

POUR OUT YOUR
Holy Spirit
ON US GATHERED HERE,

AND ON THESE
gifts OF BREAD
AND WINE.



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: The Pastor will not have office hours this week from September 8th – September 10th but will return from his meetings in Columbia on Thursday, September 11th. Please text or call his cell phone (864-704-0728) for an appointment to be sure he doesn't have a prior commitment.

MEETINGS: Missions - Wednesday, September 10 at 1:00 pm
Project 150 - Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30 pm



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Where Friends and Faith Meet

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 - Jerry Vagnier and John Sariscak

10:15- Barb Silcox and Leslie Richards

PRELUDE: *"Here's One"* -Transitional American Spiritual

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Family of God"

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

Verses 1, 3 & 5

No. 160

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING:

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

No. 854

*GOSPEL READING:

8:30 Joann Sandruck

10:15 Althea Serrant

Luke 14:25-33

*OPENING HYMN:

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Verses 1, 2 & 4

No. 298

*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: *"Morning"*

-Stickles

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*GRADUAL HYMN: *"Where He Leads Me"*

Verses 1, 3 & 4

No. 338

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 14:25-33

MESSAGE:

"The Cost of Discipleship"

Rev. Thompson

*SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine"

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:

"Onward Christian Soldiers"

Sir Arthur Sullivan

**Please stand as able.*

TODAY, at the conclusion of the service, baskets will be available for donations to the PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND. Individuals seeking these donations may need assistance with housing, food, or medical expenses.

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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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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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Look at what you have. Now is the time to "give back" to the Lord and his Church.

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DON'T FORGET THE EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING NEXT

SUNDAY. Next Sunday, September 14, is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. The Work Day offering is our opportunity to partner with Epworth to improve the lives of the children and families they serve. 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Simmons, 9/7

Curtis Genga, 9/9

Karen Jordan, 9/10

Dave Fisher, 9/13

Sheryll Ingram, 9/13

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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 a 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 at 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.

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

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
The families of the children involved in the shooting last week and students who have been traumatized
Missing children
Bethany, granddaughter of Ouida Dell

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Barb O'Connor, friend of Lois Willig, on Barb's passing.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Don Potter, neighbor of Ouida Dell, on Don's passing.