers*

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past, in this free land by Thee our lot is cast; be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Lord, we thank You for those who are examples of servant leadership  
**for their courage and compassion**  
for their strength and determination  
**and for all the ways they served.**

Help us to honor their work and sacrifices by the way we live;  
**using our freedoms well,**  
and living lives of joy and meaning  
**for ourselves and for all people.**

†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. David Poteet

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place;  
and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly. In Flanders fields, in Flanders fields.*

## 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

## ANTHEM

arr. Peter Wilhousky

### *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Chancel Choir, Congregation, and Instrumental Ensemble

Susan Easttom, *piano*

Robert Fasol, *organist*

Mervin Tay, *conductor*

*(All veterans and active duty service personnel are invited to the chancel rail to be recognized for your service to our country. Please come forward during the final chorus.)*

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword; His truth is marching on!*

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on!*

*I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; they have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read His righteous sentence in the dim and flaring lamps, His day is marching on!*

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on!*

*In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me. As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free, while God is marching on!*

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory!  
Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!*

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory!  
Hallelujah! His truth is marching on!*

*Amen! Amen!*

## HONORING OUR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Wendy Lambert

OFFERTORY

arr. Arnold Sherman

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Bells of St. Luke's  
Cynthia Adair, director*

†DOXOLOGY

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*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

Dr. Gary Brown

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. (Luke 7:1 - 10 NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

*The Great Faith of a Soldier*

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Mansions of the Lord/America the Beautiful*

Elvie Ellis, soloist

St. Luke's Instrumental Ensemble

Robert Fasol, piano

*To fallen soldiers, let us sing where no rockets fly nor bullets wing. Our broken brothers let us bring to the mansions of the Lord. No more bleeding no more fight, no prayers pleading through the night just divine embrace, eternal light in the mansions of the Lord where no mothers cry and no children weep we will stand and guard 'tho the angels sleep all through the ages safely keep the mansions of the Lord.*

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for pilgrim's feet, whose stern impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea, from sea to shining sea!*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

†HYMN 710

ST. CATHERINE

*Faith of Our Fathers*

*Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to Thee till death.*

*Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto Thee; and through the truth that comes from God, we all shall then be truly free. Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to Thee till death.*

*Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife; and preach Thee, too, as love knows how by kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to Thee till death.*

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

We go into the mission field  
**inspired by the love of Christ,**  
transformed by His mercy,  
**and empowered by His presence.**

POSTLUDE

John Philip Sousa

*The Liberty Bell*  
Robert Fasol, organist

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

**Rev. Wendy Lambert**

Senior Executive Pastor

**Rev. Phil Greenwald**

Executive Pastor of Administration

**Rev. David Poteet**

Pastor of Congregational Care

**Dr. Gary Brown**

St. Luke's Member

*Musicians*

**Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster**

**Mervin Tay, Conductor**

**Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble**

**Susan Easttom, Director of Family Ministry**

**Elvie Ellis, Soloist**

**Bells of St. Luke's**

**Cynthia Adair, Director**

*Jennifer Birney, Pat Birney, Amy Givens, Steve Graham,  
Margaret Howell, Ron Howell, Dennis Martin, Rita Pierce,  
Reid Powell, Jeff Sabin, Peggy Simms, Joe Wine*



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*.



# St. Luke's

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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](mailto: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](http://faithpartners.stlukesokc.org) or email to [ccm@stlukesokc.org](mailto: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](http://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, Hospitality Coordinator at 609-1028 or [mjones@stlukesokc.org](mailto:mjones@stlukesokc.org).

### Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in October:

*Downtown:* Donette Johnson, Ken and Page Beatty, Nancie Buick-Renia

*Edmond:* Mike and Kim Callis, James Savage and Jennifer Lowder, Kinsey Fling, Pat Coulson, Jim, Joan and Stephen Gass

## One Church with Multiple Campuses

**Downtown Campus**  
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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](http://stlukesokc.org).

## HAPPENING TODAY

### Veterans Day Celebration

St. Luke's will be honoring those in our family of faith who have served and those who are currently serving during worship at all services. Thank you to the men and women who have served our country and preserved our freedom.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Blizzard Bag Donations Needed

Help our homebound seniors weather the upcoming winter storms. Beginning today, St. Luke's is partnering with Subaru's "Share the Love" event to provide Blizzard Bags to seniors. You can help by donating non-perishable items, or providing financial support. Drop off donations at the Mission Bin in the Downtown Campus Gallery. Items needed include peanut butter, corn, green beans, baked beans, shelf-stable microwave pastas, instant oatmeal, mac and cheese, and various soups. To make a monetary donation, go to [endinghungerokc.org](http://endinghungerokc.org). For details, email Chris Lambert at [clambert@stlukesokc.org](mailto:clambert@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1012.

### Ending Hunger OKC - CommUNITY Christmas Dinner

You can help serve the community around the Asbury Campus this holiday season. On December 3, Ending Hunger OKC/CommUNITY Table are hosting a Christmas Dinner at the Asbury Campus. This free meal is open to families of Emerson South High School, Lee Elementary, Academia OKC, and our neighbors around the Asbury Campus. Volunteers are needed on November 22 from 1 - 3:30 p.m. to pass out door hangers throughout the neighborhood. Volunteers are also needed on December 3 to help setup (4:30 - 5:30), serve (5:30 - 7:30), and clean up (7:30 - 8:30). You can serve for one shift or all three. Please sign up online at [stlukesokc.org](http://stlukesokc.org) or contact Candice Hillenbrand at [chillenbrand@stlukesokc.org](mailto:chillenbrand@stlukesokc.org) or 609-1016 with any questions.

### Honduras Mission Trips

Experience a life-changing mission trip to Honduras in 2020. St. Luke's is returning to the island of Roatan to share God's love with our friends. Meet incredible residents who will work alongside us in construction projects, VBS, and more. All skills are needed; there's a job for everyone! Choose the week of May 16-23, or May 23-30. The cost is \$1,650 which includes lodging, airfare, and meals (additional costs include checked bag fees and incidentals). A \$100 reservation deposit is due by December 15. There's a limited number of spots, filling fast! Email Julie Robinson for details at [jrobinson@stlukesokc.org](mailto:jrobinson@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1009.

### UMW Bake Sale

Support missions by purchasing some of the appetizing baked goods from the United Methodist Women's Bake Sale, November 24 - from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Gallery. Proceeds from the bake sale will support missions. Be sure to stop by early to purchase goodies for the Thanksgiving holiday.

### Esther Women - Guest Speaker Wintley Phipps

The Esther Women are inviting everyone to hear a special guest speaker on December 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Downtown Campus Sanctuary. Wintley Phipps is a pastor, world-renowned vocalist, motivational speaker, and education activist. He is the founder of the US Dream Academy, a national after-school program that aims to break the cycle of intergenerational incarceration. This is a free event and reservations are not needed. Hope to see you then!

## ADVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Poinsettia Sale**

There is a special way to honor and remember loved ones and special people in your life this Advent season. Donate a Christmas poinsettia for \$20 each. These poinsettias are a part of our beautifully decorated facilities and displayed throughout the season to be enjoyed by many. Order forms are at the Welcome Centers, and need to be returned by December 15.

### **Save the Date for the Church Christmas Party - *The Treasure of St. Luke's***

Bring your family to the St. Luke's Church Christmas Party at the Edmond Campus on December 8 or the Downtown Campus on December 15. The Gathering Hour starts at 4 p.m. and a delicious dinner and program begins at 5 p.m.

### **Repeat the Sounding Joy - Christmas Concert**

It's the most wonderful music of the year! You're invited to the annual Christmas Concert, *Repeat the Sounding Joy*, featuring the St. Luke's Orchestra, Chancel Choir, Cantate Chamber Choir, and the Bells of St. Luke's. A special guest artist, the incredible opera tenor, J. Warren Mitchell will be treating us to Christmas joy! He is releasing his new Christmas CD! This magical night takes place on Wednesday, December 5, at 7 p.m. A Holiday Reception being hosted by the Hospitality Team will follow in the Narthex. What better way to begin the Advent season than with amazing music and your family of faith!

### **Membership Worship Service**

Celebrate the beginning of the Advent season by making a commitment to join St. Luke's in our mission of Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World. On Wednesday, December 4, at 6 p.m. (right before the Christmas Choir concert), a Membership Worship Service will be held in the Mansion Chapel. This service offers an opportunity to become a member of the family of faith in a private, worshipful setting. The service features music, communion, and a special message from Rev. Dave Poteet. There will also be an opportunity for baptism of anyone who has never been baptized. Childcare is provided. No RSVP required. Invite your family and friends! For details, email Brittany Attaway at [battaway@stlukesokc.org](mailto:battaway@stlukesokc.org).

### **A Gift of Song - A Christmas Opera**

Poteet Theatre is proud to bring to the stage *A Gift of Song* presented by the Cimarron Opera. This Christmas opera premiered in 1961 with a story featuring Silent Night. There will be laughter and tears in this amazing presentation. Tickets are \$20-\$25 reserved seating. The opera runs December 13 and 14th at 7:30 p.m. and December 15 at 2 p.m. Contact Logan Fish at [lfish@stlukesokc.org](mailto:lfish@stlukesokc.org) or 285-2341 or purchase online at [stlukesokc.org/tickets](http://stlukesokc.org/tickets).

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Youth Metro Worship Today**

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 today, from 5:15 - 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Downtown Campus. All 6th-12th grade students are invited, and their parents too! Simply show up. There's no cost but dinner is not included.

### **Youth Fall Retreat**

The Youth Fall Retreat is this weekend, November 22 - 24, at Oakridge Camp near Anadarko. The Youth will leave the church at 6 p.m. on November 22 and return at 12:30 p.m. on November 24. For details, email Amy Givens at [agivens@stlukesokc.org](mailto:agivens@stlukesokc.org) or call 609-1027.