

GIVING UP

HOW LETTING GO CAN LEAD TO THE
LIFE THAT CHRIST WANTS FOR US

First Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Communion
March 1, 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

Louis Vierne

Communion

Robert Fasol, *organist*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

†HYMN 64

NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Wendy Lambert

Draw us near, Lord,

deep into your presence.

Let this journey of Lent help us to become

the people You created us to be.

Help us to give up that which is unnecessary;

we want to focus on Christ.

Free us from clutter in our thoughts and schedules,

let us instead devote ourselves to You.

We long to give up the parts of our lives that get in the way

of the life that you have always desired for us.

We commit this season of Lent to live as Your children,

so that by our words and deeds, people will see Your love.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

The third day He rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(* universal)

†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

arr. David Hamilton

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano
Wendyle Andrews, conductor

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e're such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Demands my soul, my life, my all!

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Phil Greenwald

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

OFFERTORY

arr. Dan Forrest

Rejoice, the Lord Is King
St. Luke's Men's Chorus
St. Luke's Strings
Robert Fasol, piano
Wendyle Andrews, conductor

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your God and King adore. Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore! Lift up your heart. Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n. The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord and judge shall come and take His servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, again I say, lift up your voice, again I say, rejoice!

†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 Potteet

Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues, and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant;

whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:1 - 12)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

"Have You Set the Toilet?"

From the Sermon Series: Giving Up

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 the Lord our 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth You formed us into Your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast.

We are Your children, and You are our God.

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. As we enter into the season of Lent, help us with this time of repentance and self-reflection. Reveal to us the things that we can give up to create more space for you and others. Guide us on this journey toward Easter as we open our hearts and minds to Your message of redemption.

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

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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 in final victory and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

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

CWM RHONDDA

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed

Come and feast for all are welcomed at God's table spread with love. Come proclaim God's grace and goodness in, around us, and above. Come and feast, for all are welcomed at God's table spread with love, at God's table spread with love.

Here we nurture and encourage as we share this common meal, while we foster deep communion and our inner selves reveal. Here we nurture and encourage as we share this common meal, as we share this common meal.

See the chalice lifted upward; smell the fragrant, broken bread; taste the gifts from field and vineyard; hear the words that Jesus said: "Eat and drink, and in remembrance touch your souls with wine and bread, touch your souls with wine and bread."

With the Spirit blessed commission, "Go and serve this meal to all," take its love and peaceful vision into every banquet hall. Go and serve as nourished people, gladly feeding one and all, gladly feeding one and all.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Help us to give up worry

and instead trust in You.

Help us to give up hurtful words

and instead remember the mercy you have shown to us.

Help us to give up fear

and instead embrace the fullness of life.

Help us to give up that which is unnecessary or unhelpful

to create space for loving you and our neighbors.

POSTLUDE

Christopher Pardini

Toccata (Amazing Grace)

Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Executive Pastor of Administration

Rev. David Poteet

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Musicians

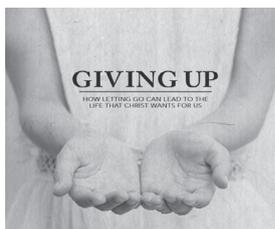
Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster

Wendyle Andrews, Conductor

Chancel Choir and Orchestra

St. Luke's Men's Chorus

Our lives have more than ever before – but “more” doesn’t automatically make them better. We own more, but that also means we have more things to maintain, repair, clean, and replace. We have busier schedules, but that also means less time for things that really matter. Having more can be stressful. Giving up things like busyness, resentment, and worry can lead us to the life that Christ wants for us. Freeing our lives from clutter gives us space and energy to be the people we are called to be.



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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 February:

Downtown: Susan Amis, Ronessa Burgess, Steve and Cathy Gray, Curtis and Emma Hendricks, June Martinez, Candice Mason, Janet Peoples, Katie Roberts, Vickie Roberts

Edmond: Scott and Kim Booker, Susan Hill, Shirley Moore, Barbara Lorusse, Kathleen Best, Joan Ferrell and Ben Bural, Theresa Stradal, Kody Benton, Annica Lozano, Brandon and Holly Allen, Judy Satterfield, Connie Harrison

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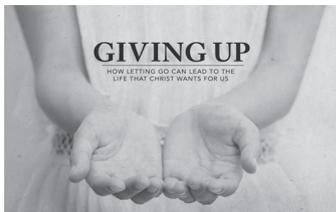
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Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World

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



Lenten Devotionals

The staff has written devotionals for the Lenten Season to encourage you in your faith journey. You can pick up a copy of these devotional booklets just outside the worship space today. If you would rather have a digital version: follow us at [Facebook.com/stlukesokc](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesokc) or sign up for the Devotional Email at stlukesokc.org.

Online Lenten Bible Study

Continuing tonight at 5 p.m., you can take part in an online Bible study. Every Sunday evening on the St. Luke's United Methodist Facebook page Rev. Josh Attaway will be leading a Bible study for the season of Lent called "Living as Easter People." Rev. Keith King will be online facilitating and answering questions during the study. ([Facebook.com/stlukesokc](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesokc))

Today in Threefold

Stop by Threefold today for a tasty sample! It's soup day and you can sample some of the delicious soups made from mixes that are available in Threefold. These mixes are a perfect solution to a quick and easy cozy family dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rebuilding Day

In just a few hours, you can give hope to someone by making their home warm, safe, and dry. Be a part of St. Luke's team for Rebuilding Day on Saturday, April 18, from 9 - 5 p.m. Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit program that brings volunteers together to improve the homes and lives of low-income, elderly homeowners in the OKC area. Anyone with construction, painting, plumbing, or household repair skills is encouraged to join. There's also a

place for people who simply want to help wherever needed. Please sign up online at stlukesokc.org.

Membership
Sunday

March 8

 St. Luke's
United Methodist Church

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! March 8 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 details, email Morgan Jones at mjones@stlukesokc.org or call 609-1013.

Women of Faith Bible Study - New Lenten Study

Women of all ages are invited to take part in a Lenten Bible study of the book of Luke from March 5 through April 9. Each week, there is a short video followed by reflection questions and discussion. The study group meets Thursdays from noon -1 p.m. in the Mansion Library. There is lunch available for \$5.

Wednesday Night Alive

After taking a break for Ash Wednesday, WNA continues this week with a variety of amazing classes for everyone. Dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. (\$5 for adults - children 12 and under eat free). Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. On the menu this week: Meatloaf, corn dogs, au gratin potatoes, green beans, rolls, cookies. Classes begin at 6:30. More information about classes is available at the Welcome Center and online.

Parent's Night Out

Parents, enjoy a night out on the town while your children have a great time with friends at church. Friday, March 6, is Parents Night Out at St. Luke's Downtown Campus. Kids will eat pizza, play games, and watch movies from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Please register online at stlukesokc.org by March 4. This childcare event is free for infants through 5th grade.

ARTS AT ST. LUKE'S EVENTS

St. Luke's Concert Series Presents: Robert and June

They have a combined service of more than 50 years at St. Luke's. Now they're teaming up to put on an incredible concert! Organist/Choirmaster, Robert Fasol, and LifeLight band leader, June Carter, are performing together on Sunday, March 22, at 5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) at the Downtown Campus. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by visiting stlukesokc.org/tickets and clicking on "Concert Series."

Community Orchestra Concert: Beethoven and Friends

St. Luke's Edmond Community Orchestra is celebrating Beethoven's 250th Birthday with a free concert. All kids and families are welcome! Join us Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m. in the St. Luke's Edmond Worship Center. Bring a friend and enjoy great music performed by people from your community! Learn more at stlukesokc.org/arts.

Poteet Summer Theatre Camp - Shrek Jr.

Attention all youth - have a blast this June at Poteet Summer Theatre Camp while performing in "Shrek Jr!" The camp is from June 8-28 (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.). In Shrek Jr., everyone's favorite ogre is back in this hilarious stage spectacle, based on the Oscar-winning smash hit film and outrageous Broadway musical. This camp, at the Downtown Campus Poteet Theatre, is for students ages 8-18. Tuition is \$350. Lunch and snacks are provided. Learn more by emailing Logan Fish at lfish@stlukesokc.org or call 285-2341.

Poteet Theatre Presents Willy Wonka Jr.

Buy your tickets today to see *Willy Wonka Jr.* at St. Luke's Poteet Theatre! Based on the book, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, this delightful production features songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder. It's a "scrumdilyumptious" musical guaranteed to delight your sweet tooth! Performances are from April 24 - May 3. All seats are \$15. You can purchase tickets at stlukesokc.tix.com.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Dodgeball Day

Youth, enjoy a fun and friendly competition, fellowship, and worship with friends at Youth Dodgeball Day! It's today, right after church, from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m. All 6th-12th grade students are invited, so bring a friend! There's no cost, and lunch will be provided!