

Communion Sunday

*We have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of his grace.*

EPHESIANS 1:7



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. -2:00 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, 8/5 at 9:00 a.m.
Missions, Wednesday, 8/6 at 1:00 p.m.
Council, Thursday, 8/14 at 3:30 p.m.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Where Friends and Faith Meet

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Jerry Vagnier and John Sariscak

10:15 – Linda Fisher and Elizabeth Vance

PRELUDE: *“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”*

Converse

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Family of God”

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Verses 1 & 4

No. 126

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING:

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

No. 830

***GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 12:13-21

8:30 – Jim Smith

10:15 – Aaron Metropolis

***OPENING HYMN:** *“Now Thank We All Our God”*

Verses 1, 2 & 3

No. 102

***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: *“The Light of the World Is Jesus”*

Bliss

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *“Leave it There”*

Verses 1, 3 & 4

No. 522

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 12:13-21

MESSAGE:

“Life is Not Based on Your Possessions”

Rev. Thompson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

“We Remember You”

***BENEDICTION**

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

***POSTLUDE:** *“He Keeps Me Singing”*

Bridgers

**Please stand as able.*

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 8:00 a.m. MONDAY mornings in Fellowship Hall. Contact Alan Bethel or Rev. Dr. 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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BINGO and DINNER – Come join the fun at 4:30 on Saturday, AUGUST 23 in Fellowship Hall.

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BLANKET MINISTRY – Monday, AUGUST 25 10:00 – 12:00 noon. Please join us in Fellowship Hall to help make no-sew blankets. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship afterwards.

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AUGUST 31 is a fifth Sunday, so we'll have one service at 9:15 a.m. followed by a potluck.

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BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

Archie Vance, 8/4 Tatyana Topoleski & Darrel Fitzgerald, 8/4
Harry Skinker, 8/6
Gwen Cassidy, 8/8
Jeananne Cranston, 8/10

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lynn and Joe Cutshall in honor of their anniversary on July 31.

MISSIONS

WALK FOR WATER – Sign up by AUGUST 10 to participate in the 3 mile walk to fight the global water crisis on SEPTEMBER 20. Please contact Michelle Cramer.

FAMILY PROMISE – We will provide meals on August 21 and August 22. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary to help with the needed items.

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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What did He give? Everything! What are you giving?

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 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
Linda Jackson
Pam Hoel

Candace Payne
Andy & Sharon Makarick
John Hubbard

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
Edward, brother of Debra Burr
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Gary Bethel, brother of Alan Bethel
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel
The Scott family, friends of Phyllis Sippel
Tilly, daughter of Sandy Lowry
Ethel Johnson, sister of Archie Vance
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Norman Neus
Ellen, wife of Richard Rohde
Barbara O'Connor, friend of Lois Willig
Karen Metz, friend of Ouida Dell
Joseph, husband of Lynn Cutshall
Leon Smith, friend of Ouida Dell
Gaven Smith, friend of Ouida Dell
Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell
The Frugonis, friends of Marie Baldauf

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Pam Hoel and the family and friends of Rick Hoel on Rick's passing.