

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

**Pastor** 



Where Friends and Faith Meet

October 19, 2025 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

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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 - Thursday, 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: Nominating – Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1:00 p.m.

Charge Conference – Sunday, Nov. 2, in Sanctuary

after Second service

Trustees – Tuesday, Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m. Missions – Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:00 p.m. Project 150 – Wednesday, Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m.



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 19, 2025

**Greeters & Ushers** 

8:30 - Chris Hauck and Rich Rohde

10:15 – Margo and Joe Cservek

PRELUDE: "Celebrate the Day" -Paxton

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Family of God"

**CENTERING MOMENT** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: "This is the Day" No. 657

Verse 1

**OPENING PRAYER** 

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 19 No. 750

\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1-8

8:30 – Diana Hamilton

10:15 - Sherri Prosser

\*OPENING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

Verses 1, 3 & 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:** "O for the Wings of a Dove" -Mendelssohn

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95

\*GRADUAL HYMN: "Wonderful Words of Life" No. 600

Verses 1, 2 & 3

**SCRIPTURE:** 2 Timothy 3:13 - 4:5

**MESSAGE:** "The Time: is It coming or is it Here?"

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\*HYMN OF INVITATION

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 430

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" (Holding hands is optional)
(Hymnal inside back cover)

\*POSTLUDE: "March Religieuse" -Mozart

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as able.

CHOIR PRACTACE - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. **BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES** Peggy Firtion, 10/20 Karen & Alan Jordan, 10/19 Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pat Schwartz and Will Ross in praises for their life together. CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – Next Sunday, October 26 everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 p.m. OCTOBER 26 is Casual Friends and Family Sunday. Dress casually in orange and bring a friend or neighbor to one of the Sunday services! 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. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – THURSDAYS from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, facilitated by Pastor Chris. Please bring your Bible.

# **MISSIONS**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) SHOEBOXES KICK OFF (SAMARITAN'S PURSE) - Come join us in the Fellowship Hall on MONDAY, October 27 at 11:30 a.m. after the blanket ministry. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship; dessert and drinks will be served. Shoeboxes will be available, along with information on how to pack a box. If you have any questions, Leslie Richards or Jane Tiffany will be available to assist. Each shoebox is a vessel of God's love to a child.

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FAMILY PROMISE - We will be providing meals on October 30 (Thursday) and October 31 (Friday). Please check the Sanctuary bulletin board to help with the items needed.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY - October 27 (Monday) 10:00 a.m. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall and help make nosew blankets.

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, 10:00-12:00. Please contact Leslie Richards at for more information.

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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 signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Sariscak or Amy Erickson.
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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Is your love for the Church reflected in your giving?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

## CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan Beverly Cook Judi & Gary Landin John Sariscak Scott Wheeler Andy & Sharon Makarick Marie Baldauf Bill Trainer

Karen Jordan Mim Mazon Pam Hoel John Hubbard Lois Finch Charlene King

## 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

Eula Payton, friend of Cynthia Thompson

Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich

Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson

Daughter of Don McKay

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

Connor Hughes, nephew of Margo Cservek

Lynn Hickle, friend of Phyllis Sippel

Persephone, sister of Penelope Power, guest of St. Luke's

Linda, best friend of Judi Landin's daughter, Nikki

Jenny, granddaughter of Tina Blount

Todd, son of Rich Rohde

Kevin and his wife, friends of Stanley O'Rear

Kimberly, daughter of Pat Schwartz

Lewis Cheu, brother of Letty Husson

Jason, son of Sherri Prosser

Carolyn, friend of Sheryll Ingram

Martha, friend of Margo Cservek

Safe travels for Jim and Kathy Smith, Phyllis Sippel and Linda Fisher and her family members

The released hostages

Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Carl Wheeler, brother of Joann Sandrick, on Carl's recent passing.