



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

April 26, 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:

Trustees – Tuesday, May 5, 9:00 a.m.
Missions – Wednesday, May 13, 1:00 p.m.



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 - Bill and Linda Metcalf

10:15 - Thomas and Beverly Cook

PRELUDE: *"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"* - Sleeth
The Chancel Choir

THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CENTERING MOMENT

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"Shepherd Me, O God"*
The Chancel Choir

- Haugen

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 23 No. 754

***GOSPEL READING:** John 10:1-10

8:30 – Joann Sandruck

10:15 – Beverly Cook

OPENING HYMN: *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* No. 577
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:** *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"* No. 128
Verses 1, 2 & 4

MESSAGE: "Follow the Shepherd"
Kathy Smith, Lay Leader

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

No. 381

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:** *"Lead Me, Guide Me"*

*Please stand as able.

CANTERFIELD OF BLUFFTON – TODAY everyone is invited to come and participate in a brief message and communion for residents at 1:00 pm.

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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: meet and greet at 5:30; study from 6:00-7:00 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 at 10:00 a.m. These tours are open to the community. No reservations are necessary.

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CREATIVE CARD MAKING CLASSES - The next class will take place on Saturday, May 16 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please email crea8tive.cards.n.crafts@gmail.com if you would like to register.

BIRTHDAYS

Denise Pryor, 4/29
Beth King, 5/3

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy & Jim Smith, 4/26

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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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HOW CAN WE HELP? EPWORTH provides care for children and families in our community who have experienced trauma through abuse, neglect, and loss. This care helps to break the destructive cycle and sets them on a better path. On Sunday, MAY 10th, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthsc.org. Donations should be made **payable to St. Luke's UMC** with Epworth on the memo line or on the cash envelope. Thank you.

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MISSIONS

Please see insert.

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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.

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 Nancy & John Sariscak
Dave Jacoby Fran Iacovo Don King

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Linda Lorick, sister of Ouida Dell
Jack Dodson, son of Tina Topoleski's neighbor.
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
Grandson of Louise Propst
Children and family of Beverly Byrd

Missions Happenings – May 2026

- **April 27 (Monday) 10:00 AM, Prayer Blanket Ministry** – Join us in the Fellowship Hall to make no-sew blankets. Bring lunch and stay for a time of fellowship afterwards.

- **May 3 -- First Sunday Mission for Bluffton Self Help**

Help stock the market for summer. Donations will be collected in our parking lot before each worship service. Here are the most-needed items:

Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken	Canned Fruit
Canned Chili, SpaghettiOs	Hearty Soups
Canned Beef Stew	Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Rice & Rice Sides	Skillet Meal Kits
Taco Kits, Salsa, Refried Beans	Cooking Oil
Pancake Mix & Maple Syrup	Flour, Sugar
Unsweetened Applesauce	Shelf-Stable Cheese
Shelf-Stable Almond Milk	Ketchup, Mustard
Shelf-Stable Salad Dressing	Jelly
Shampoo & Conditioner	Body Wash

- **May 10 (Sunday) – Special Offering for Epworth Children’s Home**
- **May 10 (Sunday) – Sign-ups begin for Family Promise meals** for June 4 (Thursday) and June 5 (Friday). Please check the bulletin board to help with the needed items.
- **May 13 (Wednesday) 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **Saturdays and Wednesdays, 10:00-12:00 -- Agape Family Life Center**, 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville – Help distribute fresh food to local families in need. No advance sign-up needed—just show up.

Your donations and service are appreciated!