



# St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

May 24, 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.

Church Office:	843-705-3022
Mailing Address:	PO Box 2779 Bluffton, SC 29910
Location:	3080 Okatie Hwy., Bluffton 29909
Website:	<a href="http://www.stlukesumc-okatie.org">www.stlukesumc-okatie.org</a>
Church's email address:	<a href="mailto:stlukesumc.hwy170@gmail.com">stlukesumc.hwy170@gmail.com</a>

Pastor's Mailing Address:	Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson 465 Live Oak Walk Bluffton, SC 29910
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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, June 2 at 9:00 a.m.  
Missions, Wednesday, June 10 at 1:00 p.m.



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Day of Pentecost May 24, 2026

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30 - Linda and Bill Metcalf

10:15 - Leslie Richards and Amy Erickson

**PRELUDE:** *"Prelude No. 3 in C Minor"* - Rollin

**THREE BELLS**

Chiming of the Trinity (See our prayer list)

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CENTERING MOMENT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"Seek Ye First"* No. 405  
Verses 1 & 2

**OPENING PRAYER-**

**PSALTER READING:** Psalm 104:24-35 No. 826

**\*GOSPEL READING:** John 7:37-39

8:30 – Letty Husson

10:15 – Aaron Metropolis

**OPENING HYMN:** *"Forward Through the Ages"* No. 555  
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:** *"I Will Sing Praise to My God"*

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 95

**\*GRADUAL HYMN:** *"Where Charity and Love Prevail"* No. 549  
Verses 1, 5 & 6

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 23: 1-12

**MESSAGE:** "Humility You Can Be Proud Of"  
Pastor Jim Smith, CLM Retired

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

*"Are Ye Able"* No. 530

Verses 1 & 4

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

Music Interlude during invitation

Congregation sings 4<sup>th</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:** *"We Sing the Mighty Power of God"* - arr. Page

\*Please stand as able.

This MEMORIAL DAY we pause to honor and remember the courageous men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

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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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CREATIVE CARD MAKING CLASSES - The next class will take place on Saturday, JUNE 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please email [crea8tive.cards.n.crafts@gmail.com](mailto:crea8tive.cards.n.crafts@gmail.com) if you would like to register.

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Wear your favorite hat and join the St. Luke's family as we BID FAREWELL to Pastor Chris & Cynthia on Saturday, JUNE 20 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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HISTORIC TOURS will be conducted on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. These tours are open to the community. No reservations are necessary.

An educational initiative of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, the HILTON HEAD CHAMBER MUSIC INSTITUTE (HHCMI) will take place from June 10–20, 2026. Founded in 2018, HHCMI provides an intensive training program focused on the art of small ensemble playing. Designed for outstanding young musicians from across the United States who possess a strong focus on chamber music performance, the program is led by world-renowned violinist, Carolyn Huebl and cellist, Felix Wang, faculty members from the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University. The HHCMI will COME TO ST. LUKE'S United Methodist Church on Tuesday, JUNE 16, for a free master class beginning at 6:30 pm. The faculty will coach student string quartets on the works they have been preparing for performance later in the Institute. This is a unique opportunity to see "how the sausage is made" in preparation for performances that culminate at the conclusion of the HHCMI. All St. Luke's members and guests are encouraged to attend this free event. More information about the HHCMI is available at <https://judychambermusic.wixsite.com/hhcmi>. (St. Luke's is providing a pot-luck dinner for the students and faculty prior to the master class.) Thanks to Nancy Sariscak for overseeing this special event!

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Sandruck, 5/24  
Lois Willig, 5/24  
Nancy Sariscak, 5/27  
Jerry Vagnier, 5/29  
Paula Swope, 5/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Beth & Eric Woods, 5/25  
Donna & Chris Hauck, 5/29

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Donna and Chris Hauck in memory of Chris's mother, Carol.

**MISSIONS**

FAMILY PROMISE – We will provide meals on Thursday, June 4 and Friday, June 5. Please check the bulletin board in the Sanctuary to help with the needed items.

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AGAPE FAMILY LIFE CENTER – 5855 Okatie Hwy., Hardeeville. Saturdays and Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 12:00. Help distribute fresh food to local families in need. No advanced sig-up needed – just show up.

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FAMILY PROMISE – Donations collected on the first Sunday of the month or can be left in the basket in Fellowship Hall at any time.

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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.

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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    Jennifer Bernhard  
Susie & Michael Brown    Marsha Gerber    Ouida Dell  
Fran Iacovo                      Don King              John & Nancy Sariscak

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS**

Jack Dodson, son of Tina Topoleski’s neighbor  
The Abercrombie family, friends of Charlene King  
Steve Nelson, friend of Marie Baldauf  
Carol Hubbard, relative of John Hubbard  
Fred and Lisa, brother and sister-in-law of Elizabeth Vance  
Grandson of Louise Propst  
Karen, friend of Tina Blount  
Denise, niece of Judi Landin  
Ann and her husband, neighbors of the Cservek’s  
David and Lynn Clearwater, friends of Beverly and Thomas Cook  
Darrel Lawrence, nephew of Jerry Vagnier  
Beth, friend of Nettie Peck  
Pete Berntson, former Pastor of Church of the Palms  
Constance Cole, friend of Ouida Dell  
Charlene Cooler, sister of Ouida Dell  
Doris, daughter of Dawn Hall  
Beth Marshall, acquaintance of Dawn Hall  
Lynn Cushing, Ed Oglesby and Dotty Apgar, friends of Pat Schwartz and Will Ross  
Mikey, friend of nephew of Nancy Sariscak  
Brody, nephew of Nancy Sariscak  
Alyson, friend of Nancy Sariscak’s nephew  
Traveling mercies for Blair, daughter of Diana Hamilton, and Blair’s family;  
Niki, daughter of Judi Landin; Joe Cservek and Barb Silcox