



St. Luke's Methodist Church

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**Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.**

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



We're glad you are here as part of the St. Luke's family today.

Please let us know you are here by filling out a registration form in the pews or by using your phone's camera to scan this QR code, which will link you to our online attendance registration page. (Or go to the webpage at www.stlukemethodistcctx.org where you can tap the Attendance Registration button and also see other news and info from St. Luke's.)



9 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's altar comes from Matthew 28:19:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Songs

*Sharing of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Prayer of Confession

*Scripture: Romans 9: 1-5

Today's Message

The Great Thanksgiving

Invitation of Christian Discipleship

*Benediction

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10 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CHILDREN & YOUTH CLASSES

Infants (0—18 Months)	105
Children (19 Months—Kinder)	205
Grades 1—5	203
Grades 6—12 Youth	201

ADULT CLASSES

Genesis	Moore Hall
Triangle	109

Have Young Children?

We have a loving staff to care for our Little Saints (infants through elementary age) during each of our worship services.

Grow in Your Faith—Find a Class or Group

See the schedule above for Sunday Classes from 10:00—10:45 AM for all ages. We also have Bible Studies and Small Groups that meet throughout the week—see the GROUPS & STUDIES insert

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Rebekah's Cupboard Food Pantry is the **second Thursday** of each month. Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution at St. Luke's or Casa De Oro Apts. Volunteers may contact Lynn Martinez or arrive at the church at **12:40 pm Thursday, August 13th to help**.

Lay Readers needed for the 11 am Traditional Worship Service. Typically, lay readers perform such functions as reading lessons, leading the Prayers of the People, and reading the scripture verse for the week. Openings for 2025 are available. If your interested please contact the church office to sign up.

Ushers are needed for both 9 & 11 am services. Responsibilities include seating guests, collecting offering, and maintaining the order and security of services.

Greeters are needed for both 9 & 11 am services. Responsibilities include: warm welcome to members and guests, escort people to destination, creating an atmosphere that all entering the building are never alone or lost.

J 2 J (Grief Meals) Committee is a caring ministry which helps with the preparation and serving of a light meal or refreshments following a funeral or church memorial service. Volunteers may contact Nancy Nesbitt (361)793-1719 to join.

Fellowship Committee plans social activities for the church in hopes of pulling everyone together to fellowship with each other and get to know one another better. Activities may include a church picnic, group outing, chili cookout, or Sunday Pot-Luck meals. Please contact the church office to help.

Office Angels assist by handling incoming phone calls, greeting visitors, folding weekly bulletins, helping with mass mail-outs including monthly newsletter, filing as needed. If you'd like to help with a few hours at a time or a full day please contact the church office to volunteer.

Have a prayer request? We have Prayer Warriors ready to pray! Send an email to stlukescpprayerline@gmail.com. If you'd like to join the St. Luke's Prayer Warriors please contact the church office to volunteer.

Your St. Luke's Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Bradley L. DeHaven, Sr. Pastor
Amber McMahon-Baxter, Administrative Assistant
Becky Hope, Director of Discipleship Ministries
Fernando Fernandez, Jr., Director of Traditional Music
Lisa DeHaven, Church Pianist
Kimberly Botary, Custodian
Ashley Rodriguez, BSN, RN, CCM--MHM Nurse
Erica Garcia, LPC --MHM Counselor

Financial Support & Stewardship

"In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." —Proverbs 3:6, 9-10



Ways to give:

- In Worship (place in offering plate or basket)
 - Mail to the Church office
 - Automatic Bank Draft (call office to set up)
 - PayPal or Major Credit Card or Debit Card
- please scan the QR Code.



Please contact the church office on Tuesdays if you have any questions (361) 854-5374

August's Communion Rail Offering

Our communion rail offering for August is to help support CCISD's Kid's Closet (Students in Transition). This initiative aims to provide essential resources and support for students in need within the community. Contributions will help fund school supplies, clothing, and other necessities to ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed in their educational journey. By coming together as a community, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of these students, fostering a supportive and nurturing environment for learning and growth. Your generosity can inspire hope and open doors to new possibilities for young minds. Please prayerfully consider your offering.



Please silence your cellphone during worship.

11 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

ORDER OF WORSHIP

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ENTRANCE

*Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *Enter in God’s House in Praise and Thanksgiving!*

WELCOME AND GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and over all. We gather at His table, where no one earns a place but no one is turned away.
We come just as we are, not as we ought to be, but trusting in the one who calls us still.
Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
What amazing grace, that even our wandering hearts are known and loved by him.
Come to the table. Come just as you are.
Let us worship Christ, who is God over all.

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)*
Lord Jesus, Paul’s anguish in this passage is the anguish of love – the grief of watching those he loved most stand at the edge of the greatest gift ever offered and turn away. We feel the weight of that today as we come to your table, knowing that this same gift is set before us. We do not come because our faith is strong or our lives are consistent. We come because you are calling – and your grace is more than enough for what we bring. Meet us here, in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup, and make us more than we have been. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
(Greet one another, especially those you might not know yet!)

***OPENING HYMN**

OGRP 504

“Softly and Tenderly”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In Unison)*
Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole hearts. And we confess that this failure is not for lack of knowing better. Like Paul, we have done what we did not want to do and left undone what we meant to do. The remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear. Lord, plant within us a principle of love that holds when willpower fails, a grace that goes deeper than our best intentions. Pardon all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(Silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the neame of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God! Amen!

PRAYER HYMN

OGRP 509

“Just As I Am” vs. 1,4

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
(Please complete and place Prayer Cards in offering plate.)

OFFERTORY MUSIC

CHANCEL CHOIR

***DOXOLOGY**

OGRP 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** *(In unison)*
Lord, we confess that we have sometimes been among those Paul mourned. Claiming the name of Christ while living as though he were not truly Lord. We have received your grace without letting it change us, sat at your table without examining what we brought to it, sung of your mercy without extending it to others. We come now, just as we are, with aching hearts, for our own wandering, and for those we love who have not yet received the peace that passes understanding. Have mercy on us. Feed us at this table, and make us whole. Amen.

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 9: 1-5

New Testament

Pew Bible Pg. 148

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks Be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Brad DeHaven

“Aching Hearts”

THANKSGIVING

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

OGRP 731-734

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

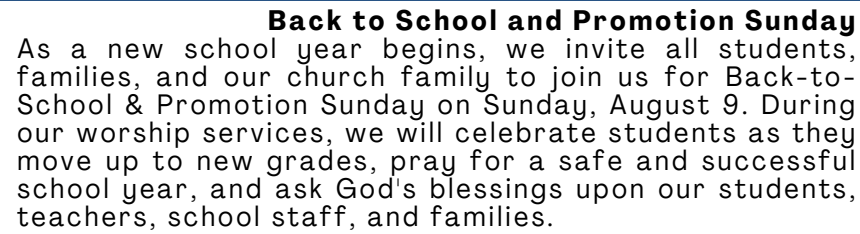
***HYMN OF INVITATION**

OGRP 572

“Amazing Grace”

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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Congregation Responds:  
We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in St. Luke’s Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.



The WallShakers invite you to participate in a Prayer Walk to Ray High School on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. We will meet together at the church and walk in prayer to the school. Let's come together to pray for the safety and well-being of the students, teachers, and staff as they embark on a new school year.



On August 30<sup>th</sup> the Little Saints will bless the congregation with a song they have been learning in both services. A pot luck will be held in Moore Hall following the 11 am service. Please sign up to bring your favorite dish to share! Come and enjoy good food and fun fellowship! (Sign up sheet will be available soon)



**Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Worship Committee Meeting @ 12:30 pm

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Back to School Blessings and Promotion Sunday**

**Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** – Prayer Walk to Ray High School @ 9:30am  
**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** – Fifth Sunday Sing (during children's time at both services) and Potluck (following 11am service)

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – Office is closed in observance of Labor Day**

**Children's Hula Dancing** with Susan Strong meets on **Mondays @ 6 pm** in Moore Hall.

**Choir** rehearsal is on **Wednesday evenings @ 7:30 pm.**

**Class Meeting** with Sherrie Johnson meets on **Tuesdays at 12 pm**

**Emmaus Reunion Group** is open to men and women who have attended a Walk to Emmaus. The group meets the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 12pm**. This group meets in the Parlor on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and at different restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, please talk to Becky or Amber in the office if you are interested in joining!

**Exercise Class** takes place three times a week on **Monday, Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at **10 am** in Moore Hall. Come and enjoy the fellowship while getting healthy!

**Fourth Friday Forty-Two Fellowship**, meets on the **fourth Friday** of every month at **7 pm** and fellowships together during a game of Forty-Two. All are welcome, experienced and newbies!

**Girlfriends in Grace** (Woman's Group) meet every 3rd Monday of the month @ **5:30 pm** in the Parlor. The next meeting is **Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Men's Breakfast Group** meets once a week on **Mondays @ 7:30 am** in Moore Hall.

**Men's Group** meets once a week on **Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm.**

**Youth Group** meets **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm** in room 201.

## Worship at St. Luke's Methodist Church, Corpus Christi

We offer Sunday morning worship services at 9 am in Moore Hall & 11 am in our Sanctuary. Additionally, we offer a mid-week service on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Chapel. Traveling or sick? Worship with us online—services are live-streamed each Sunday and Wednesday on Facebook. Scan the QR code to watch!



**Did you know St. Luke's has a Facebook page?** This is where many upcoming events, live-streamed services, and so much more are posted and shared on the social networking platform. Please scan the QR code above to link to our Facebook Page.

**In addition** to Facebook, we also send out a weekly newsletter on Monday called “The Weekly Worship” and a monthly newsletter “The Messenger” close to the first of every month. These are great ways to stay current with all the exciting ministries around St. Luke’s.

**Not receiving emails?** Go to <https://stlukesmethodistcctx.org/contact/> and let us know you wish to be added to the church emails like our weekly Prayer Warrior list, Monthly Newsletter, or general all-church announcements.

**Not into all the digital media?** Please check the backside of this insert labeled Announcements. This is where you will find all the current and upcoming events, studies, etc. You can also check out the fliers that are posted around the church (and check out the TV monitors too!) to stay up to date with special events happening. You may also find a printed version of “The Messenger” at each of the Information Tables located around the church.

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**Thank you for  
worshiping  
with us today.**

St. Luke's  
Methodist Church

