



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

April 19, 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:

Church Council – 3:30 p.m., Thurs., April 23



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 -Michele Elek and Nancy Sariscak

10:15 - Margo and Joe Cservek

PRELUDE: *"The Celebration of Life"* -Davidson

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"* No. 185
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 116:1-4, 12-19 No. 837

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 24:13-35
8:30 - Letty Husson
10:15 - Cynthia Thompson

OPENING HYMN: *"Come, We That Love the Lord"* No. 732
Verses 1, 2 & 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:** *"Sweet By and By"* -Webster

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *"Christ Is Alive"* No. 318
Verses 1, 4 & 5

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE: "The Emmaus Road"
Rev. Thompson

***HYMN OF INVITATION** No. 454
"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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:** *"Postlude in C"* -Grieg

*Please stand as able.

GOD'S ACRES FOR LUNCH – Instead of our usual 4th Saturday (April 25th) 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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CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – Next Sunday, April 26, everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 pm.

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The Color of the Month is PINK. Please wear pink on APRIL 26.

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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 – 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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CREATIVE CARD MAKING CLASSES - The classes will usually meet in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of each month. Registration is required. Please email crea8tive.cards.n.crafts@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! - Because of our support last year, Epworth served 2,230 children and families through its statewide programs in 2025. On Sunday, May 10th, 2026, we will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to help Epworth make a difference in the lives of children and families every day. For more information about Epworth, visit online at www.epworthsc.org.

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BIRTHDAYS

Beverly Cook, 4/22

Allyn Perdue, 4/24

Christopher Thompson, Jr., 4/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Janet & Dave Baumeister, 4/23

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kathy and Jim Smith in memory of Kathy's brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Darlene Bolam.

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MISSIONS

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.

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.

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 Thomas Cook
Dave Jacoby Fran Iacovo

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Linda Lorick, sister of Ouida Dell
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
Phyllis, mother of Margo Cservek
Carol Hubbard, relative of John Hubbard
Fred and Lisa, brother and sister-in-law of Elizabeth Vance
Tom Finken, friend of Quida Dell

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Beverly Byrd, friend of the Thompsons, on Beverly's passing.