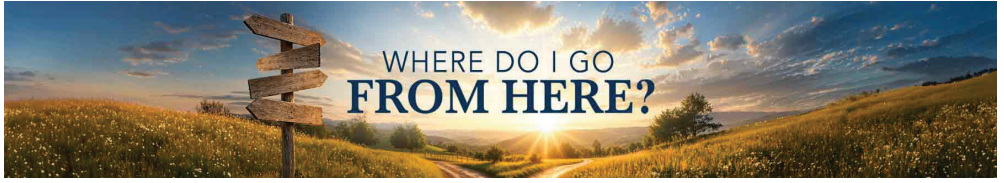


WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH

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

May 3, 2026

10:50 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

Astor Piazzolla

Oblivion

El Sistema Ensemble

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Brooks Lambert

†HYMN

LANCASHIRE

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes our best plans fall through,
and our goals no longer apply;
it can be easy to feel discouraged
and uncertain about the way forward.

But we are not alone, Christ is with us;
He will guide us to true greatness.

†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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

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.
- * Cash and checks can be placed in the offering plate or in the offering box located outside of the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

Mitch Leigh

The Impossible Dream

St. Luke's Choir, Orchestra, and El Sistema Ensemble

Robert Fasol, *piano*

Mason Smith, *conductor*

To dream the impossible dream, to fight the unbeatable foe, to bear with unbearable sorrow, to run where the brave dare not go.

To right the unrightable wrong, to love, pure and chaste, from afar, to try, when your arms are too weary, to reach the unreachable star!

This is my quest, to follow that star, no matter how hopeless, no matter how far, to fight for the right without question or pause, to be willing to march into hell for a heavenly cause!

And I know, if I'll only be true to this glorious quest, that my heart will lie peaceful and calm, when I'm laid to my rest, and the world will be better for this, that one man, scorned and covered with scars, still strove, with his last ounce of courage, to reach the unreachable stars.

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†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 GOSPEL

Lauren Boydston

And James and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:35 - 45)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Make Sure It's True Greatness You're After
From the Sermon Series: Where Do I Go From Here?

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Anthony Warlow

This Is the Moment
Sam Owens, soloist
St. Luke's Orchestra and El Sistema Ensemble
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

This is the moment, this is the day when I send all my doubts and demons on their way. Every endeavor I have made ever is coming into play, is here and now today. This is the moment, this is the time when the momentum and the moment are in rhyme. Give me this moment, this precious chance. I'll gather up my past and make some sense at last.

This is the moment when all I've done, all of the dreaming, scheming and screaming become one! This is the day, see it sparkle and shine, when all I've lived for becomes mine! For all these years, I've faced the world alone, and now the time has come to prove to them I made it on my own.

This is the moment, my final test. Destiny beckoned, I never reckoned second best. I won't look down, I must not fall. This is the moment, the sweetest of them all! This is the moment. Against all the odds. This day or never, I'll sit forever with our God! When I look back, I will always recall, moment for moment, this was the moment, the greatest moment of them all.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Dr. Robert E. Long

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long

†HYMN

CWM RHONDDA

God, Our Father, You Have Led Us

God, our Father, You have led us to this moment in this place. Focused here, within and 'round us, dreams and hopes unite with grace. God, our Father, You have led us. Through Your Spirit lead us still. Through Your Spirit lead us still.

God, our Father, Your Son taught us our lives lost for Him are gain. Help us, then, rejoice in challenge 'til our lives Your goals attain. God, our Father, Your Son taught us. Through Your Spirit teach us still. Through Your Spirit teach us still.

God, our Father, ever lead us from this moment in this place. Help us see Divine potential in each challenge, in each face. God, our Father, You have led us. Through Your Spirit lead us still. Through Your Spirit lead us still.

†SENDING FORTH

Dr. Robert E. Long

Even if the path ahead is not certain,
we know we have not lost our way.
For Christ is with us
and loves us unconditionally.
He guides us forward in life,
for He is the Way to true greatness.

†POSTLUDE

Edward Elgar

Pomp and Circumstance
St. Luke's Orchestra and El Sistema Ensemble
Robert Fasol, *organist*
Mason Smith, *conductor*

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long
Senior Pastor

Rev. Wendy Lambert
Senior Executive Pastor

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care

**Lauren Boydston, Micah Brown, Reid Buss, Brooks Lambert,
Luke Schwartz, Jackson Stone, Graduates**

MUSICIANS

Robert Fasol, *Organist /Choirmaster*
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Mason Smith, *Conductor*
Sam Owens, *Soloist*

El Sistema Ensemble
Cheyenne McCoy, *director*

Charlotte Davis, *violin*
Olivia Chanthalangsy, *violin*
Kalia Moore, *viola*
Wesley Mejia, *cello*

Joshua Wilson, *oboe*
Tina Nguyen, *clarinet*
Langston Plaire, *clarinet*

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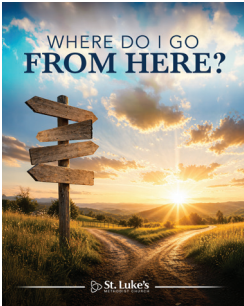
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Pastor of Facility and Stewardship



There are always choices to make every day of our lives. But sometimes they seem to weigh heavier upon us. At other times, the best path forward isn't clear. However, Christ can lead us - if we choose to follow. He is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" and loves us unconditionally. He can guide us through difficulties, strengthen us for the journey, and accompany us every step of the way. We do not know what our future holds, but we can put our trust in Jesus when we ask ourselves, "Where do I go from here?"

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 mornings during worship or by scheduling a private moment. For more information, contact Tisha Tate Garcia at ttategarcia@stlukesokc.org or text "join" to 405-351-4001.

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

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- 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN MORE AT STLUKESOKC.ORG/EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY | TODAY

Have you thought about becoming a member of St. Luke's? We would love to welcome you into membership today, when you can join in a more private setting. Stop by the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus or at Threefold in the Edmond Campus where a St. Luke's pastor or staff member will be available to answer any questions you have and welcome you into membership. If you are not able to attend in person, you can text the word "Join" to the number (405) 351-4001 to arrange a joining moment.

OPEN HEARTS COMMUNITY GROUP | TODAY

The St. Luke's Open Hearts Community Group is for members of the LGBTQ community to grow in their faith. This group will meet in the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus today at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is provided. Contact Rev. Wendy Lambert for more details.

POTEET PRESENTS *SHREK, THE MUSICAL* | TODAY AND MAY 7 - 10

Grab your tickets for Poteet Theatre's production of *Shrek, The Musical*! This fairy tale adventure brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage. An unlikely hero finds himself on a life-changing journey, alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude, a group of fairy tale misfits, and all new songs - you've got quite a show! Tickets cost: Adults \$35, Seniors (55+) \$30, Kids/Students \$15. Purchase tickets today by visiting stlukesokc.org/tickets.

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT | TODAY | EDMOND CAMPUS

All are invited to an exciting final orchestra concert of the season today at 3 p.m. at the Edmond Campus! From Gershwin's *An American in Paris* to Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*, we'll travel through familiar favorites written by composers from around the world! The concert is free and open to all ages! Canned goods, especially protein, will be collected to donate to the Community Market food ministry.

ST. LUKE'S WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR'S GROUP | MAY 5 | EDMOND CAMPUS

Looking for a group of women who understand what it's like to run a business and juggle family? You can be a part of the St. Luke's Women Entrepreneurs Group this summer as they meet over a bring-your-own lunch to fellowship, build friendships, and support one another. Starting May 5, they will meet the first and third Tuesdays from 12 - 1:30 p.m. at the Edmond Campus in the Youth Room. This group is a place to celebrate, brainstorm, and walk through challenges together. For more information, email Crystal Wagner (crystal@crystalwagner.net).

MEMOIR WRITING CLASS | MAY 6

Tell your story in a memoir writing class led by author Dana Tramba, who will share valuable lessons from her own experience writing her memoir. She prompts participants to reflect on their own stories to share with loved ones. Stories will also be shared in class. Meet in Room 201 at the Downtown Campus at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6. For more information, please visit stlukesokc.org/events.

ESTHER WOMEN LUNCHEON | MAY 7 | EDMOND CAMPUS

Ladies of all ages are invited to participate in the next Esther Women's luncheon on Thursday, May 7, at 11:30 a.m. in the Worship Center at the Edmond Campus. The guest speaker for May is Kimberly Stuart. She is the author of eight novels and, alongside New York Times bestselling author Bob Goff, Kimberly has guided hundreds of aspiring writers through executive coaching, online courses, podcasts, and live events. The cost for the luncheon is \$30. Childcare is also available. Please register at stlukesokc.org/events.

THE LUCKY 7 GAME CLUB | STARTING MAY 11 | EDMOND CAMPUS

Feeling lucky? All are welcome to come play various card games, dominoes, board games, Mahjong, etc. Meet new people in this fun atmosphere! Light snacks and bottled water will be available, but feel free to bring your own snacks, beverages, and games too! Come try your luck each week on Mondays from 2:07 - 4:07 p.m., starting May 11 in the Youth Room at the Edmond Campus. Please register at stlukesokc.org/events.

MOMMY & ME CLASS: EXTREME ANIMALS | MAY 12 | EDMOND CAMPUS

Families with children 1 - 5 years old will enjoy an interactive program and experience unique animals of all kinds! This a free event on Tuesday, May 12 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., so invite your friends! Lunch is \$5 for adults, and kids eat free. Please sign up online at stlukesokc.org/events.

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ROMANS | STARTING MAY 14 | EDMOND CAMPUS

You are invited to join Logan Fish and Rev. Keith King for an eight-week bible study to examine this powerful book and explore what the scriptures say to us today. The class will begin Thursday, May 14 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Choir Room at the Edmond Campus. Books will be available in Threefold. Lunch will be provided for those who register for \$5 per person. Please RSVP at stlukesokc.org/events.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 1 - 4 (EDMOND) | JUNE 22 - 25 (DOWNTOWN)

Vacation Bible School is for children PreK - 5th Grade! Your little one will have fun, make friends, and learn about the Bible at St. Luke's VBS. The Edmond Campus VBS is June 1 - 4, and the Downtown Campus VBS is June 22 - 25. Register your children or volunteer online at stlukesokc.org/VBS.

VOLUNTEER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 1 - 4 AND 22 - 25

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! We need volunteers to come help teach and lead our kids. VBS is held June 1 - 4 at the Edmond Campus and June 22 - 25 at the Downtown Campus from 9 a.m. - noon. It's for children going into Pre-K this fall up to 5th graders. Online Volunteer sign up is at stlukesokc.org/VBS

POTEET THEATRE SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is now open for Poteet Theatre Summer Camps! For all details and to register, go to <https://stlukesokc.org/poteet>.

- *Moana Jr.* | June 7 - 21 | Ages 6 - 11 | \$450 | Downtown Campus
- *Madagascar* | July 6 - 18 | Ages 6 - 11 | \$450 | Edmond Campus
- *Hadestown Teen Ed.* | July 6 - 26 | Ages 12 - 18 | \$600 | Downtown Campus

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

YOUTH VOLUNTEER FOR *SHREK, THE MUSICAL* | TODAY

Youth will be attending and volunteering for *Shrek, The Musical* today. Youth will eat lunch together after church, volunteer for the show, and then see the performance! Ticket and lunch bundle costs \$10. Please sign up for the Youth Volunteer event to reserve your ticket at stlukesokc.org/events.

YOUTH LAUNCH 2026 | MAY 17

Youth will have a fun event after church on Sunday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Let's kick off the summer and launch into the next grade, including students moving into the 6th grade into the youth group! Cost is \$20, which will include lunch, shirt, and fun!

For more information, contact Amy Givens at agivens@stlukesokc.org.