

POUR OUT YOUR  
*Holy Spirit*  
ON US GATHERED HERE,

AND ON THESE  
*gifts* OF BREAD  
AND WINE.



WELCOME

Our hope is that you will experience God our Father's love in our worship service today. Guests, we are happy you are with us and hope we have extended to you a warm welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask any member about our church and the activities we offer. The informative information, located in the bins in the back of the church, provides some of St. Luke's history.

Please let us know you were with us today by signing the BLUE REGISTRATION PAD located at the end of each pew.

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PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS: Pastor's Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please text or call his cell phone for an appointment to make sure he doesn't have a prior commitment. (864-704-0728).

MEETINGS: Trustees - Tuesday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.  
Missions - Wednesday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m.



# St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Where Friends and Faith Meet

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Transfiguration Sunday March 2, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Jerry Vagnier & John Sariscak

10:15 – Margo and Joe Cservek

**PRELUDE** “This Little Light of Mine” Harry Dixon Loes

\*This Little Light of Mine” is a scripture song based on an African American spiritual whose lyrics express the joy of displaying God’s perfect love in the midst of every challenge that life presents. Harry Dixon Loes, a musical composer and teacher, wrote this around 1920.

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Family of God”

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” No. 103  
Verses 1, 2 & 4

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 99 No. 819

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

8:30 – Letty Husson Luke 9:28-36  
10:15 – Cynthia Thompson

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No.384  
Verses 1,2 & 4

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881

**\*GLORIA PATRI** “Glory Be to the Father” No. 70

**PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER** No. 895

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/  
OFFERTORY:** “Come Into the Holy of Holies” Sellers

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:**  
“Be Thou My Vision” No. 451  
Verses 1, 2 & 3

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 9:28-36

**MESSAGE:** “I Know I’ve Been Changed”  
Rev. Thompson

**\*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
“We Remember You”

*All are welcome to come to the altar to lift prayers and praises during the last hymn.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*“God Be with You Till we Meet Again”** (Hymnal inside back cover)

**\*POSTLUDE** “He Keeps Me Singing”

*\*Please stand as able.*

UPCOMING LENTEN SERVICES – March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. We are invited to participate in a service at Church of the Palms at 6:30 pm.

Three Wednesdays during Lent we will be having afternoon Lenten services with Bluffton United Methodist Church and Church of the Palms. The first one will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:00 at Bluffton UMC. The message will be given by Lee van Rensburg. At 12:30 a light lunch will be served. The next service will be on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Church of the Palms. The message will be given by our own Pastor Chris Thompson at 12:00 followed by lunch. The 3<sup>rd</sup> service will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd at St. Luke's. The message will be given by Keeley DiMartino at 12:00 followed by lunch.

Palm Sunday is April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have one service at 9:15. Bluffton United Methodist Church is holding a service on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 called the Lenten Experience. It will be the Stations of the Cross. Following the service will be an Easter Egg Hunt. All are invited to attend.

April 17<sup>th</sup> will be our Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It is a candle light service where we do hand washing as people enter the hall. It's a very quiet, reflective service. We sit around the table similar to how the disciples did at the Last Supper. We have a light snack of cheese, grapes, nuts, dates etc. while readings are done. We will sing a few hymns and Pastor will serve Communion. Please let Nancy Sariscak know if you plan to attend so that she knows how many places to prepare.

On April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm we will have our Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary.

April 20<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday. We will have one service at 9:15 am.

Lois Willig will be taking orders for Easter Lillies to be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one. More information to follow.

### BIRTHDAYS

Amy Erickson, 3/2  
Elnora Ekholm, 3/2  
John Sariscak, 3/6  
Linda Jackson, 3/7  
Randy Pryor, 3/9

### ANNIVERSARIES

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Rick and Pam Hoel in memory of Rick's brother, Gil Hoel.

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CHOIR PRACTICE – TUESDAYS at 6:30 p.m.

On the days that the choir sings, they will be holding a practice before that service. To practice, without distractions, the church will be closed until 8:10 am. People arriving before that time will be asked to wait in the fellowship hall. You will know what days those are by the bulletin reference to Chancel Choir.

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TODAY, at the conclusion of the service, baskets will be available for donations to the PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND.

Individuals seeking these donations may need assistance with housing, food, or medical expenses.

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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 8:00 a.m. MONDAY mornings, in Fellowship Hall. Contact Alan Bethel or Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Chris will be facilitating the Women's Bible Study. The study will start on March 6 from 5:30-7:00 pm. We will be working out of the Bible. No books are needed. Anyone interested in joining just come with open minds and ready to learn and share.

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Look at what you have. Now is the time to "give back" to the Lord and his Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan     Judi & Gary Landin     Barbara Marangio  
Rob Clark     Dave Fisher     Andy & Sharon Makarick  
Linda Jackson     Emma Jo Busby     Pat Schwartz  
Sheryll Ingram

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf  
Kathy Visconte, friend of Jane Tiffany  
Lynette Hassinger, sister of Leslie Richards  
Edward, brother of Debra Burr  
Fred Schaltegger, brother of Rich Schaltegger  
Kelly Mayer, daughter of Donna Stephen  
Shannon, friend of Judi Landin  
McKayla, daughter of Susie and Michael Brown  
Nathaniel, nephew Don McKay  
Drew Howell, nephew of Donna Stephen  
Blake, acquaintance of Rose Kooper  
Jim Buckholder, neighbor of Diana Hamilton  
Michelle and her family, co-worker of Michelle Cramer  
Norm Neus, friend of Phyllis Sippel  
Julian and Indie Parks, parents of Linda Batten  
Ron Kramer, friend of John & Nancy Sariscak  
Debbie, sister of Diana Hamilton  
David, son of Beverly Cook  
James Burton, nephew of Archie Vance  
Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sheryll Ingram and Bill Halstead  
Judy Boswell., friend of Sheryll Ingram and Bill Halstead  
Spencer, daughter of Sam and Carol Rossa  
June Hamilton, former member  
Joan McLeod, friend of Letty and Bill Husson  
James and Sarah, son and daughter of Shelley Valentine  
Mim Mazon, wife of Chick Mazon  
Randy, acquaintance of Ann Webster  
Jill Demsack, friend of Jane Tiffany  
Stacy Mechum, friend of Linda Metcalf's daughter  
Chaz, friend of Charles Mazon  
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer  
Micheline and her daughter, Diana, friends of Tina Blount  
Col. Mary Hobbs, friend of Candace Payne  
Sharon, friend of Candace Payne  
Fred, friend of Candace Payne  
Maddie, 14-year old  
Our country

MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE – Sign-ups begin for Family Promise on March 9 for meals on March 25 (Tuesday) and March 27 (Thursday.) Please check the sanctuary bulletin board for needed items.

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AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER, SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 – 12:00 -Agape Family Life Center, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville – Volunteers needed to help distribute fresh food to local families in need.

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CONGREGATIONAL CARE is here to help if you are going through an illness or another crisis by providing meals and caring phone calls. If you need some support or would like to help in this ministry, please contact Marie Baldauf.

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BLUFFTON SELF HELP – Donations are collected the first Sunday of the month or place donations in the basket in Fellowship Hall.

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VOLUNTEERS are needed for GREETERS/USHERS and GOSPEL READERS for both the 8:30 and 10:15 services. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sariscak or Amy Erickson.

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS – Please contact Amy Erickson if you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event or a meeting. The Fellowship Hall calendar is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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Please send information for UPCOMING MEETINGS, BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS and the PRAYER REQUEST LIST to Amy Erickson and Linda Metcalf.