

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH

We're so glad you've joined us for worship today. Our mission is to share God's love and bring hope to the world. We hope you leave inspired by a message of hope and ready to embrace life in the week ahead.



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Memorial Sunday

May 28, 2023

8:15 and 10:50 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Reinhold Glière

Duet No. 3 (Con Moto)

El Sistema Oklahoma Graduating Seniors

Elise Gaymon and Chloe Hackler, *cello*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Wendy Lambert

†HYMN

ROLL CALL

When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

1 When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more, and the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair; when the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

2 On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise, and the glory of His resurrection share; when His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

3 Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun; let us talk of all His wondrous love and care. Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of grief and loss, it can be difficult to continue.

The death of a loved one feels unbearable.

Yet we know that death is not the final word;

we grieve as those who still know the promise of eternal life.

While we miss them here and now,

we look forward to being reunited someday.

While we grieve them,

we remember their lives and give thanks.

†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.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ENSURED OUR FREEDOM

We gather to remember the ones who lost their lives in service to their country; faithful women and men who made the ultimate sacrifice. Their faithfulness has brought us peace, freedom, and security. Because of their service, we are able to worship without fear.

We remember and give thanks.

Let us honor their sacrifice, and make the most of the freedoms that we have been given.

We remember and give thanks.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REFLECTION

Claude-Michel Schönberg

Bring Him Home

Julianne Reynolds, *soloist*

St. Luke's Orchestra

Hayden Coie, *piano*

Robert Fasol, *organist/conductor*

God on high, hear my prayer. In my need, You have always been there. He is young. He's afraid. Let him rest. Heaven blessed. Bring him home. Bring him home. Bring him home.

Bring him peace, bring him joy. He is young, he is only a boy. You can take, You can give. Let him be. Let him live. If I die, let me die. Let him live. Bring him home. Bring him home. Bring him home.

He's like the son I might have known if God had granted me a son. The summers die, one by one. How soon they fly, on and on. And I am old and will be gone.

Bring him peace. Bring him joy. He is young, he is only a boy. You can take, You can give. Let him be. Let him live. If I die, let me die. Let him live. Bring him home. Bring him home. Bring him home.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

We gather to remember the ones from our family of faith who have entered into life eternal. They built the buildings, taught our classes, and served in mission. Because of their commitment, we are able to worship in this space.

We remember and give thanks.

Let us follow their example and leave a legacy that shares God's love to bring hope to the world.

We remember and give thanks.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Jerrie S. Anderson	William (Bill) Hawk	Dr. Robert E. Long
Mary Jo Barton	Ray Howell	Yvonne D. Otts
Robert Bethea	Charles F. Hull	John M. Parson
Robert (Bob) Bowman	Bob Jackson	Evangeline J. Porter
Leslie R. Buxton	Lana Jantz	Rev. Scott Raines
Dr. Les (Skip) Carnine	Allison Jones	Larry Roof
Dr. James G. Caster	Emily Jones	Charles (Charlie) Rountree
Mary Anne Chronister	Donald (Don) Kinkade	Kenneth A. Sendall
Doris Clark	Tamara (Tami) Krise	William (Bill) Shaw
Marcia (Marcie) Ellington	Judy A. Landis	Debra (Debbie) Smith
Linda Fay	Andrew (Andy) Lasser	Robert (Mike) Sturdivan
Donald (Don) Fisher	Peggy Manning	Dr. Kyle W. Toal
Gary Frost	Jim Meyer	Jimmy C. (Jim) Venable
Dixie I. Galloway	Robert (Bob) Miles	Dr. Thomas L. Whitsett
Charles (Gus) Gudmunson	Gary M. Miller	Rev. John (Jack) Winkler Jr.
Alex Hamilton	CJ Nelson	Hazel Winslow
Emmileen D. Hamlin	Lonnie R. Nowlin, Sr.	Nancy Wotring
		Carl W. Young

MOMENT OF SILENCE

REFLECTION

Kinley Lange

Bear Me Gently

St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

Bear me, bear me gently. Bear me gently over Jordan. Bear me, bear me gently. Bear me gently over home.

Bear me, bear me gently. Bear me gently over Jordan. Bear me, bear me gently. Bear me gently over home.

I'm not afraid to cross over in the arms of Jesus, to bid farewell to the comforts here below. I've no desire left to linger. I lean into my parting, though the love I feel about me pours strength into these hands, pours strength into these hands, and bids me ne'er let go, and bids me ne'er let go.

So, bear me, bear me gently. Bear me gently over Jordan. Bear me, bear me gently. Bear me gently over home.

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

- * To register your attendance please text "guest" or "member" to (405) 351-4001.
- * Prayer requests can be submitted by texting your request to (405) 351-4001 or a prayer card can be dropped in the offering box.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

- * Give today - text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.

OFFERTORY

arr. Dan Forrest

How Great Thou Art
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

O Lord my God! How great Thou art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, my Savior to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. Then sings my soul, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. Then sings my soul, how great Thou art! My God, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: O Lord my God, O Lord my God! How great Thou art!

†DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†THE EPISTLE

Rev. David Poteet

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

(Hebrews:1 - 2)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Cloud of Witnesses
From the Sermon Series: Going Forward.

REMEMBERING THOSE IN OUR OWN LIVES

We gather to remember the ones in our own lives who have entered into life eternal. While we continue to grieve, we are grateful for every moment that

we had with them. They helped to shape our lives and we look forward to the day that we can be reunited with them. Because of their love, we are able to worship with hope.

We remember and give thanks.

Remember the ones you miss, the faces you long to see, and the voices you long to hear. Consider how you have been blessed by their care, encouragement, guidance, and love.

We remember and give thanks.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

During this time, you will be invited to come forward to light a candle in memory of a loved one.

REFLECTION

arr. Sun Ahn

Amazing Grace
Wren Pfahl, *flute*
Jeremy Sheets, *cello*
Hayden Coie, *piano*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

SINE NOMINE

Give Thanks for Life

1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise, Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what is right, Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 And for our own, our living and our dead, thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by time, or death or dread, Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain lying in darkness, does its life retain in resurrection to grow green again. Alleluia! Alleluia!

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us remember the lives of those who died in service to their country,
the lives of those in our family of faith,
and the lives of the ones we love who have entered into life eternal.

We remember and give thanks.

†POSTLUDE

Aaron Copland

Fanfare for the Common Man
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *organist/conductor*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long
Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. Linda Harker
Online Campus Pastor

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational

MUSICIANS

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Julianne Reynolds, Soloist
Elise Gaymon and Chloe Hackler, Cello
(Graduating Seniors from El Sistema OK)



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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. Prayer Cards can be found at the Welcome Center and completed cards can be returned there. You are also welcomed to email your prayer concerns to ccm@stlukesokc.org or you may also call 232-1371 with your prayers and concerns.

Online Worship Service

If you are unable to attend worship on any Sunday, you can join us online for our live-stream of the Edmond Campus Services (LL at 9 a.m. and Traditional at 11 a.m.) and the Downtown Campus Traditional Service (8:15, 9:40 and 10:50 a.m.) at stlukesokc.org/live. Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install search - stlukesokc or St. Luke's Methodist Church.

TV Programming

St. Luke's Traditional service can be seen as an hour long television program on KOCO channel 5 at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. The program is a week delayed.

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 Tisha Tate Garcia at ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in April

Downtown: Becky Allen, Chris and Jenni Brown, Don Chilcut, David Couch, Ashley and Ryan Ford, John and Amzie Fortson, Cathy and Marshall Jones, Phyllis Klaassen, Sarah Martin, Anthony Pego, Jadyne Seitz, Donna Syth, Honey Vertreese

Edmond: Mike and Jill Dew, Acey and Christie Hopper, Bill and Janice Parsons, Kendall Riley, Jack and Ann Thompson

TV/Online: Lynn Barnard, Tony and Martha Bruno, LaShawnda Dawkins, Lanette Gibson

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Downtown Campus
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Edmond Campus
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stlukesedmond.org

Online Campus
Watch service live, chat with clergy, request prayer, give online during every worship service
stlukesokc.org/online



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.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Register your attendance by texting guest or member to (405) 351-4001.
- Prayer requests can be submitted via text message or dropped in the offering box.
- Give today - text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.
- A live feed of the service is available for parents with active or tearful children.
- A Hospitality Team member is at the Welcome Center to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Now that we are "St. Luke's Methodist Church" we need those who electronically give to update your giving information. Please visit our website - stlukesokc.org/give - and click on the Donate Now button - and enter your email address. You will need to create a new password and update any giving information, including your credit card or bank account information. At that point, you can give a one-time gift, or set up a recurring donation. Schedule your giving to occur weekly, once a month, twice a month, every two weeks, or every three months.

If you would like to save the church from paying a 3% fee on credit card donations, you can give through your checking or savings account (via ACH) by entering your bank routing number and account number. As always, your information is safe with St. Luke's! Please know that you can change your recurring giving anytime, however if you select "until I cancel" you will not have to update your giving information at the conclusion of the giving time frame. If you need help with this process, please don't hesitate to contact Roxanne Lloyd at rlloyd@stlukesokc.org or (405) 609-1019.

Once you have updated your recurring donation information, it is very important to contact us and let us know so that we can cancel your automatic giving to the previous account. This will ensure there are not duplicate transactions. Contact Roxanne at the information above.

TEXT TO GIVE

If you give by text message, please use the new keyword of SLM and text that to the number 73256. Once you give for the first time in this new system your account information will be stored just as it was before. Please make sure to use the new keyword SLM anytime you are making a contribution to St. Luke's Methodist Church. If you give by check you can make all checks out to "St. Luke's Methodist Church" going forward.

UWF ART GLASS TOUR AND LUNCH

The 3rd Annual United Women in Faith (UWF) Art Glass Lunch and Tour will take place on Sunday, June 11, right after church in the Downtown Campus Parlor. We will enjoy lunch and start the tour in Watchorn Chapel from 1 - 3 p.m. For details, email Mary Rachel Bailey at maryrbailey@yahoo.com or call (405) 207-8141.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, PREK - 5TH GRADE | JUNE 5-8 AND JUNE 12-15

Parents, treat your little ones to Stellar VBS, where kids discover what it means to shine Jesus' light! Children from PreK up to 5th grade will explore how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness, and joy to the world - and how we can do the same with His power! You can expect four days full of faith discoveries, memorable music, and epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus! The Edmond Campus VBS is June 5 - 8 and the Downtown Campus VBS is June 12-15. Youth and adult volunteers are welcome! Register your children or volunteer online at stlukesokc.org/VBS.

VOLUNTEER HELP FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 12-15

Want to help a child have fun, make friends, and learn about the Bible? Then be a volunteer at this year's Vacation Bible School! VBS at the Downtown campus is June 12-15 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. It's for children going into Pre-K this fall up to 5th graders. This is an event for volunteers to come help teach and lead our kiddos! Online Volunteer sign up is at stlukesokc.org/VBS.

CAMP CREDO, 2ND - 5TH GRADE | JULY 31 - AUGUST 2

Children entering 2nd-5th grades this fall can end their summer on a high note with an unforgettable time at Camp Credo! From July 31 to August 2, St. Luke's Children's Ministry is heading to the Oakridge Christian Camp in Anadarko with students, parents, and volunteers. There will be swimming, water slides, go karts, basketball, corn hole, frisbee golf, 9 square and so much more. The cost is \$250 for a child, \$150 for a youth helper, and \$100 for an adult volunteer. Scholarship opportunities are available. Register online at stlukesokc.org/credo.

POTEET THEATRE SUMMER CAMPS

Children and Youth are invited to learn theatre and perform in a musical while having fun at St. Luke's this summer! Sign up today for the 2022 Poteet Theatre Summer Camps.

- Ages 11-18 will have camp from July 10 -28 at the Downtown Campus as they will learn and perform the show *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* Camp tuition is \$500.
- Ages 5-10 will have camp from July 10-21 at the Edmond Campus and learn and perform the show *Finding Nemo Jr.* Camp tuition is \$400.

Each camp will end with the students performing in front of an audience! Visit stlukesokc.org/Poteet to register your child.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING

All youth are invited to connect this summer on Sunday mornings as we explore lots of fun and spiritual "how to" projects! Each week, we'll have a lesson based on scriptures to discuss ideas like "how to pray," or "how to resolve conflict," or "how to stand strong in your faith." We will also learn a new creative or practical skill for fun! Join us any Sunday this summer! Downtown Youth Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. (during LifeLight). Youth can also stay in the Youth Room during the 10:50 service to hang out and watch the sermon together.

GUYS NIGHT/GIRLS NIGHT

Youth, let's celebrate summertime with a fun evening at Guys Night / Girls Night on Wednesday, June 7 from 5:30 - 8 p.m. We'll have separate girls and guys events with food and fun provided at no cost! We will meet in the Youth Room, then we'll get together with the Edmond Campus for a great time!

YOUTH WEEK

Enjoy service projects and fun events during Youth Week 2023! All youth are invited to come one day or every day from July 19-22. We'll enjoy water parks, ice skating, movies, games, and even a "lock in" in Dallas! We will also make a positive difference by serving our neighbors in need at Hope Center, Skyline, the Food Bank, Community Market, etc. Register online and see complete details at stlukesokc.org.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS

It's already time to start planning for fellowship and "fun in the sun" at summer camps! For all camp details and to register go to stlukesokc.org/YouthCamps.

- **YF Ardmore - June 18-23:** The cost is \$275 and registration is due by May 31.
- **Dayspring - July 10-14:** The cost is \$350 and registration is due by June 18.
- **Youth Week - July 19-22:** All middle school and high school students are invited to have a blast over several days of meaningful service projects and fun events.

For more details about any of the Youth events, please email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.