

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of August 3, 2025

Today’s Lectionary: Hos. 11:1-11 and Ps. 107:1-9, 43; Col. 3:1-11; Luke12:13-21

Sunday	August 03	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Refreshments & Fellowship
Monday	August 04	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	August 05	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Wednesday	August 06	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 07	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Friday	August 08	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	August 09	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	August 10	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Refreshments & Fellowship

ST. LUKE’S STAFF

PastorThe Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate.....The Rev. Laureen Suba
Parish Associate..... The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
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St. Luke’s Presbyterian Church
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The Order of Worship

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Isaac Serrano, flute Lamb of God Twila Paris, arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 476 LYONS O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 201) Col 3:1-4 Liturgist, Laureen Suba

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 74) Luke 12:13-21

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison “Priorities”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

APOSTLE’S CREED Hymnal p. 14 (Traditional)

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/LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 16

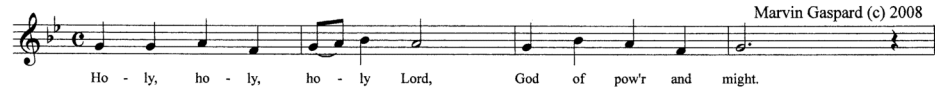
OFFERTORY Isaac Serrano & Lauren Sanders, flute Dona Nobis Pacem from Missa Solemnis K. 139 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1736-1791)

DOXOLOGY 592

HYMN 508 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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...



DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS Alana Glover, soloist Love Ye the Lord Based on Largo from Xerxes George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

CHORAL RESPONSE 535 Go with Us, Lord Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE NETTLETON Come, Thou Almighty King 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. Speak to Rev. Harbison after worship if you have any questions.

Children’s Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in Rm 115 with Don Mims. Adult Sunday School meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. Youth Group meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. with Rev. Harbison leading the group.

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.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Debbie and Scott Harbison’s wedding anniversary by the congregation. We love you and thank you for everything you do for St. Luke’s.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is August 21. Please let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.

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.

Spirits & Spirituality: Join us for an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and dinner and participate in lively conversation on a topic of faith. Rev. Harbison will introduce a contemporary topic and lead the discussion. Join us on Tuesday, August 19th.

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. Cookies today are provided by Annemieke Luckey.

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.

Serving as the Sunday Liturgist is an easy way to participate in the church community. Please sign up in the Narthex.

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.

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.

Our musical guests are Lauren Sanders and Isaac Serrano. Lauren has played for us numerous times, and Isaac, one of her students, is playing for us for the first time. Isacc is a junior and section leader at Manvel High School. He has earned a place in the TMEA All Region 17 Wind Ensemble and most recently, a position in the Houston Youth Symphony for the 2025-2026 season! We are grateful to have you here at St. Luke’s, and we thank you for sharing your gifts with us!