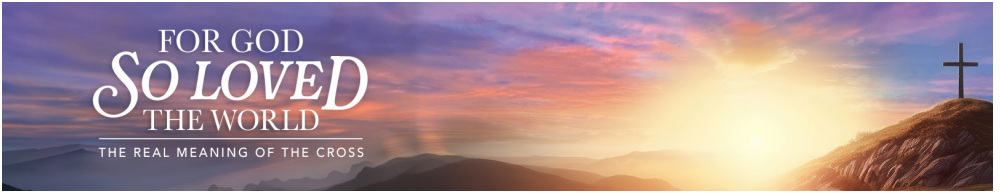


WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

8:15 and 10:50 A.M

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

PRELUDE

arr. Carl Schalk

Lift High the Cross

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *organist/conductor*

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Ashleigh Robinson

†HYMN

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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 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, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art, 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, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; how great Thou art, 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; how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The receiving and giving of mercy is sharing in the gift of life.

How do we want to be treated?

How will we treat others?

We want to know that the hurtful things that we have done can be forgiven.

Reconciliation is possible.

We can begin again.

Others have those same needs.

They want forgiveness, reconciliation, and second chances.

God continually gives us the mercy that we need and the grace to share it.

**We are called to do unto others
as we would have done unto us.**

†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. 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

LIFE AT ST. LUKE'S

Rev. Wendy Lambert

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MISSION MOMENT

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. Gilbert M. Martin

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, organist/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'er 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! Amen!

†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. Linda Harker

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching; but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" (Luke 23:32 - 35)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Father, Forgive Them

From the Sermon Series: For God So Loved the World

MUSICAL REFLECTION

John Stainer

God So Loved the World
St. Luke's Men's Quartet
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, God sent not His Son into the World to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish but have everlasting life, everlasting life, everlasting life, God so loved the world, God so loved the world, God so loved the world.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

FINLANDIA

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven; I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child, and I am not afraid. So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another; the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion; I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too. I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I dare to see another's point of view. And when relationships demand commitment, then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me, Your power and glory, let them shine through me; Your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor, and may Your living kingdom come in me. The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor, and may You feed a hungry world through me.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

As grateful sons and daughters we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the gift of mercy. That spirit of gratitude reminds us that all need forgiveness.

Am I treating others the way that I want to be treated?

We give thanks for the grace that we have received;

We offer that forgiveness for others.

†POSTLUDE

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Allegro Ritmico
Robert Fasol, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

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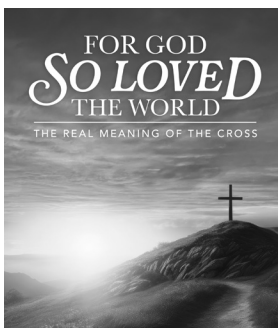
MUSICIANS

Robert Fasol, *Organist/Choirmaster*
Dr. Hayden Coie, *Music and Worship Associate*
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
St. Luke's Men's Quartet

Micah Phillips, Adam Reese, Hayden Coie, Zane Brolin,

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.



For God so loved the world...The season of Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship with Christ; and it begins with His love for us. Part of our journey toward Easter includes a focus on the cross; rather than a symbol that elicits fear or guilt, it is meant to be a reminder of the everlasting love of God. For God sent the Son not to condemn, but that the world might be saved through Him.



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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.

EXPERIENCE *Easter*



EASTER EGG HUNTS

St. Luke's Easter Egg Hunts will be at the Edmond Campus on Saturday, March 30. With over 20,000 eggs, face painting, and the Easter Bunny, there will be fun for the entire family. The hunts will start at 9 and 11 a.m. for children up to 5th grade. Your family can also enjoy Donut NV Edmond and Blessed & Highly Caffeinated food trucks.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Experience the message of Good Friday by praying through Stations of the Cross. The Stations can be followed in the Sanctuary at the Downtown Campus from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on March 25 - 28 or along the walking trail at the Edmond Campus from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 29. It's a powerful way to enhance your prayer experience and meditate on the sacrifice that Jesus made for the world on that first Good Friday.

EASTER OFFERING

Each year St. Luke's collects an Easter Offering to bless lives in our community and around the world. 100% of this offering goes to helping our neighbors in need. When you give, you make the world a better place by Sharing God's Love and Bringing Hope to the World. You can give by mailing a check to the business office, online at stlukesokc.org/give, or text STL Easter to 73256.

EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Come celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 31, at both St. Luke's campuses. The Downtown Campus will have Traditional worship services at 8:15 and 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and a LifeLight contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC). The Edmond Campus will hold a LifeLight service on Saturday, March 30, at 5 p.m. in the Worship Center, and three services on Easter Sunday: a Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., a LifeLight service at 9 a.m., and a Traditional service at 11 a.m.

EASTER LILIES

The St. Luke's worship areas will be adorned with beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday, March 31. You can purchase an Easter Lily for \$20 in honor of or in memory of a loved one or friend. Your name and your honoree's name will be a part of the Online Service via a special pre-worship video, as well as listed in the bulletin. To have your name listed, please complete an online order form at stlukesokc.org/lily by March 18.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

For more information go to stlukesokc.org/Easter

- March 24 - Palm Sunday Worship Services
- March 25 - 29 - Stations of the Cross Prayer Walks
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday Communion Services
- March 29 - Good Friday Services
- March 30 - Easter Egg Hunts
- March 30 - Saturday Evening Easter Service in Edmond
- March 31 - Easter Sunday Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN MORE AT STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS

SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING WORKSHOP

Caring for a loved one with special needs can present unique challenges. St. Luke's is hosting a Special Needs Planning Workshop to help you put a plan in place to do the things that are important to your family today, and every day after. Kaci Hundley Fisher is an advisor, advocate and a special needs mom, and will be leading the workshop to help you create financial security for a loved ones with special needs. Kaci is known as a fierce advocate for those with disabilities through her non-profit work and for helping families navigate the complexities of special needs financial planning. The workshop is on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Watchorn Chapel and is open to the public. Please register to attend at stlukesokc.org/events.

WOMEN OF FAITH BEGINS A NEW STUDY

The Women of Faith Bible study begins a new study on March 7 called *Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross* by Susan Robb. This study will cover the covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, followed by the new covenant established on Maundy Thursday, culminating with the cross. The Women of Faith meet on Thursdays at noon in the Mansion Library. Lunch is available for \$5.

SPIRIT SISTERS STARTS A LENTEN STUDY

Ladies of all ages are invited to a Lenten study based on the Gospel of Luke that will be guided by Rev. Linda Harker. From March 5 to April 9, delve into a discussion based study - "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton. Each Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Room 202, explore the Gospel of Luke and its powerful narration of Jesus' life and ministry and discover the compassion of Jesus towards sinners and those marginalized in society. The book being used in the study can be purchased in Threefold.

MOMS NIGHT OUT

Moms, take time to meet other moms, eat a delicious meal, and build a strong fellowship at Mom's Night Out on Thursday, March 7, from 6 - 8 p.m. at La Brasa (1310 NW 25th St, OKC 73106) If you need childcare contact Taylor Easttom at teasttom@stlukesokc.org.

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!

- Ages 5-10 will have camp from June 10 - 21 at the Downtown Campus as they will learn and perform the show *Junie B. Jones, Jr.*. Camp tuition is \$400.
- Ages 5-10 will have camp from July 8-19 at the Edmond Campus and learn and perform the show *A Year with Frog and Toad, Jr.* Camp tuition is \$400
- Ages 11-18 will have camp from July 8-26 at the Downtown Campus and learn and perform the show *High School Musical*. Camp tuition is \$500

Each camp will end with the students performing in front of an audience! Sign up today - visit stlukesokc.org/Poteet to register your child.

POTEET THEATRE PRESENTS: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Get your tickets now to Poteet Theatre's upcoming presentation of *Fiddler on the Roof*. The whole family can enjoy the heartwarming story of fathers and daughters, husbands and wives, and the timeless traditions that define faith and family. Performance dates are March 8 - 10 and March 15 - 17. You can purchase your tickets online at stlukesokc.org/poteet. Tickets are Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Kids/students \$10.

COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT TODAY

Come join us for the Community Orchestra's Spring Concert and celebrate the music that takes us on a journey that awakens us to the hope found in the simple gift of a beautiful spring morning. The concert is today at 3 p.m. at the Edmond Campus Worship Center. It is free and all ages are welcome! We will be collecting canned protein items for our Community Market Food Ministry to distribute to families in the OKC area.

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

CHEER ON THE THUNDER

The 6th - 12th grade youth are going to cheer on the OKC Thunder at the game on March 10! All 6th - 12th grade student are invited! Tickets are \$20 and are limited, so please register for tickets online at stlukesokc.org/events. The youth will meet at the church at 5 p.m. to take vans to Paycom Center and will return after the game.