

In Response to God
Activities for the week of August 6, 2023

Today's Lectionary: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

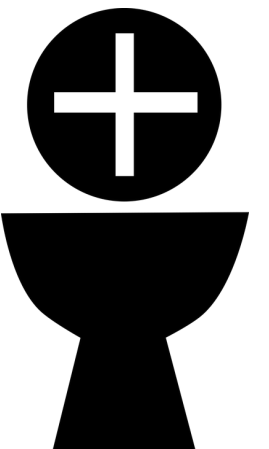
Sunday	August 6	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments
Monday	August 7	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	August 8	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection 7 pm – Session Meeting
Wednesday	August 9	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 10	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Friday	August 11	7:30 am -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	August 12	7:30 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 7:30 pm – Piano/Cello concert
Sunday	August 13	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
 Parish Associate..... The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
 Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster.....Marvin Gaspard
 Business Manager.....Patti Ernst
 Assistant to Head of Staff.....Mary Ann White
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The Order of Worship

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.

TOLLING

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
ELLACOMBE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 30) Genesis 32:22-31

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“Wrestling With Yourself”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ APOSTLE’S CREED Hymnal p. 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYERS

OFFERTORY
BROTHER JAMES’S AIR

The Lord’s My Shepherd
James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860-1925)
Arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 517
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

We Come as Guests Invited

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

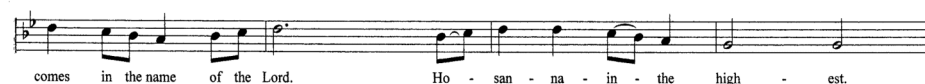
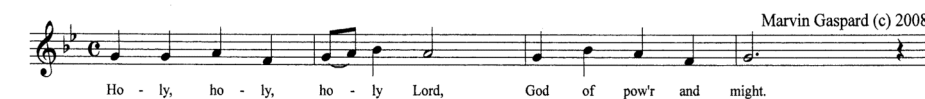
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...

Sanctus



COMMUNION
Ann Guercio, soprano

How Beautiful
Twila Paris

✦ PEOPLE’S RESPONSE

For Thine Is the Kingdom
From *The Lord’s Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
NETTLETON

Postlude on Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Wyeth’s *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813
arr. Marvin Gaspard



Welcome to St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church! If you are looking for a church home in Houston, we invite you to unite with St. Luke’s. New members are welcomed by the Session following worship each Sunday. You may join by profession of faith, reception of baptism, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of church letter. Speak to Rev. Harbison if you have any questions.

Joys and Concerns are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanksgiving or intercession with the congregation. You will have an opportunity to mention your joys and concerns verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

Sunday School: Children’s Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **The Adult Sunday School class** is in recess for the summer, but will continue to meet for coffee and fellowship at 9 am. in the Library. Our **Youth Group** meets at 9 a.m. in Room 129). Children and adult classes offer a virtual class alternative. Please let us know if you would like to receive a Zoom invitation.

The Adult Sunday school class is in recess for the summer but is meeting in the Library for fellowship and coffee at 9 a.m. You are invited to join them for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Class will resume in September for a study of Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, August 17: Once a month St. Luke’s serves with Montrose Street Reach to minister to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the evening meal. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997).

Capital Campaign News: The campaign goal of \$100,000 to replace the church roof is well underway. We currently have commitments which reach 75% of our goal. The first phase is now complete with the installation of a new roof on the north end of our building, housing Redemption Church. If you haven’t already done so, please prayerfully consider your donation and respond at your earliest convenience. Capital Campaign letters and commitment forms are on the table in the narthex.

Piano and Cello Concert August 12th: Dr. Christoph Wagner and Mr. Ben Sieben will bring their cello and piano program, "W7Duo", to St. Luke’s on Saturday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. They are partnering with St. Luke’s and Houston-Leipzig Sister Cities Association to bring you an evening of music for cello and piano featuring pieces by Schumann, Martinu, Debussy, and Dvorak. This performance is one of seven "W7Duo" concerts in the Houston area during August. Invite a friend to join you for an afternoon of beautiful music in our sanctuary next Saturday.