



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson
Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

March 8, 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:

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



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Third Sunday in Lent March 8, 2026
Scouting Ministries Sunday

Greeters & Ushers
8:30 a.m. – Constance and George Ulrich
10:15 a.m. – Althea Serrant and Amy Erickson

PRELUDE: *“Praise Him, Praise Him”* -arr. Bennett

THREE BELLS
Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *“Let There Be Peace on Earth”* No. 431

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 95 No. 814

***GOSPEL READING:** John 4:5-42
8:30 – Alan Jordan
10:15 – Althea Serrant

***OPENING HYMN:** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”* No. 89
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:** *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* -Shackley

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”* No. 731
Verses 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE: John 4:5-42 &
Romans 5:1-11

MESSAGE: *“It Happened at the Well”*
Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
“Jesus Is All the World to Me” No. 469
Verses 1 & 4
Congregation sings 1st verse
Music Interlude during invitation
Congregation sings 4th 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:** *“Marche Romaine”* -Gounod

*Please stand as able.

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

- **March 11th at St. Luke's UMC***
- **March 18th at St. Andrew's Church, HHI**
- **March 25th at Bluffton UMC**

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. with the buffet lunch. Parking guides are especially needed before the noon service both in front and back lots. See signup sheet in Fellowship Hall. Questions - see Lois Willig.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Randy Pryor, 3/9

None

Armen Hagopian, 3/11

J.P. Moery, 3/12

George Batten, 3/15

Rich Schaltegger, 3/16

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

The Rose on the altar this Sunday is given by Dawn Hall in memory of her husband, Bob Herzberger.

POT LUCK – There will be a Pot Luck Brunch on March 29 following the Palm Sunday Cantata Service. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

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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.

UMCOR SPECIAL OFFERING – Next week, March 15, 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. Your donations equip UMCOR to respond quickly when disaster strikes and to stay for the long term. From training volunteers to keeping the office lights on, 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.

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.

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 Judi & Gary Landin Andy & Sharon Makarick Jack Reed
Dave Fisher Amy Dauplaise Fran Iacovo John Sariscak
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
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
Karen, friend of Tina Blount
Jan, neighborhood friend of Judi Landin
Nancy Sariscak's family up North
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
Peace on Earth

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the friends and family of Carol Corkem, friend of Ouida Dell, on Carol's recent passing.