

LOVE

Your Neighbor

no exceptions

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 2, 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

arr. Joshua Spacht

Be Christ

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 577

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy pow'r; crown Thine ancient Church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail His ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for Thy salvation be our glory ever more. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

Let those who love the Lord worship His holy Name.

Thanks be to Christ who lives and reigns forever!

We come this morning to honor the One who brought life
and offers a life more abundant.

Jesus came that we might know the joy of loving God
and our neighbor as ourselves.

We have experienced the joy of service;

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.

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

ANTHEM

Phil Vischer / Linda Vischer

Love Your Neighbor
Children's Ensemble
Mary Beth King, *soloist*
St. Luke's Orchestra
Josh Lewis, *director*

*He has a shoe, and I have a pot, but when we look deeper there's more that we've got.
God made us special and now I can see, if you're special to Him then you're special to me.*

Love your neighbor. When someone helps you then you'll understand, when you love your neighbor, loving means lending a hand.

*If you see someone who's hurt or in need, maybe it's time to perform a good deed.
And when you've finished you'll find that it's true, when you make them feel better, you'll feel better too.*

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LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Patti Drennan

We Are the Music Makers
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Eric Bradford, *conductor*

We are the music makers, and we are the dreamer of dreams, wandering by the lonely sea breakers, and sitting by desolate streams. World losers, world forsakers, on whom the pale moon gleams; yet we are the movers and shakers of the world forever, it seems.

We are the music makers, and we are the makers of song; within our hearts a melody that beautifully rights all the wrong. Our voices, united, offer a gift of love, touching every spirit with passion, and emotion; we give you a song.

Sometimes your life holds sorrow, and life seems all in vain; the healing pow'r of music can ease the anguish and pain. No matter what life holds for you, or what the past has been, throughout all eternity, music has no end, no end!

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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

Rev. David Poteet

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" - he said to the paralytic - "I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" (Mark 2:1 - 12)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

With Friends Like These

From the Sermon Series - Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Tommy Simms

Helping Hand

Rachel Barnard, *soloist*

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

Everybody needs a helping hand. Take a look at your fellow man and tell me, what I can do today? 'Cause everybody needs a helping out. If that isn't what it's all about, tell me, what, what can I do, what can I do today?

We've all seen trouble from time to time. There is a mountain ahead I've got no strength to climb. If you're feeling that you're strong, reach out to me. I hope this journey won't take long. But won't you please have mercy?

Everybody needs a helping hand. Take a look at your fellow man and tell me what can I do today? Everybody needs a helping out. If that isn't what it's all about, tell me what, what, can I do, what can I do today? What can I do today?

I'm talking 'bout the soul all alone, needing the daily bread, some place to lay his head. And I'm talking 'bout the neighbor on the street. Won't you look him in the eye, take some time to speak? That's mercy.

Everybody needs a helping hand. Take a look at your fellow man and tell me what can I do today? Everybody needs a helping out. If that isn't what it's all about, tell me what, what, can I do, what can I do?

Love one another, sister and brother. Love is the only way. Everybody needs a helping hand. Take a look at your fellow man and tell me, what can I do today? Everybody need a helping out. If that isn't what it's all about, tell me, what, what can I do, what you gotta do today?

Everybody needs a helping hand. Take a look at your fellow man and tell me, what can I do today? Everybody need a helping out. If that isn't what it's all about, tell me, what, what can I do today?

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

BEECHER

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Christ gives us the commandment

we are to love God and our neighbor as ourselves.

Joy is found in a life of mercy

and putting the needs of others before our own.

Caring for one another is a better way of life

and so we will share God's love and bring hope to the world!

POSTLUDE

arr. R. Fasol

Festival Fantasia on Nettleton

Robert Fasol, *organist*

St. Luke's Orchestra

Eric Bradford, *conductor*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

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Rev. Wendy Lambert

Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Greenwald

Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

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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 January:

Downtown: Phyllis Bennett, Arleen Burkhart, Eliada Keeling, Karen Delaney, Shane and Heather Wakefield, Robert and Maudean Wakefield, Caroline and Drew Mildren, Eddie Monarch

Edmond: Darlene Rose, Kristen Buzzard, Eddie Herron, Bryce, Melie and Norah Vincent, Allen and Tera Hutson, Jake and Lottie Long, Jeannie Pascuzzi, Todd and Wendy Sanders

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.

HAPPENING TODAY

Valentine's Day at Home Point

Stop by Home Point today and pick up a free copy of a Valentine's Day Guide that will help your family celebrate God's love. You will find ideas and resources to be intentional during this Valentine season with family and friends. Adjust the activities and ideas to fit what is best for you. Also, pick up scripture cards to read every day and memorize them to help you carry God's love in your heart throughout the year!

Souper Bowl of Caring Today

Be a part of something big - the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Donations will be taken today after each worship service for People Helping People. Since 1990, youth have been inspiring others to collect dollars and food leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, making the nation's biggest weekend of football the largest weekend of caring.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE

Alaska Mission Trip Meeting

Enjoy a breathtaking trip to Alaska while sharing God's love! Learn more about this year's Alaska Mission Trip at an informational meeting on February 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Downtown Mansion Library. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP for the meeting online by February 13 at stlukesokc.org. St. Luke's is returning to Chugiak, Alaska the week of July 10-17. We'll help the United Methodist Church with landscaping, working at Birchwood Camp, cleaning the grounds, rebuilding docks, and general maintenance of the cabins. This life-changing mission fills up quickly and we are limited to 15 people. The cost is \$1,400 per person which includes air fare, lodging, meals, and some excursions. For details on the trip, email Rev. Connie Barnett at cbarnett@stlukesokc.org or call 808-4629.

FIND YOUR PLACE TO GROW

Wednesday Night Alive

WNA is off to a great start and it's not too late to take advantage of this great opportunity to grow in your faith. WNA offers a variety of classes for adults, youth, and children. Dinner is served in the Worship Center at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under are free). This week's menu: beef or chicken tacos, Spanish rice, Mexican beans, chips and queso, churros, apples and caramel dip. Classes begin at 6:30. More information about classes is available at the Welcome Center and online.

Monday Night Bible Study - The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament

Everyone is invited to a new 12-week Bible study that will help us explore the Old Testament so that we can have a fresh understanding of our Christian faith story. Rev. Keith King and Rev. Dave Poteet will be leading this study. The Epic of Eden meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 in Room 207 at the Downtown Campus, beginning on February 3. Join us as we seek to deepen our faith for everyday life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch With Bob

Get to know Dr. Bob and Marsha Long over lunch! They have been sharing God's love with the St. Luke's family of faith since 1991. You're invited to hear their inspiring story on Sunday, February 9, at 12:15 p.m. for "Lunch With Bob" in the Downtown Campus Mansion Library. A private joining ceremony will also be available. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Morgan Jones: mjones@stlukesokc.org, or call 609-1013.

Community Guitar Ensemble

If you love guitar, you're invited to play in a fun environment with friends! Francisco Venegas will be teaching and leading our newest music group, the St. Luke's Guitar Ensemble. It's being held at the Edmond Campus on Saturday mornings, starting February 22, from 10 - 11:15 a.m. in Room 134. Semester ensemble dues are \$50 (covers instructor, class materials, etc). Ensemble members must provide their own guitar and footstool. We will have chairs and music stands. Contact Logan Fish with questions and to sign up. Email lfish@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2341.

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 Connection Point to pick up your calendar and cling today.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Football Game Watch Party Tonight

You don't have to be a Chiefs or 49ers fan to enjoy the big game! Come watch the game with youth group friends tonight from 5 - 9 p.m. in the Youth Room. There will be games to play, food to eat, a chance to serve, and lots of fun! All 6th - 12th grade students are invited. Simply show up, bring drinks, snacks, or sweets to share.

Youth Spring Break Mission 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 Trips. 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.

ONLINE WORSHIP

Watch live at 10:50 a.m. Sunday mornings at stlukesokc.org/live or facebook.com/stlukesokc.

