

CHRIST
THE LORD IS
RISEN
TODAY,

Alleluia!

YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS THE NAZARENE, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.
HE HAS RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE. | MARK 16:6 (NIV)

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 – 9:00 a.m., Tues., April 7
Missions – 1:00 p.m., Wed., April 8 (meeting in **Sanctuary**)
CPR/AED training – 2:00, Wed., April 8
Visions Committee – 3:30 p.m., Tues., April 14
Church Council – 3:30 p.m., Thurs., April 23



Luke's United Methodist Church
Where Friends and Faith Meet
Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Easter Sunday April 5, 2026

Greeters & Ushers: John Sariscak and Jerry Vagnier

PRELUDE: *"Panis Angelicus"* - Franck
Sherri Prosser, flute

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

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"Christ the Lord is Risen, Alleluia!"*
The Chancel Choir - Albrecht/Althouse

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 118:14-29 No. 839

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 24:1-12
Pat Schwartz

OPENING HYMN: *"He Lives"* No. 310
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:** *"More Like You"* - Brown

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *"Up From the Grave He Arose"* No. 322
Verses 1, 2 & 3

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-12

MESSAGE: *"Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?"*
Rev. Thompson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"We Remember You"

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:** *"Sing Alleluia to the Lord"*

*Please stand as able.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONGREGANTS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Linda Lorick, sister of Ouida Dell

EASTER LILIES - If you requested to take a lily home today, please do so right after the service. If you know of a shut-in who would appreciate an Easter Lily, please let Lois Willig know.

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PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND – Today, at the conclusion of the service, baskets will be available for donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Individuals seeking these donations may need assistance with housing, food or medical expenses.

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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 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.

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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A MEMORIAL SERVICE for our long-time member, Bill Trainer, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, APRIL 8 in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. Please see Lois Willig if you are able to help in any capacity.

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CPR and AED TRAINING: Joe Cservek has arranged for training by Sam of the Bluffton Fire Department on Wednesday, APRIL 8 at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. While everyone is invited to attend and participate, it is particularly important that those who have previously signed up to attend actually do attend, as 7 people are required to participate in order for the Bluffton Fire Department to agree to travel to us to train.

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HISTORIC TOURS – 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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CREATIVE CARD MAKING CLASSES will begin on APRIL 18 in Fellowship Hall from 1-3 p.m. The classes will usually meet the 3rd Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of each month. Registration is required. Please email creativecards&crafts@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

MISSIONS

Please see insert. Please also note that we will be collecting for BLUFFTON SELF HELP next Sunday, APRIL 12.

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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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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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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Kennedy Pryor, 4/5

None

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We are pleased that several community groups utilize our Fellowship Hall for their meetings. This is another way St. Luke's serves as a hospital for the heart! ❤️

- Sundays, 1:30-3:30 – Trinity Christian Church
- Mondays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Just for Today AI Anon
- Mondays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. – Keep it Simple Men's AA Group
- Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. - Clear-Cut Directions AA Group
- 3rd Tuesday & 3rd Sat., 12:15 – 4:00 p.m. – Pamela Carter - card making
- Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Drop the Rock AA Group
- Fridays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Living Free Women's AA Group
- Every other Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop 4071
- Fridays 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Depth & Weight AA Group

Missions Happenings – April 2026

- **April 5 (Sunday)** – Sign-ups begin for **Family Promise** meals on April 23 (Thursday) and April 24 (Friday). Please check the bulletin board to help with the needed items.
- **April 5-19** – Drop off items in Fellowship Hall for **Pritchardville Elementary** Multi-Language Family Game Night. See bulletin and newsletter for suggested items.
- **April 8 (Wednesday) 1:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting** in the Sanctuary. Everyone welcome!
- **April 12 -- Second Sunday Mission for Bluffton Self Help**
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
Hygiene Items: Soap & Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner,
Baby Wipes, Diapers (size 4, 5, 6 & 7), Training Pants (2T-4T)

- **April 12 – Native American Sunday (& Special Offering) –**
Guest Speaker, Becky Gee
- **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 after the blanket-making.
- **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.