

LOVE

Your Neighbor

no exceptions

Epiphany Sunday
January 5, 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

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

PRELUDE

arr. Bradley Knight

Star So Bright
St. Luke's String Ensemble
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 103

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light; Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Draw near to God as God draws near to you.

We come to worship the One who was, who is, and who always will be!

God sent His Son not to condemn the world

but that all might be saved through Him.

Christ reflects the love of God for all people

and we will follow His example.

We will love those whom God loves;

we will love our neighbors without exception!

†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.

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. David Poteet

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 432

CHEREPONI

Jesu, Jesu

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of His friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and to You. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with You. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

ANTHEM

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria

Chancel Choir and String Ensemble

Robert Fasol, organist

Eric Bradford, conductor

Glory to God in the highest!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

OFFERTORY

Major Lazer

Lean On
 Greg Gore, *soloist*
 St. Luke's String Ensemble
 Robert Fasol, *piano*
 Eric Bradford, *conductor*

Do you recall, not long ago, we would walk on the sidewalk? Innocent, remember? All we did was care for each other. But the night was warm, we were bold and young. All around the wind blows, we would only hold on to let go.

Know this, we are one. We all need someone to lean on. Remember this, God is love, when you need somebody to lean on.

Remember this, we are one. We all need someone to lean on. Know this, you are loved when you need somebody to lean on.

What will we do when we get old? Will we walk down the same road? Will you be there by my side? Standing strong as the waves roll over. When the nights are long, longing for you to come home. All around the wind blows, we would only hold on to let go.

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†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

Dr. Gary Brown

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

(Luke 10:25 - 37)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Be a Neighbor

From the Sermon Series: Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions

This Little Light of Mine
 St. Luke's String Ensemble
 Robert Fasol, *piano*
 Eric Bradford, *conductor*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

DUKE STREET

Great God, We Sing Your Guiding Hand

*Great God, We sing Your guiding hand by which supported still we stand;
 the opening year Your mercy shows; that mercy crowns it till its close.*

*By day, by night, at home, abroad, still are we guarded by our God; by His
 incessant bounty fed, by His unerring counsel led.*

*With grateful hearts the past we own; the future, all to us unknown, we to Your
 guardian care commit, and peaceful leave before Your feet.*

*In scenes exalted or depressed, You are our joy, You are our rest; Your goodness all
 our hopes shall raise, adored through all our changing days.*

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. Wendy Lambert

We are grateful for a new year
we recommit our lives to Christ.
 We will love those whom God loves
and live lives of mercy.
 We will love God
and love our neighbor, no exceptions!

POSTLUDE

arr. Robert Fasol

Epiphany Toccata: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
 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
Eric Bradford, Conductor
Chancel Choir and String Ensemble
Greg Gore, 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

One Church with Multiple Campuses

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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.

New Sermon Series Starts Today - Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions

We live in a time where our country is more divided than ever. Society has forgotten the Golden Rule. While Social Media has connected us, it has also become a platform where criticism, negativity, and disrespect have gained too much ground. In Oklahoma, we understand what it means to be a neighbor in the midst of hardship and disaster. We can set an example for the world on loving our neighbors without exception.

Love Your Neighbor Daily Calendar and Window Cling

Our theme this year is "Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions" and to help us to 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.

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). For details, email Susan (seasttom@stlukesokc.org) or Amy (agivens@stlukesokc.org).

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 Spring 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.

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! January 12 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.

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 (405) 609-1027.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation Classes

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. There will be a lunch for all the parents, Faith Friends, and youth on Sunday, January 12, at 12:15. 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.

Winter Youth Weekend

Youth grades 6 - 12 will enjoy a time of service to the community and fun activities at the Winter Youth Weekend. On Saturday, January 11, from 1 - 5:30 p.m., the group will visit nursing homes and go ice skating. On Sunday, from 3 - 7:30 p.m., youth will be making blankets and enjoying dinner and worship. Cost for each day is \$10.



Text to Give

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