

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.



THREE QUESTIONS

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2023

8:15 and 10:50 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

arr. Mark Hayes

*Let the People Rejoice
St. Luke's Orchestra
Hayden Coie, piano
Robert Fasol, organist/conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. Wendy Lambert

†HYMN

BEECHER

God, the Father of Your People

1 God, the Father of Your people, You have called us to be one; grant us grace to walk together in the joy of Christ, Your son. Challenged by Your Word and Spirit, blest with gifts from heav'n above; as one body we will serve You, and bear witness to Your love.

2 In the garden hear Christ praying, "Father, make My followers one." Yet, His prayer we are betraying with each person that we shun. Let our pride and selfish motives bow to pray "Your will be done." Till the world shall shout together, "Amen, Amen, Love has won!"

3 May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the Father's boundless love, with the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon us from above. May we now remain in union with each other and the Lord, and possess, in sweet communion, joys that earth cannot afford.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are brought together through the love of God
for the sake of fellowship.

We work to create community
by showing mercy and kindness.

Christ has shown us how to live
by putting the lives of others before our own.

†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.

CALL TO PRAYER

Rev. Linda Harker

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

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. David Schwoebel

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms my fears, that bids my sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

To God all glory, praise, and love be ever, ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

†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 EPISTLE

Rev. David Poteet (8:15)
Ashleigh Robinson (10:50)

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:7 - 10)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Where Do I Fit In?
From the Sermon Series: Three Questions

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Bob Thiele

What a Wonderful World
Austin Ladd, soloist
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom for me and you. And I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

I see skies of blue, and clouds of white; the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night. And I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky; and also on the faces of people going by. I see friends shaking hands, saying, "How do you do?" They're really saying, "I love you."

I hear babies cry; I watch them grow. They'll know much more than I'll ever know. And I think to myself, "Self, what a wonderful world." What a wonderful world, what a wonderful world, what a wonderful world.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

FOREST GREEN

O God in Whom All Life Begins

1 O God in whom all life begins, who births the seed to fruit, bestow Your blessing on our lives; here let Your love find root. Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts of patience, joy, and peace; deliver us from numbing fear, and grant our faith increase.

2 Unite in mutual ministry our minds and hands and hearts that we may have the grace to seek the power Your peace imparts. So let our varied gifts combine to glorify Your name that in all things by word and deed we may Your love proclaim.

3 Through tears and laughter, grief and joy, enlarge our trust and care; so bind us in community that we may risk and dare. Be with us when we gather here to worship, sing, and pray, then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

We leave this time of worship with a renewed sense of community.

All of us were created with a need for fellowship.

But it takes intentionality and commitment;

we will sow seeds of kindness, mercy, and respect.

†POSTLUDE

W.A. Mozart

Allegro (Eine Kleine Nachtmuzik)
Robert Fasol, organist

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of
Congregational Care

Rev. Linda Harker
Online Campus Pastor

Ashleigh Robinson
Discipleship Associate

MUSICIANS

Robert Fasol, *Organist/Choirmaster*

St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

Austin Ladd, *Soloist*

Dr. Hayden Coie, *Worship and Music Associate*

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 August

Downtown: Preston Barber, Valonda (Val) Brasel, Jane Harlow, Claret Lewis, Chris, Cindy, and Nicole (Vandumm) Mullins

Edmond: Ellie Najm, Philip "Mitch" Hays, Patti Hartis, Pamela Terekova and Peter Terekoff, Schuyler Henderson

TV/Online: J.T. Weedman

SERMON NOTES



It is important for each of us to wrestle with the deeper issues of life from time to time. Typically, our search for meaning tends to revolve around three questions. Who am I? Where do I fit in? What difference do I make? Join us as we search for God's response to these important questions.



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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.

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
OKC, OK 73103
(405) 232-1371
stlukesokc.org

Edmond Campus
900 N. Sooner Road
Edmond, OK 73034
(405) 285-2002
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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE HAS STARTED!

It's not too late to join a WNA class! There are classes for children, youth, and adults both in person, online, and On Demand. Classes are offered before and after dinner. Dinner is served each Wednesday from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. The dinner menu for next Wednesday is: Meatballs with Marinara and Pasta, Chicken Alfredo, Asparagus, House Salad, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread Sticks, Cookies, and Fruit. Meals are \$10 for adults and free for children 18 and under. For class information, please visit stlukesokc.org/WNA.

LUNCH WITH BOB | TODAY

St. Luke's Methodist Church has been sharing God's love and bringing hope to the world since 1889. Join Dr. Bob Long as he shares some of the history of St. Luke's, a little about his family and their journey to this church, and most importantly - the future direction of St. Luke's. It will be a time of inspiration and fellowship, laughter, and great food. There will also be an opportunity to join the family of faith for anyone who desires to do so. Lunch with Bob is today at 12:30 p.m. in the St. Luke's Christian Life Center. If you are unable to attend in person you can watch live at 1 p.m. at stlukesokc.org/LunchwithBob.

3RD GRADE BIBLES SIGN UP ENDS TODAY

On Sunday, September 24, all 3rd grade students in the congregation can receive their very own Bible from their church family! These personalized Bibles are also available to 4th and 5th graders who did not receive one during their 3rd grade year. Today is the last day to fill out the request form if you would like your child to receive a Bible during worship. Please visit stlukesokc.org and fill out the form.

BUILDING BETTER MOMS TODAY

Building Better Moms is starting their new season! The next monthly meeting is today from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the Youth Room. Our guest speaker for September is Maggi Gilbert, a Registered Dietitian and owner of Simple Healthy Living, LLC. She has a passion for helping moms live a simple, healthy life while juggling their many responsibilities as moms. Her experience as a dietitian and mom have led her to develop strategies to help set you up for success in taking care of yourself and your family well. Lunch and childcare are provided.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TRUNK FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL

You can make the Fall Festival of Treats the sweetest time of year for our St. Luke's kids! Volunteer to be a part of "Trunk Or Treat" on Sunday, October 22, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the South parking lot. Decorate your vehicle and fill it full of candy for the costumed kids. Please register at stlukesokc.org as a Trunk volunteer (provide your trunk theme and how many parking spots you will need). We'll also have inflatables, free food, and so much more! Stay a bit later and join us for the Spooky Organ Concert at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary! For details and volunteer, go to stlukesokc.org/events.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Parents, your children will have a blast singing in the new Children's Choir Downtown! Here's an opportunity for kids from Kindergarten through 5th grade to learn new vocal skills and lead in worship! The choir meets every Wednesday through December 6 between 4 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 210. Sign up online at stlukesokc.org.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Few books have had the impact on the Christian faith like the book of Romans. The Apostle Paul wrote this challenging and inspiring work for the early church, and it is still shaping our understanding today. This study will look at this powerful book and explore what the scriptures have to say to us today. Join us Mondays at 6:30 p.m., in Room 201, as Rev. Keith King and Rev. Dave Poteet walk with us on our faith journey.

BIBLE STUDY FOR GROWN-UPS

As our Youth are going through Confirmation, parents with children and teens are invited to join "Bible Study for Grown-Ups!" at 10:50 a.m., in Room 201. In this video-based Bible study, Pastor Josh Scott looks at familiar Bible stories and reveals new details and interpretations for an adult audience. We will consider stories many read as children, including Noah's Ark, the binding of Isaac, Jonah and the big fish, Jesus and Zacchaeus, Jesus healing a blind man, and the parable of the talents. Scott reimagines these stories and opens new visions for readers to understand well known pieces of Scripture in our current cultural environment. For details, email Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.

NEW WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES AT EDMOND CAMPUS

- Disciple I Bible Study | Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. | Room 131 | Rev. Joe Hodges
- Disciple IV Bible Study | Tuesdays at Noon and 6:30 p.m. | Room 131 | Troy Reavis

Disciple Bible Studies are in depth studies of the Bible that takes a deeper look into the scriptures. They will require daily Bible readings and a study guide. The study guides are available in Threefold.

To register for these studies, please RSVP online at stlukesokc.org/events.

POTEET THEATRE SEASON PASS ON SALE NOW

The Poteet Theatre puts on amazing shows each year, and this year is no exception. You can purchase a Season Ticket to see all of this year's performances, The SpongeBob Musical, Fiddler on the Roof, and Into the Woods. Season Passes are \$80 for adults, \$70 for ages 55 and over, and only \$30 for students and children. Purchase your pass at stlukesokc.org/poteet.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH LUNCH BUNCH TODAY

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to have fun, fellowship, and food for September's Youth Lunch Bunch! We will meet today from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m. and go out to eat together. Don't forget to bring money for food, but if it's your first time with the Lunch Bunch, lunch is on us!

YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Serving the community is one of the core values of St. Luke's. On Sunday, September 24, from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m., all 6th - 12th grade students are invited to be a part of Youth Service Day. We'll have a delicious lunch and a time of meaningful mission.

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