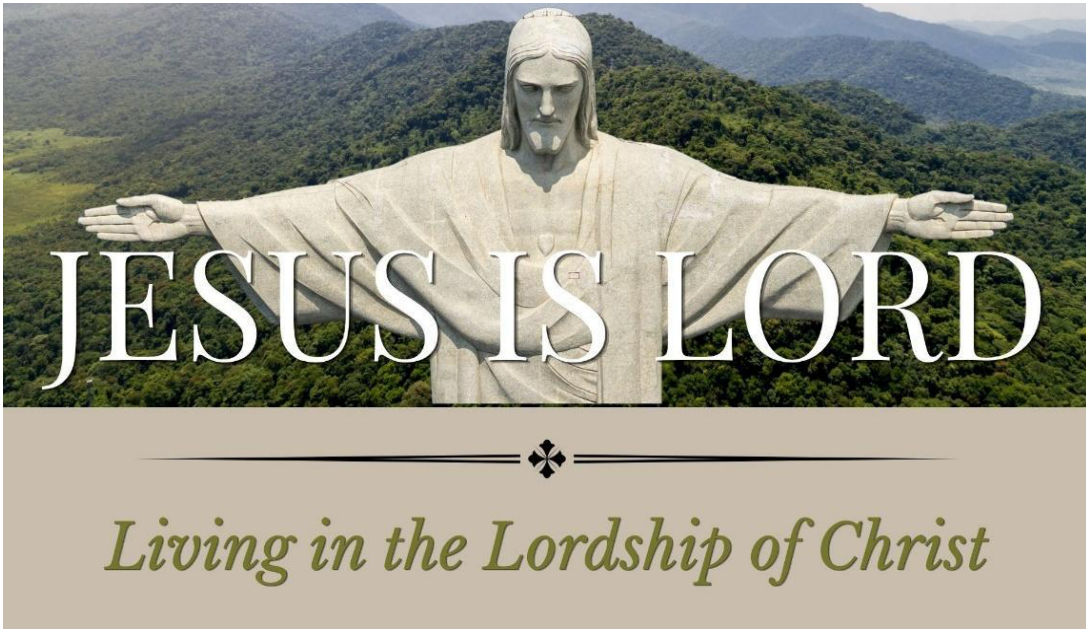




September 27th, 2026
11:15 am • Sanctuary & Online

CHURCH OFFICE

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Tuesday & Thursday 9 am – 12:30 pm
The pastors are available by appointment

Your Pastoral Team

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WELCOME

Welcome to St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Every week, we look forward to this time to gather as a community. We are glad YOU are here today with us!

You can use this bulletin to help lead through worship and throughout the week. We truly hope you enjoy your time here this morning and hope you return soon.

Some logistics you may find helpful:

- Worship runs about an hour and fifteen minutes, sometimes a bit shorter & sometimes a bit longer.
- Grab a nametag from the table in the Narthex. If you are a guest, our Hospitality Team will be happy to assist you.
- The restrooms are straight out the sanctuary doors and down the hall.
- Prayer Cards are available in the pew in front of you and in the narthex. Please place your prayer card in the offering plate when it comes around toward the end of the service. It is our joy and privilege to be praying with and for you.
- We have several ways you can give financially to support St. Luke's mission.
 1. Place cash/check in the offering plate or mail to the church.
 2. Text any amount to (833) 959-1469.
 3. Visit st-lukesumc.com/give.
 4. Use your bank's bill payer system.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

UMH: United Methodist Hymnal • TFWS: The Faith We Sing

**Please stand as you are able*

WE GATHER

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship*

Hymn* | *God of Grace and God of Glory* – UMH 577

WE PROCLAIM

Affirmation of Faith* | *The Apostles' Creed* – UMH 881

Gloria Patri* | *Glory Be To The Father* – UMH 70

Pastoral Prayer

Passing of the Peace*

Hymn* | *Lead On, O King Eternal* – UMH 580

Prayer For Illumination

Scripture Reading | *Luke 4: 16-21* CEB

Choral Response | *He Is Lord* – UMH 177

Message | *Justice* – Rev. Sue Garcia

WE RESPOND

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

Doxology* | *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* – UMH 95

Offertory Prayer*

WE GO OUT

Hymn* | *Here I Am, Lord* – UMH 593

Benediction*

Flowers have been placed on the altar by Candace Willis, Susan Brockway and family in memory of Mary Howlett.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

Pumpkin Unloading Days – We Need YOU at Clearview! Our pumpkin deliveries are coming, and we need as many volunteers as possible to help unload the trucks and fill the Patch!

Saturday, October 10 - 8 am
Saturday, October 17 - 8 am

Bring a friend, wear comfortable clothes, and come ready to serve. There’s a job for every age and ability, and many hands really do make light work! Thank you for helping make Clearview’s Pumpkin Patch a success!

Is God Calling You to Lead? We’re beginning to identify leaders for 2027. If you’d like to become more involved in our church’s leadership and would like to be considered, please let one of the pastors know as we prayerfully discern together.

Join the AV-Tech SERVE Team - Help with sound, slides, or livestreaming on Sunday mornings. No experience needed, we’ll provide all the training, and it’s easier than you think! Sign-up sheets are available today, or talk with one of the pastors to learn more.

United Methodist Men’s Breakfast – Join us on Saturday, October 3, at 8 am in Wesley Hall for a great breakfast, fellowship, and conversation. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with other men in the church and community. Bring a friend—we'd love to have you join us!!

Help Our Sister Church! We need volunteers to fold and staple coloring books for the Clearview Pumpkin Patch! Come to St. Luke’s on Tuesday or Thursday anytime between 9 am–noon to lend a hand. It’s a simple way to help our sister church and serve together as the South Pinellas Connection.

SOUTH PINELLAS CONNECTION UPCOMING DATES

Sept 23-29	Pastors Erick & Tracie on Vacation in Vermont	-	-
Sept 27	FREE Community Dinner	5-6:30 pm	CV
Sept 30-Oct 2	Emotionally Healthy Leadership Conf In New York City (Pastors Erick & Tracie)	-	-
Oct 3	United Methodist Men's Breakfast	8 am	SL
Oct 3	Pumpkin Patch Tent Set Up	8 am	CV
Oct 9	Pumpkin Patch Decorating	5:30-8:30 pm	CV
Oct 10	Pumpkin Unloading & Opening Day	8 am	CV

KEY

Clearview (CV)	First Gulfport (FG)	Lakewood (LW)	St. Luke's (SL)
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STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

Week of Sept 20		2026 Year To Date	
Worship	31	Worship (avg)	34
Online Worship	19	Online (avg)	18
Giving Received	\$2,195.00	Giving Received	\$113,711.53
Giving Needed	\$3,055.78	Giving Needed	\$116,119.64
Surplus/Loss	-\$860.78	Surplus/Loss	-\$2,408.11

ST. LUKE'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- **ACA**, 9 am – Joy Room
- **Jesus is Lord Grow Group**, 10 am – Library
- **St. Luke’s Worship**, 11:15 am – Sanctuary & Online
- **OA**, 5:30 pm – Joy Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- **Parkinson’s Support Group**, 1 pm – Wesley Hall
- **Chair Volleyball**, 3 pm – Wesley Hall
- **Karate/Self Defense**, 5 pm – 2nd floor Rec Room
- **AA**, 8 pm – Wesley Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- **Office Open**, 9 am – 12:30 pm
- **Jesus is Lord Grow Group**, 5:30 pm – Joy Room
- **ACA**, 6:30 pm – Nursery Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- **Thrift Store**, 9 am – 1 pm - Thrift Store
- **Al-Anon**, 10:30 am – Wesley Hall
- **ACA Study Group**, 6:30 pm – Nursery Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- **Thrift Store**, 9 am – 1 pm - Thrift Store
- **Al-Anon Begins**, 12 pm - Wesley Hall
- **Al-Anon**, 1 pm – Wesley Hall
- **Feed the Hungry**, 4:30 pm – Kitchen/St. Vincent DePaul
- **Karate/Self Defense**, 5 pm – 2nd floor Rec Room
- **Girl Scouts**, 6:30 pm – Girl Scout room
- **AA**, 7:30 pm – Wesley Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

- **Chair Volleyball**, 1 pm – Wesley Hall
- **Food Pantry**, 5 pm – Parking Lot
- **Children/Youth**, 5:30 pm – 2nd Floor Rec Room
- **ACA Study Group**, 5:30 – Nursery Room
- **ACA**, 6:45 pm - Nursery Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- **ACA**, 9 am - Nursery Room
- **Thrift Store Open**, 9 am – 1 pm - Thrift store
- **ACA**, 11 am – Nursery Room
- **Chair Volleyball**, 1 pm – Wesley Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 (World Communion Sunday)

- **ACA**, 9 am – Joy Room
- **Jesus is Lord Grow Group**, 10 am – Library
- **St. Luke's Worship**, 11:15 am – Sanctuary & Online
- **OA**, 5:30 pm – Joy Room

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

COMPLETE A PRAYER CARD FROM THE PEW AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE

St. Luke's: No requests received

St. Luke's Ongoing: Gary Antonellis, Bev, Lisa, Trent, Mike, LouAnn, Jacob & Jess Becker, Christine Brockway, Fred Bunnell, Jr., Melissa Celurale, Jeannine Colbert, Judith Fain, Cheryl Fennell, Cliff Flowers, Larry Frye, Marian Galloway, Nina Hartley, Eric Harvey, Trudy James, The Leonard Family, Geraldine Parsons, Buck & Sunny Roberts, Harriett Swartzmiller, Joelle Wells, Justin Wells, Annalise, Audrey, Ellie

Clearview: No requests received.

Clearview Ongoing: Pamela Arnold, Cassie Berg, Eileen Clark, Carol Comerford, Kathy Davis, Stephen Davis, Trevor Davis, Tim Deacon, Genevieve DeHoog, John Goude, Theresa Goude, Amy Gordon, Mary Grauv, Carl Gunn, Robert “Skip” Hanshe, Ruth Hockersmith, Rycky Holliman, DeeDee Hornby, Letha & Marc Jones, Ruth Katzen, Nelson Kimber, Charlotte Klotzbach, Ian Kolaczyk, Carolyn McGovern, Sabrina Mull, Kirstin Owens, Jim Patterson, Scott Pierce, Tiffany R, Tammi Radcliff, Donna Robertson, George Roth, Sr., Linda Stanley, Anver Suleman, Logan Sullivan, Crystal, Eldridge Jr, Hilary, Kelly, Lydi, Max, Blayne, Amber, George, Rollie, Steve & Alba, Diana, Theresa & Scott, Mamaw, Aunt Teresa

Gulfport: From Community Dinner 9/14: My spouse, Dean Wilde, passed away August 11, 2026 (David Wilde, son & Karen Wilde (spouse); Continued prayers for my mother, daughter, father, sister, brother. My health (keep improving) my willingness to be active and engaged in a healthy lifestyle. (Laura Magill); My son was in the service and was injured, he has a brain injury, also the vaccines they were giving out did not agree with him, and now has problems with blood disorders. Please pray for him to get better. (Wendy Christy); Pam & Jeff, Pam is sick (Joan)

Gulfport Ongoing: Jean Blackman, Alice Johnson, Valerie Schmidt, Allison (Cindy & Per Lee's granddaughter), Debbie S, George (Jack Wamhoff's son), Mary & Bill; Pam & Jeff, Willie

Lakewood: Rose & Richard Scantlebury, Rose is Clyde's sister, Richard has ALS and is fading fast (Myrtle Pascoe)

Lakewood Ongoing: Joan and family, Otha Hudson (Josephine’s husband), Family of Brian L., The family of JoAnn & Richard Knight, Pastor Sue’s Aunt Sharon

South Pinellas Active-Duty Military: Matthew Burdewick, Seth Crist, Will Dudley, Casey Linde-Powers

THIS WEEK'S "AT HOME" DEVOTIONAL

World Communion Sunday: 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

GATHERING

Light a candle and place bread nearby to remember that Christ gathers Christians across nations, languages, cultures, and traditions at one table.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God of every nation and people, thank you for welcoming us to Christ’s table. Though our languages, customs, and stories differ, make us one through the bread we share and the grace we receive. Tear down the boundaries that divide us, deepen our love for your worldwide church, and send us to share hope, healing, and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION - Take a few moments to check in with one another.

Highs & Lows

- What is one thing that brought you joy this week?
- When have you felt welcomed and included at a table or gathering?

THINKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

Paul reminds the church that sharing the cup and bread joins us to Christ and to one another. World Communion Sunday celebrates a table larger than any sanctuary, denomination, nation, or boundary. We come as many people, but Christ makes us one body.

- What does the Lord’s Supper teach us about belonging to Christ?
- How can people remain different and still be one body?
- What boundaries does Christ’s table challenge us to cross?
- How might our household share Christ’s welcome this week?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - As you read this week, ask: **How does Christ gather many people into one body and send us to share grace?**

DAY	READING	THEME
Sunday	Luke 4:16–21	<i>Good News for All People</i>
Monday	Genesis 12:1–3	<i>Blessed to Bless the Nations</i>
Tuesday	Isaiah 25:6–9	<i>God’s Feast for All Peoples</i>
Wednesday	John 17:20–23	<i>That They May Be One</i>
Thursday	Acts 2:42–47	<i>Fellowship and Breaking Bread</i>
Friday	Ephesians 2:11–22	<i>Christ Breaks Down Walls</i>
Saturday	Revelation 7:9–12	<i>Every Nation before God</i>
Sunday	1 Corinthians 10:16–17	<i>One Bread and One Body</i>

If your household includes children, feel free to use a children’s Bible or summarize the readings in simple language.

DEVOTIONAL

Today, something extraordinary is happening. Across oceans and borders, Christians are gathering around the Lord’s Table. The bread may look different. The prayers may be spoken in different languages. The music and traditions may be unfamiliar. Yet the invitation comes from the same Lord.

Paul tells the church in Corinth that the cup is a sharing in Christ’s blood and the bread is a sharing in Christ’s body. Communion is personal, but it is never private. Christ joins us to himself and to every person who receives his grace.

‘Because there is one bread,’ Paul writes, ‘we who are many are one body.’ Christian unity does not require everyone to look, worship, speak, or think exactly alike. At Christ’s table, our differences are not erased; they are gathered into a larger belonging shaped by Jesus.

This table is bigger than our sanctuary, denomination, nation, or preferred way of worship. It challenges every boundary that declares some people more welcome than others. Jesus is the host, and there is room for all whom he invites.

Communion also sends us into the world. The bread is shared. The cup is shared. Grace is shared. Having received Christ’s generosity, we become people who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, build community, seek peace, and make room for neighbors who have been pushed aside.

On World Communion Sunday, we remember Christians whom we may never meet but with whom we belong. We are many, but in Christ we are one. Come to the table, receive grace, and carry that grace wherever you go.

PRAY TOGETHER

Invite each person to name a country, culture, congregation, or Christian community for which they would like to pray. Then pray together:

God of every people and place, thank you for making us one body in Christ. Bless your church around the world, especially those who worship amid poverty, conflict, persecution, or disaster. Forgive the divisions we create. Teach us to honor one another’s gifts, welcome the stranger, share what we have, and work together for peace. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.

MEALTIME PRAYER

God of one table, thank you for this food and for everyone gathered here. Bless your children around the world and teach us to share so that every neighbor may know welcome, nourishment, and peace. Amen.

SERVICE CHALLENGE - *This is one way we share God’s love with the world.*

Share Christ’s welcome this week. Invite someone to a meal, support a ministry that feeds people, or reach across a cultural boundary to listen and build friendship.

CLOSING & BLESSING

Extinguish your candle as a reminder that although this gathering ends, our shared service to God’s world begins.

With permission, make the sign of the cross on one another’s hands or foreheads and say: **‘We are many, but in Christ we are one. Go from Christ’s table to love boldly, serve joyfully, and share the grace you have received.’**