

A small American flag is planted in a field of tall grass. In the foreground, a dog tag hangs from a chain. The background is a soft-focus field of green grass under a warm, golden light.

Thank You for Your Service

*We bless you in the
name of the LORD.*

PSALM 129:8

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: No office hours this week as Pastor Chris will be on vacation. Pastor Scarlett Hester of Bluffton UMC will be covering for him. She can be reached at 843.757.3351.

MEETINGS: Missions – Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:00 p.m.
Project 150 – Wednesday, Nov. 12, 5:30 p.m.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Where Friends and Faith Meet
Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost November 9, 2025

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 – Carla Carte and Michele Elek

10:15 – Barb Silcox and Amy Erickson

PRELUDE: *“Sicilienne”* - Faure’
Sherri Prosser, flute’

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

“Family of God”

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“Come, Holy Spirit” - Houghton
The Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 25 (see attached)

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 11:1-12
8:30 – Charlene King
10:15 – Michelle Cramer

***OPENING HYMN:**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” No. 103
Verses 1, 3 & 4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**, an Easter Creed No. 888

***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 Lord, Your Tenderness”* - Kendrick

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:**

“Faith of Our Fathers” No. 710
Verses 1, 2 & 3

TODAY WE ARE HONORING OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO HEAVEN THIS YEAR.

St. Luke’s members being honored today are:

Robert Clark, 4/14/25	Richard LaFever, 8/4/25
Joan Nations, 7/19/25	Richard Vineyard, 8/5/25
Jane Wick, 7/24/25	Linda Jackson, 8/9/25
James (Rick) Hoel, 7/31/25	

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:6-9

MESSAGE: “To Be Announced”
Rev. Dr. Lee van Rensburg

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” No. 454

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:** *“He Keeps Me Singing”*

*Please stand as able.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Psalm 25 (an acrostic reading)

- L. *ADORATION*, I offer to my Lord, to you, my God.
- P. *BUT* in my trust in you, do not put me to shame,
let not my enemies gloat over me.
- L. *CALLING* to you, none shall ever be put to shame
but shame is theirs who groundlessly break faith.
- P. *DIRECT* me in your ways, O Lord, and teach me
your paths.
- L. *ENCOURAGE* me to walk in your truth and teach
me since you are God.
- P. *FOR* my hope is in you all day long – such is
your generosity, O Lord.
- L. *GOODNESS* and faithful love have been yours
forever, O Lord, do not forget them.
- P. *HOLD* not my youthful sins against me but
remember me as your faithful love dictates.
- L. *INTEGRITY* and generosity are the marks of
the Lord, for he brings sinners back to the path.
- P. *JUDICIOUSLY* he guides the humble, instructing
the poor in his way.
- L. *KINDNESS* unfailing and constancy mark all
the Lord's paths for those who keep his covenant
and decrees.
- P. *LET* my sin, great though it is, be forgiven,
O Lord, for the sake of your name.
- L. *MEN* who respect the Lord, what of them? He
teaches them the way they must choose.

- P. *NEIGHBORS* to happiness will they live, and
their children inherit the land.
- L. *ONLY* those who fear the Lord have his secret
and his covenant for their understanding.
- P. *PERMANENTLY* my eyes are on the Lord, for
he will free my feet from the snare.
- L. *QUICK*, turn to me, pity me alone and wretched
as I am.
- P. *RELIEVE* the distress of my heart, bring me out
of my constraint.
- L. *SPARE* a glance for my misery and pain, take all
my sins away.
- P. *TAKE* note how countless are my enemies, how
violent is their hatred for me.
- L. *UNLESS* you guard me and rescue me I shall be
put to shame for you are my refuge.
- P. *VIRTUE* and integrity be my protection for
my hope, is in you.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 22, 4:30 p.m. is MEXICAN TRAIN NIGHT.
Join the fun and bring a friend! Dinner will be served.

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MEMBERSHIP: On Sunday, NOVEMBER 23, we will be “welcoming new members” at our ONE SERVICE at 9:15 a.m. If you would like to join St. Luke’s please fill out an “Invitation to Membership” form found on the bulletin board and also in the Fellowship Hall. Place it in the collection plate and Pastor Chris will contact you.

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On Tuesday, NOVEMBER 25 at 6:00 p.m. St. Luke’s will be hosting an evening THANKSGIVING service with the other Methodist churches in the area. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food items. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after the service.

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On NOVEMBER 28 at 10:00 a.m. please come and help DECORATE the church in preparation for Advent. Hope to see you there!

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NOVEMBER 29, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please support our HOLIDAY FLEA MARKET, CRAFT & BAKE SALE. We will be needing baked goods to sell. Please bring items early and price the items you bring. Also, come and purchase items from our vendors!

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NOVEMBER 30 we will have ONE SERVICE at 9:15 a.m. Please join us for a meal at Ma Daisy’s in Old Town Bluffton immediately after the service. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board and in Fellowship Hall to sign up for the brunch.

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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.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – the next and final Bible study for this year will be on Dec. 4th. It will resume on January 8th for a study on the book of Revelation.

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CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARY

George Ulrich, 11/10
Margo Cservek, 11/13
Phil Mitchell, 11/16
Penelope Power, 11/17

None

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Today’s flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ouida Dell in loving memory of her daughter, Melissa.

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UMCOR – Please pray for people in Jamaica, Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic as Hurricane Melissa passed by leaving much destruction to the islands. As the needs of those impacted by Hurricane Melissa become clear in the coming days, UMCOR is prepared to support the response efforts of our Methodist partners in Jamaica and the Caribbean. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to St. Luke’s UMC with UMCOR Advance #982450 on the memo line. Thanks.

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

MISSIONS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - Shoeboxes are available in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Leslie Richards or Jane Tiffany if you have any questions. The LAST DAY to drop off the boxes is Sunday, November 16.

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Starting next Sunday, November 16, check in at Fellowship Hall for our "ADOPT A CHILD FROM PRITCHARDVILLE" holiday mission. Children have been identified, and shopping cards are available with clothing sizes and basic wishes. We are making these names available for Black Friday shopping, perhaps with your young relatives to help. Details included with each card! Questions please contact Lois Willig.

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Thanksgiving at the FAMILY PROMISE SHELTER - St. Luke's will provide THANKSGIVING dinner for the families at the Freedom House shelter. To provide the best meal at the best price, we will use Missions Funds to purchase the food at Sam's Club. We will then assemble the dinner and deliver it on Thanksgiving Day.

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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, 10:00-12:00. Please contact Leslie Richards for more information. Please also let Leslie know if you are interested in going to Agape on Wednesdays.

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BLUFFTON SELF HELP has an URGENT critical need for items to stock their food pantry shelves. Our First Sunday van was packed full of your generous donations that are greatly appreciated, but your extra help during this crisis is so important. Please drop off donations in the Bluffton Self Help Basket in the Fellowship Hall. We will be sure they are delivered. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Beverly Cook	Judi & Gary Landin	Althea Serrant
Bill Trainer	Lynn Cuthsall	Andy & Sharon Makarick	
Mim Mazon	Pam Hoel	Norm Stark	
John Hubbard	Lois Finch	Charlene King	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf
David Sharp, son of Beverly Cook
Norman Neus
Bobby Cleland, nephew of Ouida Dell
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson
Daughter of Don McKay
Sheila Palamina, friend of Althea Serrant
Lynn Hickie, friend of Phyllis Sippel
Persephone, sister of Penelope Power
Linda, best friend of Judi Landin's daughter, Nikki
Carolyn, friend of Sheryll Ingram
Martha, friend of Margo Cservek
Dawn, friend of Nancy Sariscak
Tony Hubbard, nephew of John Hubbard
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek
Patrick, son of friend of Amy Dauplaise
Sharon Mogel, friend of Marie Baldauf
Ellen, wife of Richard Rohde
Todd, son of Richard Rohde
Margo, friend of Constance Ulrich
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton
June, sister of Janet Jacoby
Nancy, friend of Janet Jacoby
Dawn Sharp, daughter of Beverly Cook
Heather, friend of Sherri Prosser
Nancy, mother-in-law of Michelle Cramer
Nicole, daughter of friend of Amy Dauplaise
Kayla, granddaughter of Leslie Richards

- Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Ginny, aunt of Pastor Chris, on Ginny's recent passing.
- Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Gus Divas, neighbor of Nancy & John Sariscak, on Gus's recent passing.
- Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Barbara, neighbor of Tina Blount, on Barbara's recent passing.