

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of July 20, 2025

Today's Lectionary: Amos 8:1-12 and Ps.52; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Sunday	July 20	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Waldrop Baby Shower!
Monday	July 21	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	July 22	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Wednesday	July 23	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	July 24	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Friday	July 25	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	July 26	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	July 27	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Refreshments & Fellowship

ST. LUKE’S STAFF

Pastor..... The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate The Rev. Laureen Suba
Parish Associate The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Music-Organist/ChoirmasterMarvin Gaspard
Business Manager Patti Ernst
Assistant to the PastorAlana Glover
Artists in Residence.....
..... Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims & Laura Smith



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The Order of Worship		SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS		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. Speak to Rev. Harbison after worship if you have any questions.	
July 20, 2025		PASTORAL PRAYERS		Children’s Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Rm 115 with Don Mims.	
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		OFFERTORY Ann Guercio and Alana Glover		Adult Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in the Library.	
		Evening Prayer from <i>Hansel and Gretel</i> Engelbert Humperdinck (1854-1921)		Youth Group meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. with Rev. Harbison leading the group.	
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD		✦DOXOLOGY 592		Adult Sunday School: Will be starting a new study and discussion based on Wm. Barclay’s book, “ <i>Love. What the Bible Tells Us About Christian Love.</i> ” You are invited to join the class each Sunday.	
PRELUDE David Dietz, cello Laura Smith, harp		The Swan From <i>Carnival of the Animals</i> Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)		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 these verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.	
✦WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE				The flowers today are given to the Glory of God Given by Jeanne Leach and her family in loving memory of Thalia Bunnell.	
✦OPENING HYMN 276 FAITHFULNESS		Great Is Thy Faithfulness		The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is August 21st . Please let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.	
CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS				Grace Bags: St. Luke’s is asking for supplies for grace bags. Please consider donating: 8 oz. bottles of water, peanut butter crackers, juice packs, granola bars, fruit cups, and/or Vienna sausages. Please contact the assistant to the pastor for more information.	
Congregation: Thanks Be to God.		SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER		Drop by the Cookie Room after worship today and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. If you would like to provide cookies for an upcoming Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Cookie Room. Cookie time today will be a baby shower in celebration for Kenna and Trey Waldrop’s baby boy!	
HEARING THE WORD		Minister: The Lord be with you		The Flower Calendar: If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, please choose a Sunday and add your name to the calendar in the Cookie Room. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for two arrangements) and let us know how to acknowledge your gift.	
SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 174) Reading today, Patti Ernst		People: And also with you.		Serving as the Sunday Liturgist is an easy way to participate in the church community. Please sign up in the Narthex.	
SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 72)		Minister: Lift up your hearts!		Worship services on YouTube: Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). Subscribe to be notified of new uploads.	
REFLECTION ON THE WORD		People: We lift them up to the Lord.		Chancel Choir is officially on vacation! We appreciate the dedication and commitment of our choir and look forward to their return to the loft on Sunday August 17th! During their absence, soloists, ensembles, and guest musicians will be a part of worship.	
“M&Ms”		Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		Our special guest is cellist, David Dietz. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, David, and welcome back to St. Luke’s!	
RESPONDING TO THE WORD		People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.			
✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 525 HERE I AM, LORD		The prayer continues...			
		The congregation sings...			
		✦PEOPLE’S RESPONSE 322 LIVING GOD			
		✦BENEDICTION			
		POSTLUDE TO GOD BE THE GLORY			
		As the Deer Martin J. Nystrom, arr. Marvin Gaspard			
		Spirit of the Living God			
		To God Be the Glory William H. Doane, arr. Marvin Gaspard			
✦Please stand as you are able.					