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

November 15, 2026

8:15 and 10:50 A.M.

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

Prelude — Alexander Borodin

String Quartet No. 2
El Sistema Ensemble

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome and Greeting — Ashleigh Robinson

†Hymn — AURELIA

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are His new creation by water and the Word; from heav'n He came and sought us that we might ever be His living servant people, by His own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name professing and at one table fed, to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

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

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One, and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, 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

Sometimes we wonder where light can be found when all we see is darkness.
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Jesus says, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid."
We will not hide the light God has placed within us.
Let us come with the courage to see the light and the courage to carry it.
Let us worship God, the Light of the world!

†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. David Poteet

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* 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 — Rev. Josh Attaway

* 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 — Kyle Pederson

Be the Love
St. Luke's Choir, Orchestra, and El Sistema Ensemble
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Mason Smith, *conductor*

If you want to have peace in your heart; If you want to have peace in your home; If you want to have peace in the world, you got to be the peace and let it grow. Be the peace you want to see in the world.

If you want to have love in your heart; If you want to have love in your home; If you want to have love in the world, you got to be the love and let it grow. Be the love you want to see in the world.

If you want to have joy in your heart; If you want to have joy in your home; If you want to have joy in the world, you got to be the joy and let it grow. Be the joy you want to see in the world.

You got to be the love they see in the world. Be the peace. Spread it all around, spread it around, come on now. Be the love, be the peace and joy. Come on and show the world your love and peace and joy.

†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. Scott Peterson

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:14 - 16

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Attaway

"For there is always light."

Musical Reflection — Chris Rice

Go Light Your World
Laura Margaret Fennell, *soloist*
St. Luke's Orchestra and El Sistema Ensemble
Robert Fasol, *piano*
Mason Smith, *conductor*

There is a candle in ev'ry soul; some brightly burning, some dark and cold. There is a Spirit Who brings a fire, ignites a candle and makes His home. So, carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.

Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world. Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to light his own candle some other way. See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to, still holds a candle without a flame.

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the lonely, the tired and worn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.

We are a family whose hearts are blazing, so let's raise our candles and light up the sky. Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus, make us a beacon in the darkest times.

So, carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the helpless, deceived and poor. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and light your world. Carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the hopeless, confused and worn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle go light your world.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship — Rev. Josh Attaway

†Hymn — FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your Light Is Come

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

†Sending Forth — Rev. Josh Attaway

When we wonder where the light can be found,
we turn to Christ, the Light of the World.
We carry that light within us,
and we will not hide it.
We go with the courage to see the light and the courage to carry it.
We will share God's love and bring hope to the world.

†Postlude — Rube Bloom / Harry Ruby

The Simple Life
Robert Fasol, *organist*

Leading In Worship

Rev. Josh Attaway
Edmond Campus Pastor

Rev. David Poteet
Pastor of Congregational Care

Dr. Scott Peterson
Pastor of Facility and Stewardship

Rev. Linda Harker
Pastor of Connections

Ashleigh Robinson
Director of Church and Community

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Robert Fasol, *Organist/Choirmaster*
Mason Smith, *Conductor*
St. Luke's Choir and Orchestra
Laura Margaret Fennell, *Soloist*
Brayden Stonecipher, *Director of Programs, El Sistema*

El Sistema Ensemble
Charlotte Davis, *Violin*
Kalia Moore, *Viola*
Wesley Mejia Alvarado, *Cello*
Trinity Fowler, *Cello*
Michea Green, *Flute*
Bradlyn Mejia Alvarado, *Flute*
Joshua Wilson, *Oboe*
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Sermon Notes

St. Luke's
METHODIST CHURCH

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.

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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

BLIZZARD BOXES

Bring Christmas cheer and peace of mind to our Meals on Wheels clients this year. Become a blessing to homebound seniors by packing and delivering a Blizzard Box to them before Christmas. Blizzard Boxes are filled with shelf-stable food for seniors to have in case bad weather keeps our Meals on Wheels drivers from getting out on the road. Look for these boxes around campus today. Pick up as many as you would like, fill them with the food items listed, then deliver those Blizzard Boxes to the clients whose addresses are on the label.

POTEET THEATRE: *BIG FISH* | NOVEMBER 20 - 22

Grab your tickets for *Big Fish*, a fantastical, heartwarming musical that follows the life of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman whose larger-than-life stories captivate everyone around him. *Big Fish* explores the power of storytelling, family bonds, and the search for identity. Performances are November 20 - 22: Fridays 7 p.m., Saturdays 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets cost $28 for Adults and $25 for Seniors/Children/Military. For details, visit stlukesokc.org/poteet.

GAME NIGHT | NOVEMBER 16 | EDMOND CAMPUS

Looking for a fun way to connect, unwind, and build lasting friendships? All are welcome to come to Game Night on Monday, November 16 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room at the Edmond Campus. We'll have a variety of games ready to play for all skill levels. Bring your favorite game, bring a friend, and get ready for an evening of friendly competition, laughter, and great fellowship! For details, visit stlukesokc.org/events.

FEAST FORWARD: THANKSGIVING MEALS | NOVEMBER 24 - 25 | EDMOND

This holiday season, the Edmond Kitchen invites you to enjoy a delicious holiday meal while spreading joy to families in need. For every $100 meal purchased, we'll donate the proceeds to Meals on Wheels. Each package serves a family of four and includes all the Thanksgiving classics with reheating instructions. You will enjoy sliced roasted turkey to your choice of sides and dessert. Sales are limited, so act fast to secure yours and help us make a difference in our community! Order online at stlukesokc.org/events and pick up at the Edmond Campus on November 24 or 25 between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

There is a special way to honor and remember loved ones and special people in your life this Advent season. Donate a Christmas poinsettia for $25 each. These beautiful flowers are a symbol of the holidays and serve as a lovely reminder of our loved ones' presence in our lives and are a part of our beautifully decorated campuses throughout the holiday season. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center or you can easily place your order online by December 14 at stlukesokc.org/Christmas.

ADVENT FESTIVAL | NOVEMBER 29
Bring your family and get the Advent season started on Sunday, November 29 at 11 a.m. The Advent Festival will feature various holiday crafts, Christmas Bingo with prizes, and games in the Downtown Campus Fellowship Hall. There will be lunch at noon, followed by inflatable fun in the CLC. We will celebrate with a short devotional at 12:45 p.m. in the chapel to sing carols and decorate the Christmas Tree! Stay for a final Bingo with a big prize at 1 p.m. Everything to help you and your family start off the Advent season on a joyful holiday note!

WOMEN'S ADVENT BIBLE STUDY | STARTS DECEMBER 1 | EDMOND CAMPUS
Ladies of all ages are invited to participate in a Women's Advent Bible Study starting December 1, featuring *Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups. This group meets Tuesdays at noon at the Edmond Campus in Room 131, and lunch is available for $5. Come enjoy fellowship, meaningful conversation, and a fresh perspective on the Christmas story! For details, contact Schuyler Henderson at shenderson@stlukesokc.org.

POTEET THEATRE AUDITIONS: *COME FROM AWAY* | DECEMBER 5
Audition for the musical *Come From Away*! Based on the true story, 38 planes, carrying thousands of people from around the globe, were diverted to Gander's airstrip in Newfoundland on September 11, 2001. The people of Gander welcomed the stranded travelers with music and open hearts. *Come From Away* is praised for its worldwide impact by spreading the show's message of kindness, unity, and resilience. Auditions are Saturday, December 5. Performances are in February and March. For more information, visit stlukesokc.org/poteet.

ESTHER WOMEN: BROADWAY STARS CONCERT | DECEMBER 9
Esther Women invites you to an unforgettable holiday experience on December 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Downtown Campus. This concert features four Broadway stars. Eryn LeCroy, Dan Micciche, Isaiah Bailey, and Keri René Fuller will share the stage and bring the holidays to life. Enjoy this amazing concert, followed by a holiday reception. Tickets are limited and are only $25 per person, available at stlukesokc.org/events.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY | DECEMBER 6 AND 13
You're invited to the St. Luke's All Church Christmas Party at the Edmond Campus on December 6 or the Downtown Campus on December 13. Enjoy a night of celebration, laughter, and gratitude as we gather to reflect on another year of ministry. Catch up with friends during The Gathering Hour in the Narthex starting at 4 p.m. A short business meeting and dinner at 5 p.m., followed by the premier of *Mission Possible* at 6 p.m. This year's Christmas movie is unlike anything we've made before. *Mission Possible* is a humorous spy-thriller parody, starring your very own St. Luke's staff as secret agents. Tickets are $10. Nursery is available for children under age 5, and children up to age 12 are invited to their own children's party at 5 p.m., and tickets are $5. If you can't attend in person the events will be broadcast live. Tickets are available at stlukesokc.org/events.

YOUTH MINISTRY | GRADES 6 - 12

YOUTH TURKEY BOWL | TODAY | EDMOND CAMPUS
Put your game face on for a fun turkey-themed game day! The event is at the Edmond Campus on Sunday, November 15 from 12:15 - 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Downtown Campus Youth will travel in vans together.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS DAY OUT | DECEMBER 12
Christmas Day Out is a fun-filled day for youth on Saturday, December 12 from 12:30 - 9 p.m. We will have a time for worship, games, a service project at the Regional Food Bank, and lots of holiday fun! The cost is $25 and includes dinner. Please register at stlukesokc.org/events by December 6.

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