



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

September 28, 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 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, October 7 at 9:00 am
Missions - Wednesday, October 8 at 1:00 pm
Church Council - Thursday, October 9 at 3:30 pm



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 - Pat and Will Ross

10:15 – Barb Silcox and Amy Erickson

PRELUDE: *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

- Louis Herold

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Family of God”

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Verses 1 & 4

No.103

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING:

Psalms 91:1-6; 14-16

No. 810

***GOSPEL READING:**

8:30 – Will Ross

10:15 – Sherri Prosser

Luke 16:19-31

***OPENING HYMN:**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Verses 1, 2 & 4

No. 514

***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: *“Mediation”*

- Stickles

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

No. 189

Verses 1, 3 & 4

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 16:19-31

MESSAGE:

“Who Do You Listen To?”

Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“It Is Well With My Soul”

No. 377

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:** *“Triumphal March”*

**Please stand as able.*

CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – TODAY everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents of Canterfield at 1:00 p.m.

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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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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.

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BIRTHDAYS

Chick Mazon, 9/28
Ann Webster, 9/28
Susie Brown, 10/1
Allen Webster, 10/1
Matthew Metropolis, 10/4

ANNIVERSARIES

Diana & Walker Hamilton, 9/30

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

MISSIONS

Please see insert.

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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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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If you have been blessed: it is now time to "pay back."

Missions Happenings – October 2025

- **October 5 -- 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
Black, Red & White Beans	Cream Soups, Hearty Soups
Shelf Stable Salad Dressing	Canned Corn, Canned Peas
Chef Boyardee & SpaghettiOs	Canned Fruit
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Beef Stew, Chili
Rice & Rice Sides	Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Broth or Stock (low sodium)	Shelf Stable Almond Milk
Canned Tomatoes	Sugar, Flour, Cooking Oil
Hamburger Helper, Meal Kits	Shelf Stable Cheese (Velveeta)
Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken	Bread, Muffin, Cookie Mixes
Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard	Macaroni & Cheese
Shampoo & Conditioner	Toothpaste
Shaving Cream	Baby Wipes
Training Pants (2T-5T)	Diapers (size 4, 5, 6 & 7)
Feminine Products	Soap & Body Wash

- **October 8 (Wednesday), 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **October 12 (Sunday)** – Sign-ups begin for **Family Promise** meals for October 30 (Thursday) and October 31 (Friday). Please check the sanctuary bulletin board to help with the items needed.
- **October 27 (Monday) 10:00 AM , Prayer Blanket Ministry** – 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.
- **October 27 (Monday) 11:30 AM, Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Kick Off** – Everyone is invited to come by and pick up a shoebox (bring a lunch if you would like). Dessert and drinks will be served.
- **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.

Please see the Missions Matters section in the October Newsletter for more information – Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Beverly Cook	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
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
Greg, husband of Leslie Richards
Connor Hughes, nephew of Margo Cservek
Lynn Hickle, friend of Phyllis Sippel
Linda, best friend of Judi Landin's daughter, Nikki
Jenny, granddaughter of Tina Blount
Todd, son of Rich Rohde