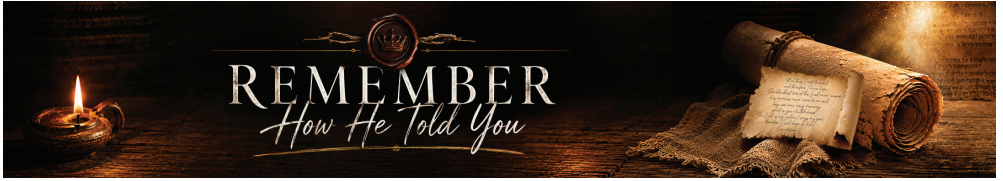


WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S METHODIST CHURCH

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 31, 2026

8:15 and 10:50 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

arr. David Schwoebel

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, organist
Patti Drennan, conductor

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND GREETING

Rev. David Poteet

†HYMN

AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the Word. From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is always with us;

give thanks to the Lord forever!

He blesses and cares for us,

He sets us free to live life to the fullest,

and helps us to impact the world around us;

give thanks to the Lord forever!

†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.

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

OFFERTORY

arr. Tom Trenney

My Hope Is Built
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano
Patti Drennan, conductor

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness comes to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, may I then in Him be found, dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Christ is the rock! On Christ, the solid rock I stand; not on that sinking sand. On Christ, the solid rock I stand.

†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

Ashleigh Robinson

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Colossians 3:12 - 17)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Robert E. Long

Dessert Always Comes

From the Sermon Series: Remember How He Told You

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Danny Gokey

Hope in Front of Me
Keely McGough, soloist
St. Luke's Orchestra
Robert Fasol, piano/conductor

I've been running through rain that I thought would never end, trying to make it on faith in a struggle against the wind. I've seen the dark and the broken places, but I know in my soul, no matter how bad it gets, I'll be alright.

There's hope in front of me; there's a light, I still see it. There's a hand still holding me, even when I don't believe it. I might be down, but I'm not dead; there's better days still up ahead. Even after all I've seen, there's hope in front of me.

There's a place at the end of the storm you finally find, where the hurt and the tears and the pain all fall behind. You open up your eyes, and up ahead, there's a big sun shining. Right then and there you realize, you'll be alright.

There's hope in front of me; there's a light, I still see it. There's a hand still holding me, even when I don't believe it. I might be down, but I'm not dead; there's better days still up ahead. Even after all I've seen, there's hope in front of me.

There's a hope still burning. I can feel it rising through the night. And my world's still turning. I can feel Your love here by my side.

You're my hope; You're the light, I still see it. Your hands are holding me, even when I don't believe. I've got to believe, I've got to believe. I still have hope; You are my hope.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Dr. Robert E. Long

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

†HYMN

BEACH SPRING

For Each Day of Life We Thank You

For each day of life we thank you, God, the giver of all days; and with hearts filled with thanksgiving, we would serve you, now, always. As in days of youthful vigor, may we in all later years know the joys of useful purpose, free us from our anxious fears.

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Dr. Robert E. Long
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Rev. Wendy Lambert
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Rev. David Poteet
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Rev. Linda Harker
Pastor of Connections

Ashleigh Robinson
Director of Church and Community
Engagement

MUSICIANS

Robert Fasol, *Organist/Choirmaster*
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Patti Drennan, *Guest Conductor*
Dr. Keely McGough, *Soloist*



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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.

One Church with Multiple Campuses

Downtown Campus
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Edmond, OK 73034
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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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- 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

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

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. 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.

NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS TODAY

Remembering the words of God brings hope. When we recall God's faithfulness and mercy, we are strengthened. Knowing who God is, guides us on who we are created to be. Remember that God is always present, and receive hope. Beginning today, we will dive into a new sermon series: *Remember How He Told You*.

PASSION PLAY TRIP TO EUREKA SPRINGS | SEPTEMBER 17 - 19

The Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs is set in an unforgettable outdoor amphitheater in the beautiful Ozark Mountains. Witness the majesty of Jesus Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension in a breathtaking performance on this two night trip September 17 - 19. The cost is \$275 per person, which includes transportation, event tickets, and meals. Lodging costs per room for 2 nights: \$185/1 person, \$200/2 people, \$215/3 people, \$230/4 people. Please register and make a deposit by August 16. Spots are limited. For information and to register, visit stlukesokc.org/trip.

VOLUNTEER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 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 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.

THE WILLOW WELCOME | TODAY

St. Luke's college-age ministry is thrilled to welcome our recent High School graduates to be a part of *Willow*! The Willow Welcome will be an afternoon of fun, connection, and celebration at the Boombox Volleyball Courts today at 2 p.m. Everyone ages 18 - 25 is welcome. Bring your friends, and let's kick off this new chapter together! For details, contact Schuyler Henderson at shenderson@stlukesokc.org.

WILLOW BIBLE STUDY | STARTS JUNE 2

Everyone ages 18 - 25 is invited to a summer Bible study over *The Chosen*! We will watch an episode together each week and spend time diving deeper into the life and ministry of Jesus through discussion and community. Whether you've seen the series before or are completely new to it, we'd love to have you join us! Starting June 2, we will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. at the Downtown Campus in the High School room. For details, contact Schuyler Henderson at shenderson@stlukesokc.org.

OPEN HEARTS COMMUNITY GROUP | JUNE 7

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 on Sunday, June 7 at 12:15 p.m. Lunch is provided. Contact Rev. Wendy Lambert for more details.

ART GLASS TOUR | JUNE 7

The Downtown Campus has amazing Art Glass Windows, and Logan Fish will lead a tour to discuss their history and symbolism. This is the 6th Annual tour hosted by the United Women in Faith group. The tour will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 7 in Watchorn Chapel at the Downtown Campus. The tour is free and open to all! Please RSVP for the event at stlukesokc.org/events.

WOMEN OF FAITH | JUNE 11

Women of all ages and stages are invited to a luncheon and presentation on Thursday, June 11 from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Mansion Library at the Downtown Campus. No matter what season of life you're in, grace is still calling your name. Come hear from church member, author, and speaker, Dana Tramba, for an inspiring talk drawn from her book, *Amazing Grace*, a collection of 50 devotions about ordinary people choosing to be the hands and feet of grace. She'll invite you to ask the question: Are you choosing grace today? Lunch will be provided for \$5 per person. Please RSVP at stlukesokc.org/events.

SUMMERTIDE: A GATHERING FOR WOMEN | JUNE 20 | EDMOND CAMPUS

Women of all ages are invited to *Summertime*: a dedicated time to breathe, reflect, and connect with other women. We will discuss the question: What is the color of joy? We will share lunch, conversation, and enjoy the rare chance to simply pause. This event will be held at the Edmond Campus on Saturday, June 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please register at stlukesokc.org/events. For questions or more details, contact Madison Woods at mwoods@stlukesokc.org.

GET READY TO RAISE THE CURTAIN ON ST. LUKE'S ON BROADWAY!

- July 26 | *Come From Away*
- August 2 | *Operation Mincemeat, A New Musical*
- August 9 | *The Outsiders, A New Musical*
- August 16 | *Shrek, The Musical*
- August 23 | *Death Becomes Her*
- August 30 | *Hamilton, An American Musical*

Be sure to save the dates! It's almost time for St. Luke's on Broadway! The music is spectacular, and you will be inspired through the messages of hope from Dr. Long, as we experience some of the most memorable musicals ever written.

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

YOUTH WORSHIP & GAME NIGHT | JUNE 3

All youth are welcome to a worship and game night on Wednesday, June 3, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Food will be provided. We are hosting this event at the Downtown Campus, but Edmond youth can meet at the Edmond Campus at 5:30 p.m. to travel together and return by 8 p.m.

YOUTH ROUTE 66 BOWL | JUNE 7

The Youth will take a road trip to Route 66 Bowl in Chandler on Sunday, June 7, from 12:15 - 5 p.m. After church, we'll drive together and have fun with bowling, laser tag, and mini golf. The cost is \$20 for food and fun! Please fill out the waiver and register at stlukesokc.org/events.

YOUTH SUMMER ROUTE 66 JOURNEY | SUMMER 2026

Each Sunday morning, the Youth will grow in faith and have fun with friends during Sunday School! Our lessons this summer will be tied to a fun theme to celebrate the Route 66 centennial anniversary as we take a journey through the 66 books of the Bible. At the Downtown Campus, Sunday school classes are held at 9:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. in the Youth Room. At the Edmond Campus, youth will start to gather after 10:30 a.m. for games and a lesson at 11 a.m. in the Youth Room.

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