



For God so
loved
the world,

that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth
in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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.
Nominations Committee – Monday, May 18, 1:00 p.m.



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

Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Greeters & Ushers:

8:30- Jerry Vagnier and John Sariscak

10:15 - Harriet McCauley and Barb Silcox

PRELUDE: *"Sonata of Worship"*

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THREE BELLS

Chiming of the Trinity

(See our prayer list)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *"How Firm a Foundation"*

No. 529

Verses 1, 4 & 5

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:

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

No. 764

***GOSPEL READING:**

John 14:1-14

8:30 – Michele Elek

10:15 – Michelle Cramer

OPENING HYMN: *"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"* No. 101

Verses 1, 2 & 4

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

No. 881

***GLORIA PATRI** *"Glory Be to the Father"*

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

**THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS/
OFFERTORY:** *"Close to Thee"*

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** *"When We All Get to Heaven"*

No. 701

Verses 1,3 & 4

SCRIPTURE:

John 14:1-14 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

MESSAGE:

"You Are Chosen"
Rev. Thompson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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:** *"Because He Lives"*

*Please stand as able.

NEXT SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE OUR MOTHERS AND EPWORTH!

Most of the children served by Epworth will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff or foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. The Mother's Day offering is our opportunity to partner with Epworth to improve the lives of the children and families they serve. 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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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 Al 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 Sat., 1:00– 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

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MISSIONS

FAMILY PROMISE – Signup sheets will be available today for Family Promise meals on Thursday, June 4 and Friday, June 5. Please check the bulletin board 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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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.

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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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

- Beth King, 5/3
- Beth Woods, 5/10
- Jean Shaffer, 5/11

- Margo & Joe Cservek, 5/6
- Carol & Sam Rossa, 5/7

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Armen Hagopian and Tina Topoleski in memory of Armen's wife and Tina's mother, Oksana Hagopian.

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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.

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
Ouida Dell Fran Iacovo Don King

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CONGREGANTS

Jack Dodson, the son of Tina Topoleski's neighbor
Paula, friend of Nettie Peck
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
Tom Finken, friend of Ouida Dell
Grandson of Louise Propst
Diane Gilliam, friend of Charlene King
Karen, friend of Tina Blount
Denise, niece of Judi Landin
Ann and her husband, neighbors oof the Cservek's
David and Lynn Clearwater, friends of Beverly and Thomas Cook