



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

September 14, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 • Bluffton, SC 29909
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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., 10:00 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: Project 150 - Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 - Constance and George Ulrich

10:15 - Leslie Richards and Amy Erickson

PRELUDE: *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"* arr. Bennett

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Family of God"

CENTERING MOMENT

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child"

arr. Radford

Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING:

Psalms 14

No. 746

*GOSPEL READING:

Luke 15:1-10

8:30 – Francine Iacovo

10:15 – Sherri Prosser

*OPENING HYMN: *"Come, Ye That Love the Lord"*

No. 732

Verses 1, 2 & 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: *"He Is Lord"*

arr. Smither

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*GRADUAL HYMN: *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* No. 400

Verses 1, 2 & 3

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 15:1-10

MESSAGE:

"Lost & Found"
Rev. Thompson

*HYMN OF INVITATION

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

No. 357

Verses 1 & 6

Congregation sings 1st verse

Music interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 6th 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: *"Love Lifted Me"*

**Please stand as able.*

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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MUSIC ON THE GROUNDS - Saturday, SEPTEMBER 27, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Live music, vendor craft tables, food trucks—you won't want to miss it! Bring your friends!

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BLANKET MINISTRY - Monday, SEPTEMBER 29 from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to help make no-sew blankets. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship afterwards.

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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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CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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TODAY WE SHOW OUR SUPPORT OF EPWORTH! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children, youth and families served by Epworth through all of its programs. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering on the bulletin insert. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth, visit them online at www.epworthsc.org. Checks should be made payable to "St. Luke's UMC" with Epworth on the Memo line. Thank you for your donations!

BIRTHDAYS

Mary Cale, 9/16
Megan Gorden, 9/18
Suzanne Gibson, 9/19
Jim Smith, 9/20
Pam Hoel, 9/21

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dave and Janet Baumeister in memory of their parents and brother.

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE - We will be providing meals on Thursday, September 25 and Friday, September 26. Please check the sanctuary bulletin board to help with the items needed.

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.

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.

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A bequest to the Church extends your love beyond your lifetime.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Candace Payne	Bill Trainer
Scott Wheeler	Mim Mazon	Andy & Sharon Makarick
Pam Hoel	John Hubbard	Judi & Gary Landin

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
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
Bethany, granddaughter of Ouida Dell
Sheila Palamina, friend of Althea Serrant
Micky Yew, relative of Linda Fisher
John Busby, nephew of J.W. Harper