



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Christopher L. Thompson

Pastor



Where Friends and Faith Meet

May 31, 2026
9:15 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, June 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Missions, Wednesday, June 10 at 1:00 p.m.



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Marsha Gerber, Music Director

Trinity Sunday May 31, 2026

Greeters & Ushers:
9:15 – Meg Carmody & Stan O’Rear

PRELUDE: “Prelude No. 2 in C Major” -Rollin

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

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

CALL TO WORSHIP:
“Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet” -Sleeth
The Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER READING: Psalm 8 No. 743

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 28:16-20
9:15 – Kathy Smith

OPENING HYMN:
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” No. 64
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:** “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” -Gabriel

***DOXOLOGY** No. 95

***GRADUAL HYMN:** “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” No. 382
Verses 1, 2 & 4

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:18-19

MESSAGE: “Turn the Page!”
Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson
Orangeburg and Walterboro District Superintendent

***HYMN OF INVITATION**
“O Jesus, I Have Promised” No. 396
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:** “Crescendo” -Per Lasson

*Please stand as able.

We welcome our guest speaker, Rev. Kenneth L. Nelson, the Orangeburg and Walterboro District Superintendent for the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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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 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Leslie Van, 6/3

Dell & J.W. Harper, 6/2

Dave Baumeister, Jr., 6/4

Linda & George Batten, 6/4

Sherri Prosser, 6/4

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Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cathy Hamlin in memory of her husband, Corey.

PRAYER REQUESTS

MISSIONS (Please see the insert)

BLUFFTON SELF HELP – 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.

CONGREGANTS

Amy Dauplaise Thomas Cook Andy & Sharon Makarick
Susie & Michael Brown Harold Prosser Marsha Gerber
Fran Iacovo Don King
Jennifer Bernhard Ouida Dell

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
David Kennedy, friend of Tina Blount
Eileen, friend of Fran Iacovo
Steve Rose, friend of Candace Payne

Missions Happenings – June 2026

- **June 4 (Thursday) 9:00-9:30 AM** – Drop off food at the Fellowship Hall for **Family Promise** meals on June 4 & June 5.
- **June 7 -- 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
- **June 10 (Wednesday) 1:00 PM** – **Missions Committee Meeting** in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone welcome!
- **June 14 (Sunday)** – **Special Offering** for **United Methodist Student Day**.
- **June 14 (Sunday)** – Sign-ups begin for **Family Promise** meals for July 9 (Thursday) and July 10 (Friday). Please check the sanctuary bulletin board to help with the needed items.
- **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.

Thank you for supporting St. Luke's Missions!