## In Response to God

## Activities for the Week of August 17, 2025

Today's Lectionary: Isa. 5:1-7 and Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

Sunday	August 17	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Church School Worship Service Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	August 18	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	August 19	3-7 pm 4 pm	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Wednesday	August 20	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 21	3-7 pm 4 pm	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	August 22	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	August 23	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	August 24	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Church School Worship Service Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison			
Parish Associate	The Rev. Laureen Suba			
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St. Luke's Presbyterian Church August 17, 2025

# The Order of Worship

August 17, 2025

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Micah Sanders, cello O Divine Redeemer Charles Gounod (1819-1893)

♦WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

♦OPENING HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

#### **HEARING THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 634) Liturgist, Ed Nicklas Isaiah 5:1-7

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 75)

Luke 12:49-56

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

"The Struggle is Real"

#### 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

OFFERTORY BRADBURY Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us William Bradbury (1816-1868) arr. Marvin Gaspard

♦DOXOLOGY 592

**†**HYMN OF PREPARATION 335

Though I May Speak

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#### 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 Jesu Bradbury

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Henry Baker (1825-1910) arr. Marvin Gaspard

**†**BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

Marche Maestoso 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.

**Adult Sunday School** has completed their study of Galatians 5:22-23 "Fruit of the Spirit". The group will meet for fellowship in the Library each Sunday at 9a.m. in August before beginning a new study in September.

**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 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.** 

**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 24th! During their absence, soloists, ensembles, and guest musicians will be a part of worship.

Our guest musician is cellist, Micah Sanders. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, Micah, and welcome back to St. Luke's!



†Please stand as you are able.