

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.



DOWNTOWN CAMPUS SERVICE OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2025

8:15 and 10:50 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Hall Johnson

Ride On, King Jesus
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Ashleigh Robinson

†HYMN

ST. THEODULPH

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. All glory, laud, and honor, to Thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Christ came to set us free;

He fully revealed the love of God for all;

we are called to follow His example,

and to bring peace through our words and actions.

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

†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.

HYMN AND PALM PROCESSION (seated)

ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang, through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to His breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

WE REMEMBER

We pause today to remember;
all of the moments of April 19th, 1995,
all of the lives that were lost,
all of the lives that were permanently impacted.
Today, 168 candles are lit to pay tribute to the lives lost on that day.

VIDEO OF REMEMBRANCE

CALL TO PRAYER

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. David Poteet

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. David Poteet
Bob Johnson

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 plates or in the offering boxes located in the Narthex.

MISSION MOMENT

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Dr. Robert E. Long

- * Text the letters SLM to the number 73256 to give on a secure website.
- * Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plates or dropped in the offering boxes located in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY

arr. Mark Hayes

The Holy City
Christen Mayer, *soloist*
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

Last night I lay a-sleeping, there came a dream so fair. I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there. I heard the children singing and ever as they sang, I thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang. I thought the voice of angels from heaven in answer rang.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to your King!

And then I thought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang. Hushed were the glad hosannas the little children sang. The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Hark! how the angels sing, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to your King!

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be. I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea. The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide; and all who would might enter and no one was denied. No need of moon or stars by night or sun to shine by day; it was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away. It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forevermore! Hosanna in the highest, hosanna forevermore! Hosanna!

†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

Dr. Susan Chambers

And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes."

(Luke 19:36 - 42)

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:46)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

The Things That Make for Peace

From the Sermon Series:

The Most Important Things to Know About the Cross

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Jean-Baptiste Fauré

The Palms

Tim Troilo, *soloist*

St. Luke's Orchestra

Robert Fasol, *piano/conductor*

Blossoms and palms in varied beauty vie, decked is the road with fragrant flowers to greet Him, Jesus hath come a world's sad tears to dry, even now the throng rush forth with joy to meet Him. Sing and rejoice with one accord, sing joyous songs for His sublime ovation. Hosannah! And praised be the Lord! Blessed is He who hath brought us salvation.

Gently He speaks, the people hear His voice, freedom returns though from the earth long banished, all in a brotherhood again rejoice, light has returned and dreary darkness vanished. Sing and rejoice with one accord, sing joyous song for His sublime ovation. Hosannah! And praised be the Lord! Blessed is He who hath brought us salvation.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise

With waving palms and shouts of praise they greeted Christ the Lord. Hosannas rang out bright and clear and to the heavens soared. The people welcomed Christ as King and followed Him that day. May we learn to be welcoming, and follow in His way.

The children came to see the Lord and lined His path with song. Their perfect praises filled the air as Jesus rode along. Such simple faith and innocence reflected in each smile! May we aim to be pure in heart and faithful as a child.

Hosanna, blest is He who comes, the Son of David's tree, the promised One who came to save and set His people free. The crowd that followed sang His praise as they proclaimed Him King. May we, with spirit and with peace, our anthems gladly sing.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Peace is found in our relationship with Christ;
we will seek His presence in each moment.

Christ is with us in whatever we face;
His faithfulness is never-ending!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

†POSTLUDE

J.S. Bach

Fugue (G Minor)
 Robert Fasol, *organist*

 LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long
 Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert
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Rev. David Poteet
 Pastor of Congregational Care

Ashleigh Robinson
 Director of Church and Community
 Engagment

Bob Johnson
 Founding Chairperson of the
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 and Museum

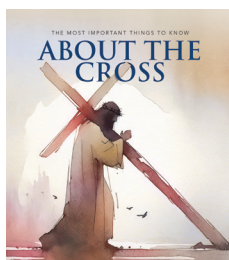
Dr. Susan Chambers
 Current Chairperson of the
 Oklahoma City National Memorial
 and Museum

 MUSICIANS

Robert Fasol, Organist/Choirmaster
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra

Christen Mayer, Soloist

Tom Troilo, Soloist



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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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.

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Downtown Campus
222 NW 15th Street
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stlukesokc.org

Edmond Campus
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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*



For more information go to stlukesokc.org/Easter

UWFAITH BAKE SALE TODAY

Enjoy tasty treats while supporting a wonderful organization. The UWFaith Bake Sale is today so stop by the Gallery until after the last service, or until all goodies are sold. All donations will go to UWF designated local missions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS WEEK

Reflect on the solemn message of Good Friday by praying through the Stations of the Cross. The Stations will be open for prayer in the Sanctuary from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on April 14 - 16, and from 7 a.m. - noon on Thursday, April 17.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE | APRIL 17 | 6:30 p.m.

On this night, we commemorate the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples when He washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There will be a Service of Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to remember Maundy Thursday, and the crucifixion that was to follow.

24 HOUR GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL | APRIL 18 - 19

Starting at 7 p.m. on April 18 and continuing until 7 p.m. on April 19, you are invited to participate in this 24-hour vigil that provides a meaningful way to reflect on the significance of Good Friday. Whether you pray from the quiet of your home or gather with friends or family, please sign up for a specific time slot at stlukesokc.org/easter.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | APRIL 18 | 7:30

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 Downtown Campus service is at 7:30 p.m. The service will be streamed online. Nursery will be available (birth - 4 years old).

ALL CHURCH EASTER EGG HUNT | SATURDAY, APRIL 19 | 9 A.M. & 11 A.M. AT THE EDMOND CAMPUS (900 N. Sooner Road, Edmond, OK 73034)

Children up to age 12 will enjoy hunting the more than 20,000 eggs. Plus enjoy inflatables, face painting, crafts, food trucks, (Bondi Bowls, Blessed & Highly Caffeinated, and Lalo's I Love My Taco Chop and Grill) balloon artists, and the Easter Bunny himself!

EASTER WORSHIP | SUNDAY, APRIL 20 | 8:15, 9:30, & 10:50 A.M.

Celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 20. The Downtown Campus will have Traditional Worship Services at 8:15 and 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary that features traditional hymns, a choir and orchestra. TheLifeLight Contemporary Service at 9:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Center (CLC) will be celebrating with their Praise Band. All will include a message of hope from Senior Pastor, Dr. Bob Long.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN MORE AT STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS

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. Donation envelopes are available during worship. Gifts may also be made by calling the Finance Office at (405) 232-1371, by texting "SLM EASTER" to 73256.

WOMEN OF FAITH STARTS NEW STUDY | APRIL 24

Women of all ages are invited to a new Women of Faith Bible Study. Beginning on Thursday, April 24, *Common Ground*, is a four-week video-based Bible study, with the author, Amberly Neese, combining stories of sibling rivalries from the Bible with personal experience, humor, hope, and her love of God's Word. These stories point us to peace and reconciliation in all our relationships, reassuring us that it is possible to find common ground with everyone despite our differences. Women of Faith meet on Thursdays from 12 - p.m. in the Mansion Library. Lunch is provide for \$5.

MEMORIAL MARATHON SUNDAY | APRIL 27

This year's Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is set for Sunday, April 27. Due to road closures that facilitate the race, the Downtown Campus will have only one service that morning at 10:50 a.m. The Edmond Campus will have its normal service times at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All services will be live-streamed as well.

HERITAGE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD CHEER ZONE ON MARATHON SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27 is Marathon Sunday. You can join the neighborhood families to cheer on runners as they race in the OKC memorial marathon! You can come anytime from 7 a.m. to noon at the corner of NW 14th and Shartel. Make it even more fun - dress as a superhero, a rescue hero, or wear green!

GRADUATION SUNDAY | MAY 4

All graduates will be honored during every worship service and in the bulletin on May 4, but to be included in the bulletin, you must fill out a form online at stlukesokc.org/events with the graduate's photo and information by April 28. There will be a come and go reception that day for the Downtown Campus high school graduates and families from 9 - 11 a.m. in Threefold.

ADDICTION MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for students attending OCU or have participated in St. Luke's youth or school partnership programs. Scholarships are also available for individuals who are in addiction recovery that are enrolled at an accredited college, university, or vocational school. Apply online at stlukesokc.org/scholarship. The deadline for applications is May 1.

FAMILY MOVIE DAY | MAY 4

It's Family Movie Day again! This time we are getting together to watch the animated movie *King of Kings*. On Sunday, May 4, everyone is invited to attend a showing of *King of Kings* at the Tinseltown Theatre. In this animated feature, a father tells his son the greatest story ever told, and what begins as a bedtime tale becomes a life-changing journey. Watch as the boy walks alongside Jesus, witnessing His miracles, facing His trials, and understanding His ultimate sacrifice. Tickets are free, but bring money for the popcorn!

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

EASTER EGGSPEERIENCE | TODAY

All 6th - 12th grade students are invited to stay after church for an Easter Eggsperience today! We will meet in the Youth Room from 12:15 - 2:30 p.m. for lunch and a giant egg hunt, plus lots of other egg-citing games and fun.

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