



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson
Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

August 10, 2025
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 • Bluffton, SC 29909
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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| Church Office: | 843-705-3022 |
| Mailing Address: | PO Box 2779 Bluffton, SC 29910 |
| Location: | 3080 Okatie Hwy., Bluffton 29909 |
| Website: | www.stlukesumc-okatie.org |
| Church's email address: | stlukesumc.hwy170@gmail.com |
| Pastor's Mailing Address: | Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson 465 Live Oak Walk Bluffton, SC 29910 |
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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: Council, Thursday, 8/14 at 3:30 p.m.



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Diana and Walker Hamilton

10:15 – Leslie Richards and Amy Erickson

PRELUDE: *"I Must Tell Jesus"*

arr. Larry Shackley

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

"Family of God"

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Verses 1, 2 & 3

No. 519

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING:

Psalms 50:1-8; 22-23

No. 783

***GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 12:32-40

8:30 – Armen Hagopian

10:15 – Cynthia Thompson

***OPENING HYMN:** *"Faith of Our Fathers"*

Verses 1 & 3

No. 710

***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 Holy Spirit"*

Sherri Prosser, Flute

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"*

No. 730

Verses 1, 4 & 5

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 12:32-40

MESSAGE:

"Be Alert; He's Coming Back"

Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

No. 715

Verses 1 & 4

Congregation sings 1st verse

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 4th 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 Lives"*

**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 NACHOS BAR – 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.

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BIRTHDAYS

Jeananne Cranston, 8/10
Hudson Pryor, 8/17

ANNIVERSARIES

Shirley & Norm Stark, 8/15
Diane & JP Moery, 8/17
Constance & George Ulrich, 8/17

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Armen Hagopian and Tina Topoleski in remembrance of the Armenian genocide of 1915.

MISSIONS

WALK FOR WATER – Sign up by TODAY 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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Had to cancel a trip? Praise the lord with that amount.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

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| Ruth Dolan | Candace Payne | Bill Trainer |
| Linda Jackson | Andy & Sharon Makarick | |
| Pam Hoel | 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
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
Pat Phelps, friend of Will Ross
Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sheryll Ingram

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family, friends and Students of Pat, colleague of Michelle Cramer, on Pat's passing.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Scott family, friends of Phyllis Sippel, on the death of their son, Gregg Scott, on July 29.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Joan Nations, member of St. Luke's since 2016, on her passing on July 19.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Richard LaFever and his daughter, Sharon Symonds, on Richard's recent passing. Richard joined St. Luke's in 2004.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Richard Vineyard, who passed away on August 5. Richard joined St. Luke's in 2008.

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 email Nancy Sariscak at nlsack72@gmail.com or Amy Erickson at amyhousererickson@gmail.com.

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS – Please contact Amy Erickson (amyhousererickson@gmail.com) 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 amyhousererickson@gmail.com and Linda Metcalf lmetcalf2010@hotmail.com.