St. Luke's Methodist Church

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GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

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

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Twenty-Fourth 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.stlukesmethodistcctx.org where you can tap the Attendance Registration button and also see other news and info from St. Luke's.)

9 AM INFUSE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Today's altar comes from Matthew 6:10:
"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome & Announcements

***Opening Songs**

***Sharing of God's Tithe and Our Offerings**

Prayer of Confession

***Scripture: Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25**

Message

Invitation of Christian Discipleship

***Benediction**

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, November 12th 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 stlukesccprayerline@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



November's Communion Rail Offering

November's communion rail offering is designated to do towards St. Luke's Rebekah's Cupboard. Our food pantry is a ministry of caring and compassion that helps provide food for individuals and families in our community. Serving the 78411 and 78404 zip codes, the pantry opens on the second Thursday of each month at 1 pm. Through the generosity of our congregation the food pantry is able to assist an average of 60 households every month. This is a growing need in our community.
Rebekah's Cupboard helps ease the burden of food insecurity and reminds our neighbors that they are not alone. Every donation makes a difference in helping us continue this important ministry and share God's love with those in need. Please prayerfully consider your offering as you come to the Lord's table on November 1st. Thank you for helping us nourish both bodies and spirits as we serve our community in Christ's name.

Please silence your cellphone during worship.

OGRP--Our Great Redeemer's Praise
TFWS--The Faith We Sing
Large print Hymnals are available in the Narthex.

11 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP ORDER OF WORSHIP TWENTY-FOURTH 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**
Now therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness.
The Lord brought us out of slavery and has been with us along the way.
Put away the gods that glitter and tempt us.
Let us worship the one, true God, ancient of days and faithful still.
Choose this day whom you will serve.
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In unison)*
Holy and gracious God, you are our strength and our delight. You brought Israel out of slavery and into a rich new land, and you have brought us here this morning by that same faithful hand. We come with gratitude for everything you have given us to live, and for the responsibility to steward your blessings for all the generations to come. Overwhelm us with your goodness. Make this hour a choosing, a turning of our whole hearts toward you, and give us the courage to mean it. Amen.

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

***OPENING HYMN** **OGRP 16**
"The God of Abraham Praise"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
(As the children come forward, please join in singing "Jesus Loves Me" OGRP 155)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In unison)*
Lord, we confess that we are easily distracted by all that glitters. We have polished the idols we claim not to have: our comfort, our treasures, our reputation, our need to be right. We have grasped for more rather than trust your provision, and chased our own happiness while you stood ready to give us life. We confess that we have chosen you with our lips and served other things with our days. Forgive us, and turn us back to you, the source of life and the fount of all that is good. *(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 name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God! Amen!

PRAYER HYMN **OGRP 437**
"The Ten Commandments" vs. 1-2

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(In unison)* **OGRP 700**
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***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 FOR ILLUMINATION** *(In unison)*
Lord, Joshua put a choice before your people, and your Word puts it before us still. By your Spirit, open our ears to hear it plainly, and our hearts to answer it. Amen.

***SCRIPTURE READING** **Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25**
Old Testament **Pew Bible Pgs. 205-206**
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks Be to God!

SERMON **Rev. Dr. Brad DeHaven**
"Choose!"

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** **OGRP 691**

***GLORIA PATRI** **OGRP 33**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

***HYMN OF INVITATION** **OGRP 603**
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

***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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

During this special time of year, as you prepare to celebrate the upcoming season of Christmas, we invite you to joing with us in fulfilling a child's Christmas wish by participating in Angel Tree 2026. What better way to show our love than to share a gift with a child.



"Angels" will be ready to be picked up on Nov. 15th at both worship services. Recommended spending is $20-$25 for (1) need and $20-$25 for (1) want for a total of between $40-$50 per child. If you don't feel up to the shopping, we will have a designated shopper who can make purchases on your behalf. Unwrapped gifts can be brought to the church on Sunday, Dec. 13th or dropped at the office during the week before. Your generosity and kindness will touch the heart of a child making Christmas truly special.

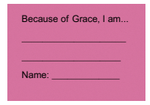
If you have any questions please reach out to Laura Jones (361) 443-8283 or Pat Vaughn (361) 548-3119.



Guess what time is coming! Turkey Day! Join us for our Never Again Turkey Dinner for a fun time of fellowship, food, and fun. Food is free! There will be a silent auction with many exciting options to bid on and a dessert auction with tasty treats! This event is hosted by the St. Luke's Youth Group. All proceeds will go towards youth events, mission work, camps, and much more!

Do you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction or would you like to sign up to help? Reach out to Becky Hope in the church office.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY! November 22. Come celebrate God's blessings and our faithful response: as part of the celebration please complete the card provided in this bulliten, representing all that God has done, all He is doing, and how His grace continues to work through us. We are blessed by grace. We are loved by grace. We give because of grace.



Help us prepare our worship spaces for the Advent Season. Join us for the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 22nd following the 11 am service for a joyous time of decorating for the coming Christ. A Potato Bar lunch will be provided for all volunteers.



Save The Dates:
Saturday, November 14th – Joyce Burke's Memorial @ 10 am
Sunday, November 15th – Never Again Turkey Dinner @ 12:30 pm
Sunday, November 22nd -- Stewardship Sunday
Sunday, November 22nd – Hanging of the Greens
Wednesday, November 25th & Thursday, November 26th – Church Office is Closed
Thursday, November 26th – Thanksgiving Day

GROUPS & STUDIES

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 (Sisters in Christ) is open to women who have attended a Walk to Emmaus. The group meets the **1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 12pm.** This group meets in the Parlor on the 1st Thursday and at different restaurants on the 3rd Thursday, please talk to Becky 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!

Girlfriends in Grace (Woman's Group) meet every 3rd Monday of the month @ **5:30 pm** in the Parlor. We will not meet in November and will join together with Missions on **Monday, Dec. 14th @ 3:30pm**

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**.**

If your meeting/group/event is not on this schedule or is incorrect please see Amber in the church office.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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!

Stay in the Know

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 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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SERMON NOTES

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

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