



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

August 24, 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 |
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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: Trustee, Tuesday, September 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Missions, Wednesday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m.



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 – Nancy Sariscak and Michele Elek

10:15 – Althea Serrant and Amy Erickson

PRELUDE: “There Will Be Peace in the Valley” - T. Dorsey

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Family of God”

CENTERING MOMENT

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

“I Call Him Lord” - Cliff Duren

Joann Harvey-Sandruck, Pat Schwartz-Ross & Will Ross

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 71:1-6 No. 794

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 13:10-17

8:30 – Charlene King

10:15 – Cynthia Thompson

*OPENING HYMN:

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” No. 731

Verses 1, 3 & 4

***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: “I Cannot Hide from God” - R. Carmichael

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” No. 427
Verses 1, 5 & 6

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:10-17

MESSAGE: “Get the Hump Out of Your Back”
Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION** No. 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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:** “I Want to Be Ready” - arr. Wm. Farley Smith

**Please stand as able.*

PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Thank you for your rapid response to our uniform collection. There is a container in the Fellowship Hall for them. Please cross your name off the signup sheet once deposited. If you missed the opportunity to sign up, there are still spots to fill. Also, there is a need for tissue boxes (any size.) Please bring everything by Sunday, August 31. Any questions, please contact Lois Willig.

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EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Because of our support last year, Epworth served 1,677 children and families through its statewide programs. On Sunday, September 14, 2025, we will participate in the annual Work Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to help Epworth families every day. For more information about Epworth, visit online at www.epworthsc.org. Checks should be made payable to "St. Luke's UMC" with "Epworth" on the memo line. Thank you.

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AUGUST 31 is the fifth Sunday, so we will have one service at 9:15 a.m. There will be a potluck brunch after the service. A signup sheet will be posted to bring a favorite dish to share.

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TODAY everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON at 1:00 pm.

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Stocks or life insurance you no longer need? Consider giving it to the Church.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be on Tuesday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m.

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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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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.

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Schwartz, 8/24
Joe Cservak, 8/25
Sharon Symonds, 8/29
Lee van Rensburg, 8/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Karen & Phil Mitchell, 8/27
Mim & Chick Mazon, 8/31

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Chick and Mim Mazon in honor of their anniversary.

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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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

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| Ruth Dolan | Candace Payne | Scott Wheeler |
| 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
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
Eula Payton, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Richard Bibi, husband of friend of Marie Baldauf
Michele Cramer and her son Matthew
Carol, sister of Constance Ulrich
Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Lisa, friend of Pat Simmons' daughter
Daughter of Don McKay

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Larry Kellog, on Larry's passing.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Cynthia Thompson's cousin, on the passing of Cynthia's cousin.