



*St. Luke's*

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

June 29, 2025  
9:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 • Bluffton, SC 29909  
[www.stlukesumc-okatie.org](http://www.stlukesumc-okatie.org)

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: Mon. - Thurs., 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:

Trustees - Tuesday, July 1 at 9:00 a.m.

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



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**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

9:15 – Margo & Joe Cservek

**PRELUDE:** “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Allen/Hayes

## **THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

## **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*“Family of God”*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

No. 152

Verses 1, 2 & 3

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **PSALTER READING:**

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

No. 798

### **\*GOSPEL READING:**

9:15 – Sherri Prosser

Luke 9:51-62

### **\*OPENING HYMN:**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

No. 430

Verses 1, 2 & 3

### **\*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 and See”

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

### **\*GRADUAL HYMN:** “Jesus Calls Us”

No. 398

Verses 1, 2 & 5

### **SCRIPTURE:**

Luke 9:51-62

### **MESSAGE:**

“Let Nothing Stand in Your Way”

Rev. Thompson

### **\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Where He Leads Me”

No. 338

Verses 1 & 4

Congregation sings 1<sup>st</sup> verse

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 4<sup>th</sup> verse

*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 Is Exalted”

arr. Fred Bock

*\*Please stand as able.*

TODAY there will be a POTLUCK luncheon after the service. Please everyone join us for food and fellowship.

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TODAY we will be welcoming NEW MEMBERS. If you would like to join St. Luke's, please fill out an "Invitation to Membership" form and place it in the collection plate or let Pastor Chris know. Some forms are on the bulletin board and also in the Fellowship Hall.

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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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#### BIRTHDAYS

Donna Hauck, 6/30  
Debbie Burr, 7/2  
Diana Hamilton, 7/6

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Paula Swope & Jack Reed, 6/30  
Sheryll Ingram & Bill Halstead, 7/6

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Today's flowers were placed in loving memory of Wally Willig by Lois Willig.  
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If you have been blessed: it is now time to "pay back.

#### MISSIONS - See enclosed insert also

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 the 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 (amyhousererickson@gmail.com) if you would like to reserve the Fellowship Hall for an event or a meeting. The Fellowship Hall calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the 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	Lois Willig
Linda Jackson	Ouida Dell	Barb Silcox	
Pam Hoel	Thomas Cook	Michael Brown	

### 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  
Ruth Flemming, cousin of Pat Simmons  
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  
John Busby, husband of Emma Jo Busby  
Thomas, brother of Susie Brown  
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  
Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sheryll Ingram  
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook  
Norman Neus  
Guidance for the leaders of our country, and for peace in our country

## **Missions Happenings – July 2025**

- **July 6 -- First Sunday Mission for Bluffton Self Help**  
Donations will be collected in our parking lot before each worship service. Here are the most-needed items at this time:

### **Whole Grain Cereal\***

### **Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup\***

### **Shelf Stable Salad Dressing\***

### **Canned Beans:\***

### **Black, Red, Kidney, Pinto, Cannellini, Navy**

Canned or Dried Fruits

Shelf Stable Milks

Rice & Whole Grain Pasta

Canned Tomatoes & Sauces

Unsweetened Applesauce

Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken

Peanut, Almond, or Cashew Butter

### **Oatmeal\***

### **Flour & Baking Mixes\***

### **Condiments\***

Granola Bars

Hearty Soups (Low Sodium)

Coconut Oil

Cane Sugar

Low Sugar Jelly & Honey

Gluten Free Foods

### **Shampoo & Conditioner\***

### **Shaving Cream\***

### **Training Pants (2T-5T)\***

Deodorant

Soap & Body Wash

### **Toothpaste\***

### **Baby Wipes\***

### **Diapers (size 4, 5, 6 & 7)\***

Feminine Products

Body Lotion

\*Priority items based on current inventory

- **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.
- **No Missions Meeting in July** – Please contact Linda Fisher or Elizabeth Vance, Missions Committee co-chairs, with any mission's concerns.

Check out the July Missions Matters section of St. Luke's newsletter for more information about any of these opportunities. THANK YOU for your help & donations!