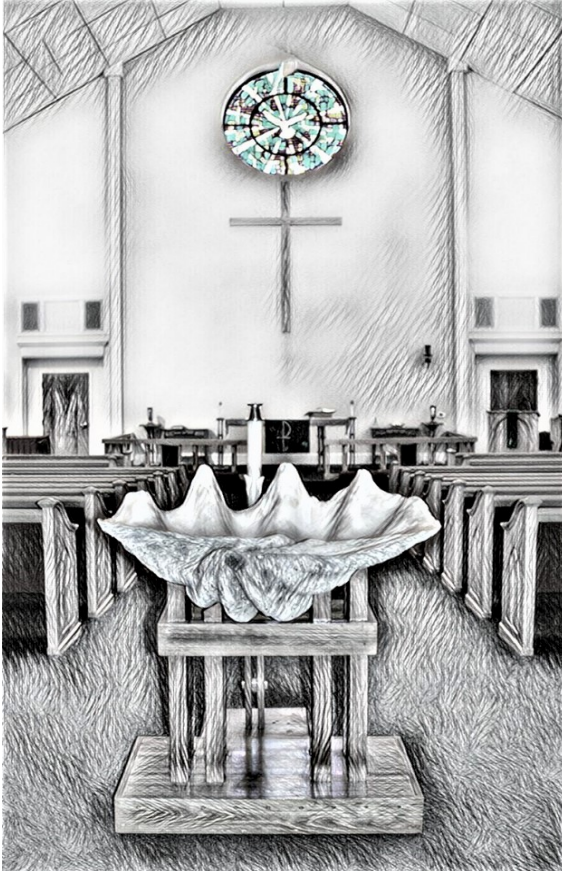


Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 26, 2025 ~ Fall Festival
The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor



SAINT LUKE WELCOMES ALL TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence in today's worship!
Your participation truly makes a difference. We hope
you feel
encouraged, blessed, and welcomed!

In preparation for worship, please
silence all electronic devices when
entering the sanctuary in reverence
to God and respect for others.

Members and visitors ~
kindly remember to sign in using the
friendship binders in your pew.

The altar flowers are given to the
Glory of God and in Celebration of the 13th Wedding
Anniversary of Ron and Karen Clark.

An azalea in the Columbarium Garden was dedicated
in loving memory of Gail Tomson by her dear friends,
the 3rd Wednesday Game Girls, Arlene Cook, Beverly
Werner,

Florence Asmund and Joan Zimmermann

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Wayfaring Stranger" (North American traditional), arr. Anne Krentz Organ.

Bud Esper, piano.

@2024 Augsburg Fortress.

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

PRELUDE ~ “Blessed Assurance”, Phoebe Knapp, arr. Sandra Eithun. St. Luke Handbell Choir.

©2010 Choristers Guild.

Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God, strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”, #505

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria” S-204a (*Front of hymnal, page 204*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA Let us pray.

C Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

L ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C ²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

L ³though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

C ⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

L ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

C ⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

L ⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C ⁸**Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

L ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

C ¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

L ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

“Alleluia” S-205a (*Front of hymnal, page #205*)

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Congregation sits

+ SERMON + THE REVEREND DR. CHRISTIAN EICHORN +

Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY “In Christ Called to Baptize”, #575

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

WA ...God of grace,

C Receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE & SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY “If We Have Faith”, Mark Rippe. St. Luke Voice Choir.

©2021 Mark Rippe.

Congregation stands

OFFERING HYMN “Let the Vinyards Be Fruitful”, #184

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,
C **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

“THE GREAT THANKSGIVING” S-206 *(Front of hymnal, page #206)*

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” S-207 *(Front of hymnal, page #207)*

P ...we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
P ...power to share with us the great and promised feast.
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
P ...receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
P ...high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
C **Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**
P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C **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 and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE Our communion is open to all who are baptized.

“LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)” S-208 (*Front of hymnal, page #208*)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”, #599

“Give Me Jesus”, #770

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

“POST COMMUNION CANTICLE”, S-113 (*Front of hymnal, page #113*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor, + and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”, #548

DISMISSAL

WA Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

--Thank you for worshiping with us today--

The following members assisted with today’s worship service with live streaming:

Altar Guild: Lori Schneider, Dianne Ward | AV Team: Gary & Karen Reynolds
Bulletin: Dawn Plyler ~ Cover Art: Lori Schneider | Cantor: Rod Peterson
Church Music: Bud Esper, Director of Music, Kim Hawkins, Conductor, Handbells ~ St. Luke
Voice Choir and St. Luke Handbell Choir | Communion Assistants: Lori Schneider, Dianne Ward
| Crucifer: Emil Gnam | Eucharistic Minister: Karen Barnhart
Greeters: Jim & Judy Drake | Lector: Katherine Moore | Worship Assistant: Kristen Killoran |
Ushers: Ron & Karen Clark, Chris Hawkins, Steve Kirby

NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking for a new church family? We'd love to help you connect with others in the church and grow in our Faith Community together. If you are thinking about joining St. Luke, please contact Pastor Eichorn at 610.393.7622 or pastoreichorn@stlukeoib.org or the Church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact the church office to sponsor Sunday altar flowers.
Upcoming availability: November 2(1vase),9,23,30; December 28.

Prayer List October 26, 2025

Lisa Golebiowski, the family of Joan Auri, Peggi Papaj, David Dzialo, Rob & Diane Sundberg,
Linda Lynes, Joe Schukal, the family of Margaret DePue,
the family of Trudy Gore Freeman and people of Gaza.

For Your Information

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are so delighted you came to Saint Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship services for light refreshments and to say hello. We can't wait to meet you!

WOSL FALL FESTIVAL ~ OCTOBER 26 ~ Join us today at Fellowship to enjoy some delicious homemade pumpkin and apple desserts! Come pick your Favorite Team! All are welcome.

DECK THE HALL WITH CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ~ Help us adorn our sanctuary for the Christmas & Advent season with a beautiful poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. You can place your order in the following ways: Visit the table in the Narthex before or after services to complete a form or use the order form available in your Sunday bulletin. Place the completed form and your payment to SLLC, memo line "poinsettias" and drop it in the offering plate on or before Sunday, November 16.

CRAFT & FABRIC FAIR ~ Saturday, November 1, 9am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Open to anyone who would like to sell their homemade items. Contact Marjorie Eisenman at 910.754.9315 to secure a 'no-cost' table.

LMM BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER ~ Start your morning off with a delicious, home-cooked breakfast sponsored by the LMM on...

Sunday, November 2, 8am-9:15am. Cost is \$10/per person.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with your church family while enjoying a great meal. Menu: scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausage, and toast served with coffee and juice. All proceeds will go directly toward supporting the LMM's ministry work and projects. Purchase a ticket **TODAY** after service in the Fellowship Hall. Make your check out to SLLC, memo "LMM Breakfast." Please note: Fellowship at 11am will take place according to the standard schedule on this day. Your support helps make a difference in our community. All are welcome! ~*Your gracious hosts, the men of LMM.*

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ~ On All Saints Sunday, we will give thanks for the lives of the members of our congregation who have passed away since last All Saints. We will honor them and any other loved ones during our remembrance time. If you would like to share the name(s) of a loved one, please contact the church office. All are welcome to speak a name during the service, even if you do not contact the office beforehand.

WALK TO END HUNGER WITH US! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ~ The Crop Hunger Walk (CHW) is fast approaching! Join us by walking or donating.

HELP US SHARE THE WARMTH COAT COLLECTION ~ As the weather turns colder, let's share God's warmth with our neighbors in need. Our annual coat collection for families in Brunswick County begins November 2 and runs through November 16. Your donations of gently used coats are a huge blessing, especially children's sizes. You can drop off your contributions in the box marked "Coat Collection" outside the church office. Thank you for your generosity!
~*Thank you, Bob & Kathy Rose.*

SAINT LUKE WELCOMES GUEST PASTORS RAY & RUTH ANN SIPE ~ Lutheran Disaster Response of the Carolina's Directors, Pastors Ray & Ruth Ann Sipe will join us Sunday, November 9. They will discuss those who are interested in preparing for disasters at home and at church. A *home preparedness* presentation will take place during Sunday School and *church preparedness* immediately following the service.

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE RITE OF INSTALLATION ~ for the Bishop of the NC Synod, The Rev. Emily K. Hartner on Saturday, November 15, 2pm at Christ Lutheran Church in Charlotte, NC. (4519 Providence Road, 28226/reception to follow). All are welcome to attend.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 ~ Have you been considering making Saint Luke your church home? On Sunday, November 16, we will joyfully receive new members into our congregation during worship service. If you are thinking about joining our family of faith, please let the church office or Pastor know. We would love to welcome you!

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (FOR CHRISTMAS) (WAA) ~ The American Legion Auxiliary will again participate in WAA this year. Wreaths are \$17/each. Please make your check payable to SLLC "memo line WAA" and turn into the collection plate or drop off at the church office. The deadline to purchase a wreath is Sunday, November 16. ~*Thank you, Glenn Christiansen.*

WOSL CAROLINA OPRY SHOW & DINNER ~ DECEMBER 11 ~ Mark your calendar and sign up to join us as we experience the Christmas season's joyous festivities. We will dine at Carolina Roadhouse. Cost is \$35/per person for the show and *OPTIONAL* dinner cost is \$27/per person at Carolina Roadhouse. Information for the show, sign up and the dinner menu is posted on the community board. Deadline for signing up and payment is due by November 30 to Judy P.

WOSL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ~ DECEMBER 21 ~ Mark your calendar to celebrate with us for the annual Christmas luncheon after worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Castaway Grill will cater the luncheon at a cost of \$18.50/per person with an additional cost for delivery and setup. The luncheon is provided by Saint Luke and a love offering will be collected. The menu and sign up will be posted on the community board. We are excited to celebrate the season with you!

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES ~ Checks payable to SLLC with noted ministry.

- ❖ New Hymnals ... The cost is \$35/each.
- ❖ Crop Hunger Walk 2025...any gift is welcome.
- ❖ Food Lion gift cards available in the Fellowship Hall after worship services.
- ❖ Prayer Shawl Group ~ accepting donations of yarn. Drop off in the Fellowship Hall in the labeled box.

FRIENDLY REMINDER TO FALL BACK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1!

Source of Information	St. Luke Finance Summary ~ September 2025		
		Month	Year to Date
Monthly and annual from the Budget Performance Report pg. 1	Revenues	\$ 23,887	\$ 256,261
Monthly and annual from the Budget Performance Report pg. 4	Expenditures	\$ 32,931	\$ 257,750
	Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ -9,064)	(\$ -1,489)
Total of the monthly/annual mortgage principal (included in Expenditures above)	Mortgage Principal	\$ 3,471	\$ 31,231
Total of the monthly/annual mortgage interest (included in Expenditures above)	Mortgage Interest	\$ 2,333	\$ 20,999
	Mortgage Balance	\$ 633,880	
	Average Sunday Service Participation		
Attendance taken by Ushers, averaged monthly and year to date	Attendance	118	132
From YouTube, averaged monthly and year to date. Note: this is devices connected to YouTube, total people would be more depending on household.	YouTube Views	54	64
	NOTE: Expenses higher than budget: - Fire testing and inspection - \$ 870 - Wind & Hail Insurance – \$ 6,026 - Propane - \$ 982		

This Week at Saint Luke ~ October 2025

Sunday, October 26	9am	Adult Sunday School
Reformation Sunday (wear red)	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship & enjoy delicious pumpkin & apple desserts!
		All are welcome!
Monday, October 27	3pm	MexTrain
	4:15pm	Property Committee
	5pm	LMM Meeting & Dinner
Tuesday, October 28	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, October 29	10am	Prayer Service
	6pm	Handbell Choir
	7pm	Voice Choir
Sunday, November 2	9am	Adult Sunday School
All Saints Sunday	10am	Worship service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship

Scripture Readings ~ November 2, 2025 ~ All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 1:10-18 | Psalm 32:1-7 | 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 | Luke 19:1-10



ST LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

5869 Ocean Highway West, Ocean Isle Beach NC 28469
main: 910.579.0107 | email: stlukeelca@stlukeoib.org | website: stlukeoib.org
office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00am to 2:00pm

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor | cell/text: 610.393.7622 | email: pastoreichorn@stlukeoib.org

Kristen Killoran, Worship Assistant | **Pam Eichorn, Worship Assistant**

Bud Esper, M.A., Director of Music | stlukemusic@stlukeoib.org

Dawn Plyler, Parish Administrator | main: 910.579.0107 | email: stlukeelca@stlukeoib.org

Portions recorded by permission under One License #A-729360. All rights reserved. Portions from sundaysandseasons.com.
Portions copyright ©2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.