



# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

August 31, 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.

Church Office:	843-705-3022
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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, September 2 at 9:00 am  
Missions - Wednesday, September 10 at 1:00 pm  
Project 150 - Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm



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**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

Greeters & Ushers - Candace Payne and Fran Iacovo

**PRELUDE:** *"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"* - Handel

## THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*"Family of God"*

## CENTERING MOMENT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

*"The Trees of the Field"*

The Chancel Choir

- Dauermann

## OPENING PRAYER

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 81:1-10 No. 803

**\*GOSPEL READING:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

Michele Elek

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* No. 92

Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6

**\*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:** *"In His Time"* - Diane Ball

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** *"Heralds of Christ"* No. 567

Verses 1 & 3

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

**MESSAGE:** *"Your Blessing..."*  
Rev. Thompson

## \*HYMN OF INVITATION

*"Jesus Is All the World to Me"*

No. 469

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:** *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"*

*\*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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CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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PROJECT 150 - Joe Cservek is looking for volunteers to join the Project 150 team. Please ask him about it and/or come to the meeting on Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30. Hope to see you there!

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Express your gratitude for what you received: add 20% to your giving.

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EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! How Can We Help? Epworth provides care for children and families in our community who have experienced trauma through abuse, neglect, and loss. This care helps to break the destructive cycle and sets them on a better path. On Sunday, September 14th, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. For more information, please visit Epworth online at [www.epworthsc.org](http://www.epworthsc.org). Checks should be made payable to "St. Luke's UMC" with 'Epworth' on the memo line. Thank you!

PRITCHARDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Thank you for your generous support of School Uniforms for Pritchardville Elementary. The new Social Worker will keep us updated on all future needs. She was so overwhelmed by our rapid fulfillment of every item needed. ~ Your Missions Committee

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### BIRTHDAYS

### ANNIVERSARIES

J.W. Harper - 98 years, 9/2

None

Harriet McCauley, 9/2

Bonnie van Rensburg, 9/4

Karen Madsen, 9/6

Pat Simmons, 9/7

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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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### MISSIONS

Please see attached insert.

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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.

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

Ruth Dolan	Candace Payne	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Bill Trainer	Scott Wheeler	
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  
Karen Metz, 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  
Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich  
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
Lisa, friend of Pat Simmons' daughter  
Daughter of Don McKay  
Friend of Donna Stephen

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Constance Ulrich, and the family and friends of Constance's sister, Carol Burrey, on Carol's recent passing.*

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of the son of a friend of Ann Webster, on the son's passing.*

## Missions Happenings – September 2025

- **September 7 -- 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:

Cereal & Oatmeal	Taco Kits
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup	Refried Beans, Salsa
Jelly, Unsweetened Applesauce	Black, Kidney, & Pinto Beans
Shelf Stable Salad Dressing	Cannellini & Garbanzo Beans
Chef Boyardee & SpaghettiOs	Canned Fruit
Shelf Stable Almond Milk	Hearty Soups, Beef Stew, Chilli
Rice & Rice Sides	Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Canned Tomatoes	Sugar, Flour, Cooking Oil
Hamburger Helper, Meal Kits	Shelf Stable Cheese (Velveeta)
Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken	Bread, Muffin, Cookie Mixes
Mayonnaise, Ketchup	Cake Mix, Canned Frosting
Shampoo & Conditioner	Toothpaste
Shaving Cream	Baby Wipes
Training Pants (2T-5T)	Diapers (size 4, 5, 6 & 7)
Deodorant	Feminine Products
Soap & Body Wash	Body Lotion

- **September 7 (Sunday) – Sign-ups begin for Family Promise meals**  
September 25 (Thursday) & September 26 (Friday). Please check the sanctuary bulletin board to help with the items needed.
- **September 10 (Wednesday), 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **September 20 (Saturday) – Walk for Water, 9:00 AM, Wright Family Park, Bluffton** Join St. Luke's team by contacting our Team Captain, Michelle Cramer.
- **September 29, Monday, 10:00 – 12:00 --** Join us in the Fellowship Hall and help make no-sew blankets. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.
- **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.

**Thank you for supporting St. Luke's Missions!**