

Dear Online Community,

We are so glad that you worship online with us. You are important to us. You are a blessing to us. We are thankful for each of you!

It's hard to believe that the season of Lent begins tomorrow! Our worship theme for Lent is "Saving Grace." Our Lenten journey begins tomorrow with Ash Wednesday services at 6:30 p.m. at both the Downtown and Edmond Campuses. Rev. Keith King will be preaching at the Downtown Campus and Rev. Josh Attaway at the Edmond Campus. Both services will be livestreamed, so please join us at stlukesokc.org/live or on Facebook. Toward the end of the service there will be a time of the imposition of ashes. We invite you to make the sign of the cross on your hand or forehead. As you do hear these words: "Receive the gift of God's grace and love." Some use the words: "From dust you came, to dust you shall return."

The season of Lent is an opportunity to pause and reflect, to sit still, to meditate or pray. I find it to be a season that calls me to be intentional about my own spiritual journey. I believe our Lenten services will help you on your journey toward experiencing and sharing the grace of God. We have prepared a Lenten Devotional book that will help you journey throughout these next 40 days, so that on Easter morning, together we can experience the joy of new life found in Christ Jesus. You can download a copy or you can request to have one mailed to you by going to stlukesokc.org/easter.

As an online community let us be intentional about setting aside time to read, study, reflect, and worship together. When I am faithful to participate in worship each Sunday of Lent and share in the special services offered during holy week, I am better prepared to receive with joy the gift of new life on Easter morning. Let us do that together!

Don't forget to check out our on-demand classes as part of Wednesday Night Alive. You can see all the class listings here: stlukesokc.org/wna. I am leading a discussion on Bob's sermon during Wednesday Night Alive via zoom and I would love for you to join me at 6:30 p.m. CST for a rich time of discussion and sharing at stlukesokc.org/letstalk. If there is interest in continuing after Wednesday Night Alive ends on March 23, let me know.

Remember you are not alone; God is with us. I'm so thankful that God brings us together as an online community.

I'd love to know what your Lenten plans are, so send me an email. One more thing, I'd love to pray with you if you have concerns you can email or call me at (405) 609-1045.

Looking forward to the journey with you,

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