

LOVE

Your Neighbor

no exceptions

Baptism of the Lord
Service of Holy Communion
January 12, 2020
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 10:50 A.M.

(†Those who are able, please stand in honor of God.)

PRELUDE

John Cook

Fanfare

Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 154

CORONATION

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Easttom

We come to worship the One whose love is eternal.

We worship the One who leads us with kindness.

God's love speaks to our soul.

It is this love that gives us a life of joy.

We have also been given the ability to speak the language of love to others.

Kindness, compassion and mercy is the message our world needs to hear.

We are called to share the message of God's love and bring hope to the world.

We will love our neighbors, no exceptions.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As a family of faith, let us affirm our faith together.

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. 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.

ANTHEM

Jan Marvyn Youngblood

Stayed on Jesus

Chancel Choir

Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus. I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus. I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus. I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus. I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

I'm walking and talking with my mind stayed on Jesus. I'm walking and talking with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

I'm singing and shouting with my mind stayed on Jesus. I'm singing and shouting with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

I'll keep right on praising with my mind stayed on Jesus. I'll keep right on praising with my mind stayed on Jesus. I'll keep right on praising with my mind stayed on Jesus. Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

Leslie Bricusse

Fill the World with Love
Julianne Reynolds, soloist
Robert Fasol, piano

In the morning of my life I shall look to the sunrise, at a moment in my life when the world is new. And the blessing I shall ask is that God will grant me, to be brave and strong and true, and to fill the world with love my whole life through. And to fill the world with love, and to fill the world with love, and to fill the world with love my whole life through.

In the noontime of my life I shall look to the sunshine, at a moment in my life when the sky is blue. And the blessing I shall ask will remain unchanging, to be brave and strong and true, and to fill the world with love my whole life through. And to fill the world with love, and to fill the world with love, and to fill the world with love my whole life through.

In the evening of my life I shall look to the sunset, at a moment in my life when the night is due. And the question I shall ask only You can answer. Was I brave and strong and true? Did I fill the world with love my whole life through? Did I fill the world with love, did I fill the world with love, did I fill the world with love my whole life through?

†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.

†OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Rev. Keith King

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord. But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners

were afraid, and each cried to his god; and they threw the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we do not perish." And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. (Jonah 1:1 - 7)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

The Greatest Lesson of History

From the Sermon Series - Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions

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 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, Creator of heaven and earth. You have provided the bread of the earth and the fruit of the vine. You have loved us from before our birth and will love us through everlasting life with You. Your faithfulness has created, redeemed, and enlivened us. Even when our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.

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 example of Your love revealed completely in Christ, You have given us new life, filled with hope. You have delivered us from thoughts centered only on ourselves to an abundant life shared with others. In Christ, we are reminded that we are all Your children. We are all invited to Your table.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, Jesus took 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."

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 again and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Word Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

BUNESSAN

Who Is My Neighbor

Who is my neighbor, who are God's children? All those who gather round Jesus Christ: Spirit led people born from the Gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle round Jesus Christ: crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us - color or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ: family failings, human derailings all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission we claim each other, round Jesus Christ: here is my neighbor, we are God's children, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We have heard and received the message of God's love.

It is ours to share.

We are called to love our neighbors, no exceptions.

We will share God's love and bring hope to the world.

POSTLUDE

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Rev. Keith King

Pastor of Worship

Susan Easttom

Director of Family Ministries

Musicians

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Chancel Choir

Julianne Reynolds, Soloist



Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was. He replied "Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, mind, should and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself." We are told that we are called to be a neighbor to anyone - we are called to care for one another and show mercy. Jesus never gave any exemptions to that. We are our neighbors, no exceptions.



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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, Hospitality Coordinator at 609-1028 or mjones@stlukesokc.org.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in December:

Downtown: Dennis and Chris Box, Alex Kirkpatrick and Rachael Edwards, Lauren Lunday

Edmond: Paul and Lou Ann Bass, Cindy Cornmesser, Peyton Jones, Bob and Joyce Martin, Alan and Carey Freeman, Alan and Lynette Friedemann, Steve and Jana Barrett, Dylan Forcica and Cristina Arriens, Cameron and Lindsey Karner, Jeff and Amy Ingram, Chip and Haleigh Collins

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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.

Love Your Neighbor Daily Calendar and Window Cling

Our theme this year is "Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions" and to help us remember to love our neighbor, we have created an inspirational daily calendar and window cling. In the calendar, each day has a quote or scripture that is sure to help us remember to be kind. Be sure to stop by the tables set up in the Narthex and the CLC South Entrance to pick up your calendar and cling today.

Membership Sunday

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. No RSVP is required. For more information about becoming a member, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1028.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE

At St. Luke's, we believe serving is a vital part of our Christian walk. We are committed to be the hands and feet of Christ in our local community and around the globe. We encourage you to find your place to serve with your family of faith on Sundays, in the local community, or globally. Information is available at the Connection Point or online at stlukesokc.org/serve.

Love Your Neighbor - The Volunteer Connection

We are called to love our neighbors and one way to do this is to find a way to connect with a volunteer position at the church. Anyone - guest, new member or longtime member looking for a new way to volunteer through one of our missions or ministries is invited to attend the Love Your Neighbor - Volunteer Connection Event on Wednesday, January 15. The evening will include a free meal in the CLC from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. along with opportunities to learn more about St. Luke's ministry areas. A breakout orientation session for each area will follow at 6:30. All volunteers that attend will also receive a free t-shirt.

St. Luke's Service Day

Did you know Oklahoma is the fifth hungriest state in the nation? Let's do something to change that. Your entire family will have a chance to feed the hungry in just a single morning. Join us for Family Service Day at the Regional Food Bank on Saturday, February 1, from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Anyone in our church family is welcome, and all volunteers must be at least 8 years old. Register to volunteer at stlukesokc.org and meet at the Regional Food Bank (3355 S. Purdue, OKC).

Studio 222 Van Driver Needed

You can help drive underserved youth to a better future! St. Luke's after-school arts program Studio 222 needs van drivers to transport students to and from our building. No special license is needed, but a background check and online driver training is required. Drivers are needed Mondays and/or Thursdays at 3:30 pm. We also need drivers to take students home on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. It's just once a week, between 60 and 90 minutes of your time. Can you help? Please email Julie Robinson at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honduras Mission Trips

There are still a few spots available for a life-changing mission trip to Honduras in 2020. St. Luke's is returning to the island of Roatan the weeks 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 \$200 reservation deposit is due by January 30. If you are interested in going, but would like more information, there is an informational meeting on Sunday, January 26 at 12:45 in the Mansion Library. Email Julie Robinson for details at jrobinson@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1009.

Wednesday Night Alive

Make a New Year's resolution to have more fun! Join us for the Winter Session of Wednesday Night Alive! WNA offers a variety of classes for adults, youth, and children - all starting Wednesday, January 22. Dinner is served in the CLC at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free). Classes begin at 6:30. WNA is a great opportunity for the entire family to grow in their faith.

Women of Faith Bible Study

Ladies, find fellowship and meaning at the Women of Faith Bible Study. The group will begin a new six-week study called "How Happiness Happens." Bestselling author Max Lucado looks at several "one another" statements in the Bible that reveal how the happiest people on earth aren't those who have the most, but those who are willing to give the most away. The study takes place on Thursdays, starting January 16, from 12-1 p.m. in the Mansion Library. Childcare is provided, and lunch is offered for \$5. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1027.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Spring Break Missions Trips

It may be winter, but we're already thinking about Spring Break! All Youth are invited to have a blast and serve the community on this year's Spring Break Mission Trip. Middle School students are heading to Dallas from March 15 - 18. High School students are going down to Baton Rouge, Louisiana from March 15 - 21. Register online at stlukesokc.org by February 2. The cost is \$250 for Middle School (\$100 deposit), and \$500 for High School (\$150 deposit). Mission Bucks can be earned to lower the cost! For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.

Confirmation Class Lunch Today

There is a lunch today at 12:15 for all the parents, Faith Friends, and youth that are involved in the Confirmation class this year. Confirmation class is an important part of a student's journey as they learn more about Christian beliefs and living a life of faith. Confirmation students are usually 6th graders, but older youth who have yet to participate in Confirmation are also welcome. Classes will begin on January 26, from 9:40 - 11:45. There is no cost. Please register for the Confirmation Classes online - stlukesokc.org/confirmation. For more information, contact Amy Givens - agivens@stlukesokc.org or 609-1027.



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