



## 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:

Tues., March 3 – Trustees **CANCELLED**

Tues., March 10 at 11:00 a.m. - Project 150 **NEW TIME!**

Tues., March 10 at 2:00 p.m. – PPRC

Tues. March 10 at 5:00 p.m. – Audit Comm.

Wed., March 11 at 2:00 p.m. - Missions



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

**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 a.m. – Jerry Vagnier & John Sariscak

10:15 a.m. – Barb Silcox and Leslie Richards

**PRELUDE:** *“Rejoice in the Lord”*

-Hamilton

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* No. 185  
Verses 1, 2 & 4

**OPENING PRAYER**– Congregation prays together:

Dear Lord, let your divine power flow through us! May you guide us to those who need us, and guide us to those who we need to serve your holy kingdom. Today, may we remain fixated on your mission and serve with a servant’s heart. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 121 No. 844

**\*GOSPEL READING:** John 3:1-17  
8:30 – Charlene King  
10:15 – Sherri Prosser

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”* No. 371  
Verses 1, 4 & 5

**\*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:** *“Jesus, My Jesus”* -Cymbala

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** *“Blessed Assurance”* No. 369  
Verses 1, 2 & 3

**SCRIPTURE:** John 3:1-17 &  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**MESSAGE:** *“He Came By Night to Receive Faith Through the Light”*  
Rev. Thompson

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*“One Bread, One Body”*

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:** *“Lord, Send Me Anywhere”* -Lopez

\*Please stand as able.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND – 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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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – 8:00 a.m. Monday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Contact Alan Bethel or Dr. Lee van Rensburg for additional information.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays; meet & greet at 5:30; study from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our current study is the Book of Revelation. Please bring your Bibles.

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

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LENTEN SERVICES – We will have four Wednesday afternoon Lenten Services at 12:00 noon with a light lunch afterwards on the following dates:

- **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at **Bluffton UMC**
- **March 11<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Luke's UMC\***
- **March 18<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Andrew's Church, HHI**
- **March 25<sup>th</sup>** at **Church of the Palms**

Please check the newsletter for more information.

\*St. Luke's will be hosting the Lenten Service and Luncheon on Wednesday March 11, 2026.

Noon - 12:30 Service; 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. light lunch.

Help is needed for different shifts 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and/or to help supply menu items. Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions - see Lois Willig.

HISTORIC TOURS - The congregation is invited to attend a special historic tour of St. Luke's church and graveyard on March 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Beginning in April, we will conduct tours on the third Thursday of each month. These tours will be open to the community. Our first public tour will be April 16 at 10:00 a.m. No reservations are necessary.

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE – Sign up sheets will be posted on March 8 for meals on Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27. Please check the bulletin board to help with the items needed.

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SPECIAL OFFERING FOR UMCOR – Additional information will be in our church newsletter. Envelopes will be in the bulletin for your offering.

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PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY – We will not be having Prayer Blanket Ministry in March..

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AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER – 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville. Saturdays and Wednesdays, 10:00:-12:00. Help distribute fresh food to local families in need. No advanced sign-up needed - just show up.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Amy Erickson, 3/2  
Elnora Ekholm, 3/2  
John Sariscak, 3/6  
Randy Pryor, 3/9

None

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Nancy Sariscak in celebration of her husband John's birthday.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER – Please silence your cell phones, and refrain from using them, if possible, during Sunday services, as it can be a distraction to others. Thanks!

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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  
Dave Fisher  
Mim Mazon

Judi & Gary Landin  
Amy Dauplaise  
Lois Finch

Andy & Sharon Makarick  
Fran Iacovo  
Harold Prosser

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS**

Hannah Nystrom, friend of Marie Baldauf  
Beverly Byrd, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
Daughter of Don McKay  
Persephone, sister of Penelope Power  
Debbie Hamilton, sister-in-law of Diana & Walker Hamilton  
Dale Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier  
Diane Gorden, mother of Megan Sytsma  
Diane Oder, friend of Diana Hamilton  
Steve Rose, friend of Candace Payne  
Pete Burger, friend of Jane Tiffany  
John, grandnephew of Meg Carmody  
Todd Rohde, son of Rich Rohde  
Angie, Karl and Zahn, son and family of Bill Husson  
Buffy Hopkins, friend of Dawn Hall  
Pat Lawn, brother of Carol Jackson  
Donna Lewis, sister of Tina Topoleski  
Pat, neighbor of Janet Jacoby  
Barbara Kohlmann, friend of Tina Blount  
Tina, friend of Donna Hauck  
Dottie Appgar, former member  
Debbie, sister of Diana Hamilton  
Carol Hubbard, friend of J.W. Harper  
Elaine, friend of Michele Elek  
Maury and Larry Leedy, brother and sister-in-law of Carole Bethel  
Diane Losk, friend of several church members  
Karen, friend of Tina Blount  
Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel  
Bobbi Kramer, friend of Nancy & John Sariscak  
Jack Reed and his family  
Joe, husband of Lynn Cutshall  
Ed Molchan, friend of Diana Hamilton  
Kiwana James, friend of Cynthia Thompson  
Brian, Wanda and Ken Wooden, friends of Dawn Hall  
Jessica Smoltz, friend of Shirley Hamilton  
Rebecca, friend of Leslie Van  
Jennifer, friend of Sherri Prosser  
*Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Doris Doyle, friend of Peggy Firtion, on Doris's passing on February 19.*