



Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

August 17, 2025  
8:30 and 10:15 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. -2:00 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:**



# St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Shirley and Norm Stark

10:15 – Margo and Joe Cservek

**PRELUDE:** “He’s Listening”

- Flo Price

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Family of God”

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Verses 1 & 4

No. 61

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING:**

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

No. 801

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

8:30 – Letty Husson

10:15 – Cynthia Thompson

Luke 12:49-56

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “How Firm a Foundation”

Verses 1, 2, & 5

No. 529

**\*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:** “It Won’t Be Long”

- Andrae Crouch

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** “Take Up Thy Cross”

No. 415

Verses 1, 3 & 4

**SCRIPTURE:**

Luke: 12:49-56

**MESSAGE:**

“The Time is Coming”  
Rev. Thompson

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Verses 1 & 4

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

Music interlude during invitation

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

No. 396

*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:** “When We All Get to Heaven”

*\*Please stand as able.*

PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL has a new Social Worker.

Upon taking inventory she noticed a lack of clothing (uniforms.) There's a sign up chart in the Fellowship Hall with sizes, colors, and gender. If so inclined, fill in your choices and take a matching shopping list with you. Please try to have everything back in the designated box , checking off your name by August 31.

They also need boxes of tissues ( any size and no sign up needed.)

Thank you.

See Lois Willig with questions.

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Richard LaFever's memorial service will be graveside (original columbarium in back cemetery) at 1:00 on Saturday, August 23. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Lois Willig with questions.

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CHOIR PRACTICE will start up again on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 pm.

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CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON - Next Sunday, August 24, everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 pm.

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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.

MEMBERSHIP: On Sunday, August 31, we will be "welcoming new members." If you would like to join St. Luke's, please fill out an "Invitation to Membership" form found on the bulletin board and also in the Fellowship Hall. Place it in the collection plate and Pastor Chris will contact you.

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### MISSIONS

WALK FOR WATER - It is not too late to sign up to participate in the 3 mile walk to fight the global water crisis on SEPTEMBER 20. Please contact Michelle Cramer.

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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 items needed.

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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.

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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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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.

## BIRTHDAYS

Hudson Pryor, 8/17  
Francine Iacovo, 8/19  
Letty Husson, 8/21  
Mim Mazon, 8/22  
Tom Symonds, 8/22  
Leslie Richards, 8/23  
Pat Schwartz, 8/24  
Joe Cservek, 8/25

## ANNIVERSARIES

Diane & JP Moery, 8/17  
Constance & George Ulrich, 8/17

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Candace Payne
Bill Trainer	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Pam Hoel	John Hubbard

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf  
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer  
Gary Bethel, brother of Alan Bethel  
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel  
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  
Leon Smith, friend of Ouida Dell  
Gaven Smith, friend of Ouida Dell  
Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell  
The Frugonis, friends of Marie Baldauf  
Carolyn Kurz, friend of Sheryll Ingram  
Gary Landin, husband of Judi Landin  
Carl Wheeler, brother of Joann Sandruck  
Jack, boy coached by Randy Pryor  
Eula Payton, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
Richard Bibi, husband of a friend of Marie Baldauf

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family Of Linda Jackson, and her son Dean Morris, on Linda's passing On August 9.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Pat Phelps, friend of Will Ross, on Pat's passing.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Edward Burr, brother of Debra Burr, on Edward's recent passing.*

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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.

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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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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.

