



Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

July 13, 2025
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 • Bluffton, SC 29909
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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 Chris will be out of town on Monday and Tuesday this week but will be available on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please text or call his cell phone (864-704-0728) for an appointment to be sure he doesn't have a prior commitment.

MEETINGS:

Project 150 - Wednesday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Linda and Bill Metcalf

10:15 – Amy Erickson and Leslie Richards

PRELUDE: “Lord, Here Am I”

John Ness Beck

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Family of God”

CENTERING MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP: “Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Verses 1, 4 & 5

No. 662

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING:

Psalms 82

No. 804

***GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 10:25-37

8:30 – Cathy Hamlin

10:15 – Michelle Cramer

***OPENING HYMN:** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Verses 1, 2 & 4

No. 577

***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: “More Like You”

Scott Wesley Brown

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** “When We Are Living”

No. 356

Verses 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 7:15 &

Matthew 6:7-15

MESSAGE:

“The Catch of Forgiveness”

Pastor Jim Smith, CLM Retired

Guest Speaker

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Verses 1 & 3

Congregation sings 1st verse

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 3rd verse

No. 454

*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:** “Lord, Send Me Anywhere”

arr. Hamilton

**Please stand as able.*

UMCOR – The United Methodist Committee on Relief U.S. Disaster Response (UMCOR USDR) seeks to alleviate suffering caused by disasters that strike within the United States and its territories. If you would like to donate to UMCOR to assist with the flood relief in Texas and North Carolina. Please make your check payable to St. Luke's UMC with "UMCOR Advance # 901670" on the memo line. Your gift to UMCOR makes God's love tangible to survivors of all kinds—be it from hurricane, earthquake, flood or famine, war or conflict.

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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 – THURSDAYS from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, facilitated by Pastor Chris. Please bring your Bible.

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Come join the fun! We'll play MEXICAN TRAIN on Saturday, July 26 at 4:30 in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Arlene Schaltegger, 7/13
Will Ross, 7/19

Cynthia and Chris Thompson, 7/17
Sharon and Tom Symonds, 7/17
Doris and Bob Heck, 7/20
Joyce and Bill Haskins, 7/21

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Carla Carte in memory of her Mom, Helen.

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Is your love for the Church reflected in your giving?

MISSIONS

AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER – 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville. Volunteers are needed to help distribute fresh food to local families in need on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please contact Leslie Richards for more information.

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

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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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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Marsha Gerber	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Linda Jackson	Alan Bethel	
Pam Hoel	Thomas Cook	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Edward, brother of Debra Burr
Kelly Mayer, daughter of Donna Stephen
Drew Howell, nephew of Donna Stephen
David Howell, brother of Donna Stephen
Jill Demsack, friend of Jane Tiffany
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Courtney, daughter of Judi Landin
Donna Ludwig, friend of Marie Baldauf
Sharon Johnson, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Jim Myers, neighbor of Judi Landin
Eva Bergren, friend of Sheryll Ingram
Tina McIlroy, friend of Ann Webster
Gary Bethel, brother of Alan Bethel
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel
Joan Wagner, sister of Constance Ulrich
The Scott family
Margo, daughter of Suzie Wiles, friend of Constance Ulrich
Tilly, daughter of Sandy Lowry
Dara, sister of Margo Cservek
Helena, daughter of Don McKay, and Helena's daughter, Amelia
Paul Black, friend of Chick Mazon
Ethel Johnson, sister of Archie Vance
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Norman Neus
Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sheryll Ingram
Gina Tuttle, friend of Jerry Vagnier
Beverly Smith, Peggy Firtion's next-door neighbor's sister
Makayla, granddaughter of Pastor and Cynthia
Ellen, wife of Richard Rhode
The Frugonis, friends of Marie Baldauf
Barbara O'Connor, friend of Lois Willig
The families of the missing children lost in the floods in Texas
Traveling mercies for Chick & Mim Mazon