



*St. Luke's*

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

September 21, 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: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday - 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The Pastor will not have office hours on Wednesday, September 24 as he has a meeting in Columbia. 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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 - Linda and Bill Metcalf

10:15 - Leslie Richards and Linda Fisher

**PRELUDE:** *"Prayer"*

- David Guion

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*"Family of God"*

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"My Tribute"*

No. 99

Sing Twice

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALTER READING:**

Psalms 4

No. 741

**\*GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 16:1-13

8:30 – Lee van Rensburg

10:15 – Cynthia Thompson

**\*OPENING HYMN:**

*"O Jesus, My King and My Sovereign"*

No. 180

Verses 1, 2 & 3

**\*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:** *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* arr. Smither

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** *"Seek Ye First"*

No. 405

Verses 1 & 2

**SCRIPTURE:**

Luke 16:1-13

**MESSAGE:**

*"You Cannot Serve..."*  
Rev. Thompson

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

No. 398

Verses 3 & 4

Congregation sings 3<sup>rd</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:** *"He Keeps Me Singing"*

*\*Please stand as able.*

MUSIC ON THE GROUNDS – Saturday, SEPTEMBER 27, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Live music, vendors' craft tables, food trucks—you won't want to miss it! Bring your friends! HELP is needed in directing people to the back lot and also directing people for parking when they reach the back lot. Please see Bill Husson if you are able to help.

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#### BIRTHDAYS

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Pam Hoel, 9/21

None this week

Barb Silcox, 9/26

Chick Mazon, 9/28

Ann Webster, 9/28

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Letty and Bill Husson in memory of their parents.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Megan Gorden and David Sytsma on their marriage on September 20.

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CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – Next Sunday, September 28, everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 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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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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OLLI is offering a course at St. Luke's on October 20. If you are interested in LEADING A TOUR OF THE CEMETERY, please see Alan Bethel or Kathy Smith. They will provide information and will practice with you.

St. Luke's will be having a Celebration of Life memorial Service for Rick Hoel on Monday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m. After the service, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

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CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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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.

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EPWORTH... Thank you for your donations to the "Work Day" offering for Epworth Children's Home. If you missed this opportunity to donate, it is not too late, just make your check payable to St. Luke's with "Epworth" on the memo line or use an envelope for cash with your name and Epworth on the outside. Thank you!

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.

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Got some stocks that really soured? Give them directly to the Church and avoid the taxes.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CONGREGANTS

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

### 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  
Karen, friend of Judi Landin  
Family of Charlie Kirk  
Greg, husband of Leslie Richards  
Connor Hughes, nephew of Margo Cservek  
Lynn Hickie, friend of Phyllis Sippel  
Persephone, sister of Penelope Power, guest of St. Luke's  
Travel mercies for Norm & Shirley Stark,  
Nancy & John Sariscak, Diana & Walker Hamilton,  
Carla Carte and Phyllis Sippel and Phyllis's granddaughter, Jessie

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Phyllis Sippel and the family and friends of Phyllis's Aunt Rose, on Rose's recent passing.*