



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

March 15, 2026
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 – Bluffton, SC 29909
www.stlukesumc-okatie.org

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:



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

Greeters & Ushers

8:30 a.m. – Stan O’Rear and Meg Carmody

10:15 a.m. – Margo and Joe Cservek

PRELUDE: “*Speak to Me in Ashes*”

- Nolan

The Chancel Choir

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** “*Sing Alleluia to the Lord*”

- Stassen

The Chancel Choir

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:

Psalms 23

No. 754

***GOSPEL READING:**

John 9:1-41

8:30 – Will Ross

10:15 – Cathy Hamlin

***OPENING HYMN:**

“*He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*”

No. 128

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: “*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*”

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** “*Be Thou My Vision*”

No. 451

Verses 1, 2 & 3

SCRIPTURE:

John 9:1-41

Ephesians 5:8-14

MESSAGE:

“I Was Blind, But Now I See”

Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“*Open My Eyes, That I May See*”

No. 454

Verses 1 & 3

Congregation sings 1st verse

Music Interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 3rd 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:** “*Lead Me, Guide Me*”

*Please stand as able.

EASTER LILIES - If you would like to have an Easter Lily placed in front of St. Luke's on Easter morning, please pick up an order form from the back of the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. Clearly fill in your name(s) and the name(s) for dedication of the lily. (In "memory of " for those we've lost or "in honor of" those still here with us.) These names will be included in our Easter bulletin. **The cost is \$15.00 each.** If paying by check, please make it payable to "St. Luke's UMC" with "Lilies" on the memo line. Return this form to Lois Willig or place in the offering plate. **The Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 29th.** You have an option to take the lily home following our Easter service, or we will donate it to a shut-in. Questions, see Lois Willig 843-304-1086.

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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 Sarisak at nlsack72@gmail.com or Amy Erickson at amyhousererickson@gmail.com.

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FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS – Please contact Amy Erickson (amyhousererickson@gmail.com) 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 amyhousererickson@gmail.com and Linda Metcalf lmetcalf2010@hotmail.com. **Please let us know when loved ones' names can come off the prayer list so we keep it up-to-date.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

Ruth Dolan	Judi & Gary Landin	Andy & Sharon Makarick	Jack Reed
Dave Fisher	Amy Dauplaise	Thomas Cook	
Mim Mazon	Lois Finch	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
 Tina, friend of Donna Hauck
 Dottie Apgar, former member
 Debbie, sister of Diana Hamilton
 Diane Losk, friend of several church members
 Karen, friend of Tina Blount
 Jonathan Bethel, grandson of Alan and Carole Bethel
 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
 Jan, neighborhood friend of Judi Landin
 Connie and Rick, friends of Susie and Michael Brown
 Jim and Larua, friends of Susie and Michael Brown
 Barbara and Al, friends of Susie and Michael Brown
 Daughter of Susie and Michael Brown
 Travel mercies for Phyllis Sippel
 Steven Nelson, friend of Marie Baldauf

Our deepest prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Freddie Robinson, Uncle of Pastor Chris, on Freddie's passing on March 9.

UMCOR SPECIAL OFFERING - TODAY we will observe UMCOR Sunday (United Methodist Committee on Relief.) UMCOR supports individuals, families and communities affected by natural or human-caused disasters- famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events. The UMCOR Sunday special offering helps cover the operating costs of this nonprofit UMC organization ensuring that 100% of gifts given in response to disasters go to assist with the disaster. If you care to participate, please make your check payable to St. Luke's UMC with UMCOR Sunday on the memo line or if you give cash, write it on an envelope and include your name.

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LENTEN SERVICES -12:00 noon with a light lunch afterwards:

March 18 at St. Andrew's Church, HHI
March 25 at Bluffton UMC

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

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 16, we will conduct tours on the 3rd Thursday of each month. These tours will be open to the community. No reservations are necessary.

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MOVIE NIGHT - Saturday, MARCH 28, 4:00 p.m.in Fellowship Hall.

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MARCH 29 -Join us for the Palm Sunday CANTATA service at 9:15 a.m., followed by a pot luck brunch. Please see the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall to bring a dish.

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ST. JOHN IN EXILE - Church of the Palms will be showing this movie at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, MARCH 29 in their Fellowship Hall. St. Luke's is invited to attend.

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The Color of the Month is GREEN. Please wear green MARCH 22.

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 PRATICE - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Rich Schaltegger, 3/16
Sharon Melancon, 3/19
Joyce Haskins, 3/21

None

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by David Lynde in memory of his wife, Priscilla.

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE - We will be providing meals on Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27. Please check the bulletin board in the Sanctuary to help with the items needed.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY - We will NOT be having Prayer Blanket Ministry in March.

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.

If you are going through an illness or another crisis and can use support, please let us know. Marie Baldauf leads this ministry, which can help by providing a meal, a visit, or caring phone calls. Please contact Marie at baldaufmarie@gmail.com.