

**In Response to God**  
**Activities for the week of September 17, 2023**

Today's Lectionary: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

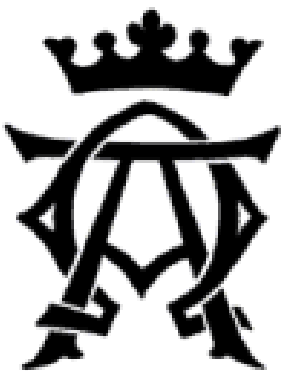
Sunday	September 17	9:00 am – Church School for all ages 10:00 am – Worship 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Chancel Choir Rehearsal 2:30 pm – Milligan competition winners perform
Monday	September 18	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 19	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC food collection 11 am-1 pm – Men's Lunch Bunch 4-5 pm – Strength Training
Wednesday	September 20	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 21	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4-5 pm – Strength Training
Friday	September 22	3 pm -7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 23	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 24	9:00 am – Church School for all ages 10:00 am – Worship/Youth Sunday 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Celebrate September birthdays Choir Rehearsal

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor .....The 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  
 Artists in Residence .....Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, & Laura Smith



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# The Order of Worship

September 17, 2023

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Tolling begins.*

TOLLING

PRELUDE

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
*Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music*, arr. Rhett Barnhill

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 257

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Give Praise to the Lord

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

## HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 20)

Matthew 18:21-35

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“I Saw That”

## 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

Based on PICARDY

Christus Paradox

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ COMMUNION HYMN 517

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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.**

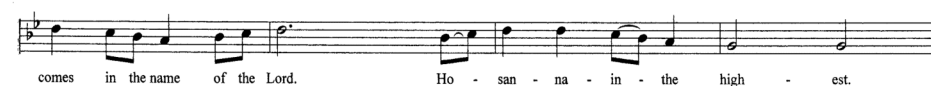
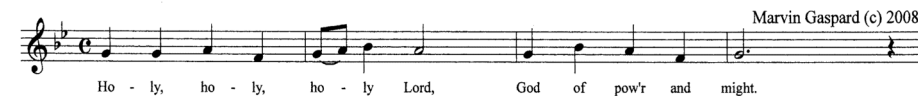
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...

Sanctus



THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Based on Psalm 8

The Majesty and Glory of your Name

Tom Fettke

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

O FILII ET FILIAE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

15th century French tune, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso, from *Water Music Suite*

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

**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. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. David Elledge is leading the class in a study of Philippians. **Our Youth Group** is now meeting every two weeks on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in Room 129. The next meeting is September 24th.

**Next Sunday is Youth Sunday.** Our Youth will lead us in worship and be an integral part of the service. Plan on attending worship next Sunday and support our Youth in action.

**Strength Training is coming to St. Luke's beginning September 19:**

The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary, led by Jeanne Leach. Pick up a flyer in the narthex with all the details. Contact Jeanne if you will be attending or you have any questions (713.409.0997).

**Milligan Harp Competition winners** will perform today at 2:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. You are invited to come celebrate the hard work of the students and to experience the vibrant and thriving Houston harp community.

**Our Chancel Choir** returns today after a well-deserved vacation. Thank you to all of the instrumentalists and vocalists for providing music during their absence. We are blessed to have such gifted and dedicated musicians here at St. Luke's, and we are grateful for their many contributions to our church.

**The Men's Lunch Bunch** will meet Tuesday, September 19th at Bayou City Seafood & Pasta, 4712 Richmond from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know you are coming. Call Steve Hurysz for more information (713.876.5486).

**Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, September 21:** 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 for their meal. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call the church office (713.667.6531) or Jeanne Leach.

**Donations for Grace Bags:** The supply shelves need to be restocked! We need the following items to fill the bags: peanut butter or cheese crackers, Vienna sausage, fruit cups, juice boxes, granola bars, and small waters. Thank you!