



# St. Luke's

## United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson  
Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

April 12, 2026  
8:30 and 10:15 a.m.

3080 Okatie Hwy. 170 – Bluffton, SC 29909  
[www.stlukesumc-okatie.org](http://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:

Visions Committee – 3:30 p.m., Tues., April 14  
Church Council – 3:30 p.m., Thurs., April 23



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**Marsha Gerber**, Music Director

Second Sunday of Easter April 12, 2026

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 - Kathy and Jim Smith

10:15 - Linda Fisher and Elizabeth Vance

**PRELUDE:** *"My Lord and My God"* -Mallard

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"* No. 420  
Verses 1, 3 & 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 16:5-11 No. 748

**\*GOSPEL READING:** John 20:19-31

8:30 - Charlene King

10:15 Cynthia Thompson

**OPENING HYMN:** *"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"* No. 304  
Verses 1, 2 & 3

**\*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:** *"His Strength Is Perfect"* -Chapman/Salley

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"* No. 384  
Verses 1, 2 & 4

**SCRIPTURE:**

**MESSAGE:** From our Native American Guest Speaker  
Joan Garris

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**  
*"Because He Lives"* No. 364

Verses 1 & 3

Congregation sings 1<sup>st</sup> verse

Music Interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 3<sup>rd</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:** *"Lord, Lead Me"* -Mallard

\*Please stand as able.

GOD'S ACRES FOR LUNCH – Instead of our usual 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday (April 25<sup>th</sup>) fellowship game night, we are planning a luncheon at an Amish spot. If you are planning on going, please sign for the God's Acres outing. We could provide a bus so we could all ride together if enough people are going.

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TODAY, we will have one of our Special Sunday offerings in observance of Native American Sunday.

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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.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. on the Book of Revelation. Please bring your Bibles.

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

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

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CREATIVE CARD MAKING CLASSES will begin on APRIL 18 in Fellowship Hall from 1-3 p.m. The classes will usually meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Registration is required. Please email [creative.cards.n.crafts@gmail.com](mailto:creative.cards.n.crafts@gmail.com) if you would like to participate.

BIRTHDAYS

Sandi Coupland, 4/10 (belated)  
Bryan Metzger, 4/11 (belated)  
Charlene King, 4/12  
Lynne Wheeler, 4/18

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ANNIVERSARIES

None

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Candace Payne in memory of son, Robert, and husband, John.

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MISSIONS

PRITCHARDVILLE – The Multi Language Department at Pritchardville Elementary will be holding their final Family Game Night of this school year in April. If you are able to supply any of these “prizes” please deposit them in the ML bin in Fellowship Hall (do not need to be wrapped):

Sticker books; socks (all sizes); family board/card games; sensory toys such as Slime, Legos, and Jenga; disinfectant wipes, cleaning spray and \$5 - \$10 gift cards to Dollar Stores or fast-food restaurants. The deadline is Sunday, APRIL 19. Thank you for helping the entire family with learning English.

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FAMILY PROMISE – We will be providing meals on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24. Please check the bulletin board to help with the needed items.

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PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY – Please join us in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, April 27 to make no-sew blankets. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship after the blanket-making.

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AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CEENTER – 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville. Saturdays and Wednesdays, from 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 distracting to others. Thanks!

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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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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.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CONGREGANTS**

Amy Dauplaise

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS**

Linda Lorick, sister of Ouida Dell  
Beverly Byrd and her family, friends of Cynthia Thompson  
Jack Dodson, son of neighbor of Tina Topoleski  
Paula, friend of Nettie Peck  
The Abercrombie family, friends of Charlene King  
Steve Nelson, friend of Marie Baldauf

*Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the son-in-law of Dawn Hall, and the Bower family, on his father's recent passing.*