

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.



EDMOND CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

11 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Muzio Clementi

Sonatina op. 36, no. 3
Sully Weinmeister, piano

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. David Poteet

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art; visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above, pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. David Poteet

Throughout the season of Lent we are called to a time of self-reflection and examination,

a time of growth and forgiveness.

It provides us with an opportunity to grow still and listen for God

so that we can hear the message of God's love for all.

As we make the journey to Good Friday and the cross

we know that we are making a journey to love.

It is the love shown to us on the cross that sets us free

to live as the people we were created to be.

†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.

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

ANTHEM

Steffany Gretzinger

Out of Hiding

Auburn Hilliard and Savannah White-Lewis, soloists

Jose Palacios, cello

Dr. Candace Fish, piano

Come out of hiding, you're safe here with Me. There's no need to cover what I already see. You've got your reasons, but I hold your peace; you've been on lockdown and I hold the key.

'Cause I loved you before you knew what was love. And I saw it all, still I chose the cross. And you were the one that I was thinking of when I rose from the grave. Now rid of the shackles, My victory's yours. I tore the veil for you to come close. There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore; you're not far from home.

And I'll be your lighthouse when you're lost at sea. And I will illuminate everything. No need to be frightened by intimacy. No, just throw off your fear and come running to Me.

'Cause I loved you before you knew what was love. And I saw it all, still I chose the cross. And you were the one that I was thinking of when I rose from the grave. Now rid of the shackles, My victory's yours. I tore the veil for you to come close. There's no reason to stand at a distance anymore; you're not far from home.

You're not far from home. Keep on coming. And, oh, as you run, what hindered love will only become part of the story. And oh, as you run, what hindered love will only become part of the story.

Baby, you're almost home now. Please don't quit now. You're almost home to Me. Baby, you're almost home now. Please don't quit now. You're almost home to Me; yes you are. Now, baby you're almost home now. Please don't quit now. You're almost home to Me.

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 plate or in the offering box located outside of the Worship Center.

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- * Text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- * Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plate or in the offering box located outside of the Worship Center.

OFFERTORY

Mark Sedio

Nada me falta
Chancel Choir
Jose Palacios, *cello*
JR Pettis, *percussion*
Marji Shelton, *piano*
Dr. Candace Fish, *director*

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; you make me lie down in green pastures.

To cool, fresh, clear water you lead me to drink; my suffering soul you revive.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.

You guide me along to pathway of life, though death's fearful darkness surrounds me.

Your loving hand chases the evil away; your staff and your crook are my guide.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.

A table you set in the sight of my foes; you anoint me with rich smelling fragrance.

My cup overflows with such bountiful gifts; such wonderful kindness to me!

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.

Your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days I am living. In your safe, strong dwelling my home I'll be for now and the rest of my life.

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta.

†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 Poteet

Now it happened that as he was praying alone the disciples were with him; and he asked them, "Who do the people say that I am?" And they answered, "John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the old prophets has risen." And he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." But he charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." And he said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?" (Luke 9:18 - 25)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Josh Attaway

"You're going to need a bigger bucket."

From the Sermon Series: The Most Important Things to Know About the Cross

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

MESSIAH

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

†SENDING FORTH

Rev. David Poteet

The cross reveals the depths of God's love for us
so that we might know God more deeply.

When we know that love in our lives
it leads us to live differently.

We can choose to follow where Christ leads us
by picking up our cross daily and following Him.

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

Dr. Candace Fish, *organist*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Attaway

Edmond Campus Pastor

Rev. David Poteet

Pastor of Congregational Care

Ainsley Kelliher

Acolyte

Dr. Candace Fish, *Campus Director of Traditional Worship*

Savannah White-Lewis, *Campus Director of LifeLight Worship*

Chancel Choir

Auburn Hilliard, *soloist*

Jose Palacios, *cello*

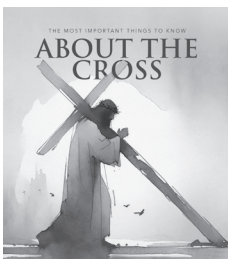
JR Pettis, *percussion*

Marji Shelton, *piano and organ*

Sully Weinmeister, *piano*

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 Logan Fish, Campus Director of Hospitality at (405) 285-2002 or lfish@stlukesokc.org



The journey that Jesus made to the Cross is a message of God's love for humanity. Sometimes we miss the theology of grace found in the Cross, because we focus on our own shortcomings. When we only look at our mistakes, it can leave us struggling with guilt and shame, instead of embracing the freedom that Christ offers to us through His mercy and love. In honor of what Christ gives to us, we seek the most important things to know about the Cross.



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GROWING IN YOUR FAITH

We believe in the importance of growing in our faith throughout our lives. We have opportunities available for people of all ages – from nursery through adults. Visit online at stlukesokc.org to learn more about how you can grow in your faith.

Community Groups - Adults of all ages

Community Groups are small groups of adults committed to growing closer to God and one another. A full list of current Community Groups is available online at stlukesokc.org.

Thrive Youth Ministry – 6th – 12th graders

St. Luke's Thrive Youth Ministry is an exciting place for 6-12th graders to grow spiritually through a meaningful combination of Christian education, mission work, and relationships with each other. For a calendar with all upcoming youth events, please email Schuyler Henderson - shenderson@stlukesokc.org.

Children's Ministry - 6 weeks through 5th grade

St. Luke's Children's Ministry is designed to help every child learn about the love of God through biblically-based lessons. To learn more about our Children's Ministry contact Jocelyn Morgan - jmorgan@stlukesokc.org.

Parents with Young Children

The Family Room located at the back of the Worship Center offers a comfortable place for active or tearful children to be with their parents during the service.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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, 9:30 and 10:50 a.m.) at stlukesokc.org/live. Live services are also available on Roku and Apple TV apps. To install, please search - [stlukesokc](http://stlukesokc.org) 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.

Welcome to Our Newest Members Joining in February:

Edmond: Shane and Isabella Walker, Ryan and Carrie Higgins, B. Gail Cliburn, Mark and Kay Harsha, Steven and Jillian Harsha

Downtown: Clyde and Charlene Caldwell, Suzie Braddock, Dara Vanlannen

Online: Johnnie Janeway, DiAnne and Tim Huff, Jacquelyn Bucklin

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Edmond Campus

900 N. Sooner Road
Edmond, OK 73034
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stlukesedmond.org

Downtown Campus

222 NW 15th Street
OKC, OK 73103
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stlukesokc.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.
- Hearing assistance devices are available at the Welcome Center.
- 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*



For more information go to stlukesokc.org/Easter

• EASTER OFFERING

Each year St. Luke's collects an Easter Offering to help with the missions in the community at St. Luke's. All gifts made to the Easter Offering will go to bless lives in our community and around the world. This year our goal is \$275,000 and 100% of this offering goes to helping our neighbors in need. We are asking each member of our family of faith to make a sacrificial commitment by giving \$50, \$100, \$250, or more. Donation envelopes are available during worship. Gifts may also be made by calling the Finance Office at 232-1371, by texting "STL EASTER" to 73256, or online by using the link below. All donations are tax deductible.

• EASTER LILIES

The St. Luke's worship areas will be adorned with beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday, April 20. You can purchase an Easter Lily for \$25 in honor of, or in memory of a loved one or friend. Your name and the name of your honoree will be listed in the bulletin. To have your name listed, please fill out an online order form at stlukesokc.org/lily by April 7.

• GOOD FRIDAY, TENEBRAE SERVICE

Good Friday reaffirms our focus on Jesus as Christ through His crucifixion and prepares us for His resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. You're invited to experience a meaningful time with your family of faith at St. Luke's Good Friday Tenebrae Service on April 18. The Edmond Campus service is at 6:30 p.m. The Downtown Campus service is at 7:30 p.m. Both services will be streamed online. Nursery will be available (birth - 4 years old).

• EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Come celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 20, at both St. Luke's campuses. The Edmond Campus will hold a LifeLight service on Saturday, April 19, 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. 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).

• HOLY WEEK EVENTS

- April 13 - Palm Sunday Worship Services
- April 17 - Maundy Thursday Communion Services
- April 18 - Good Friday Services
- April 19 - Easter Egg Hunts
- April 19 - Saturday Easter Service in Edmond
- April 20 - Easter Sunday Services

WNA 2ND SESSION | CLASSES START AT 6:30 P.M.

WNA continues with the 2nd Session that features some great new classes to take part in and some of the 1st Session classes continuing. Dinner On Wednesday is Teriyaki Beef, Chicken Katsu, Roasted Broccoli, Fried Rice, Kale Sesame Salad, Cookies and is served each Wednesday at both campuses from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. and dinner is free for everyone.

WNA GUEST SPEAKER - ARTHUR C. BROOKS

Don't miss Arthur C. Brooks during WNA on Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. St. Luke's is thrilled to welcome bestselling author, Harvard professor, and social scientist, Arthur C. Brooks. His insights from his groundbreaking book, *Love Your Enemies*, offering a powerful message about finding unity and love in divisive times will be live streamed to the Edmond Campus. Whether you've read the book or not, this is an opportunity to hear firsthand from one of the leading voices on compassion and connection. Brooks' latest books are available in Threefold and on the night of the event. Before the event, enjoy a delicious WNA dinner at 5:15 p.m. in the Worship Center. No RSVP is needed; just come as you are and bring a friend! If you cannot attend in person, you can watch a live stream, but you must RSVP to get the link to view, and it will not be available on demand later, so you must watch live. Register at stlukesokc.org/event.

TABLE OF ABRAHAM DINNER | MARCH 23

St. Luke's is honored to invite you to the Table of Abraham Dinner in collaboration with the Dialogue Institute of Oklahoma City. This special event is not just a meal - it's a unique opportunity for community members of all faiths to come together, share stories, and build understanding. Make plans to attend on Sunday, March 23, at the Edmond Campus. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. for a time of gathering together, the program will begin at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:45 p.m. following sunset for Iftar, the traditional breaking of the fast during Ramadan in the Muslim faith. The nursery is available for children ages five and under. Please RSVP at stlukesokc.org/events.

LADIES NIGHT OUT | MARCH 18

The next Ladies Night Out is coming up soon! Ladies of all ages are invited to an evening out at Jo's Famous Pizza (900 S. Kelly Ave, Edmond, OK 73003) on Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Laura Manwell, call or text at (405) 593-5317 or email at laura.manwell@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY MARKET AT EL SISTEMA

Volunteers are needed to help the El Sistema families. On April 1, the Community Market is providing fresh produce and other food items for the families of the El Sistema students. There will be a variety of jobs, including bagging, sorting, greeting the students and families, and some lifting and clean-up. You will be working onsite at the First Presbyterian Church, 1001 NW 25th St, Oklahoma City, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are always appreciated and it's a great opportunity to meet some wonderful kids and their families. To sign up online at stlukesokc.org.

REBUILDING DAY | SATURDAY, APRIL 12

On Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., we will join together on Rebuilding Day to paint, repair, or restore components in a senior citizen's home that needs repair. We will focus on making the home safe and more functional inside and out. All skill levels are welcome to join - if you have skills in painting, plumbing, electrical, gardening or home repair - you are welcome to help with this annual event. Kids, 10 and older, can help if they have a parent or guardian working alongside them. Sign up at stlukesokc.org/events.

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

Get ready for an unforgettable summer filled with fun, friendships, and growth!

- May 27 - 31: **Dayspring Camp** Grades 9 - 12
- June 15 - 20: **YF Tulsa** Grades 7 - 12
- July 9 - 12: **Youth Week** Grades 6 - 12
- July 23 - 26: **Disciple Camp** Grade 6 - 9

Register for these camps online at stlukesokc.org/YouthCamps.

For more details about any of the Youth events, please email Schuyler Henderson -