

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of August 24, 2025

Today's Lectionary: Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:1-6; Ps. 103:1-8; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Sunday	August 24	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	August 25	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	August 26	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Wednesday	August 27	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 28	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Friday	August 29	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	August 30	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	August 31	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Refreshments & Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal

ST. LUKE’S STAFF

Pastor..... The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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The Order of Worship

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Poeme
Laura Smith, harp David Ashely White

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
AUSTRIAN HYMN

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 698) Jeremiah 1:4-10
Liturgist, Kenneth Russell

ANTHEM Amazing Grace
Janet Bardin, soloist Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 76) Luke 13:10-17

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“What is Holy?”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE 316 Breathe on Me, Breath of God
TRENTHAM

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERN

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

OFFERTORY Shout to God
From Psalm 47 Joseph M. Martin

DOXOLOGY 592

CHORAL RESPONSE Amen from The Peace of God
John Rutter

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
ST. ANNE Attr. William Croft (1678-1721)
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.

Adult Sunday School has finished their study on Galatians 5:22-23 and will be meeting in the library at 9 a.m. for fellowship during August.

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 September 18th. Let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.

St. Lukes will be having a Fifth Sunday Focus on Food collection for CCSC on June 29th. Grocery bags will be located at the entrance to the sanctuary starting in June and will be collected on the 29th. For any questions or volunteer inquiries please reach out to Jeanne Leach at (713) 409-0997 or jblpchou@swbell.net

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.

Drop by the Cookie Room: 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.

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.

We welcome our Chancel Choir back to the loft after their well-deserved vacation. We appreciate the many wonderful musicians who provided service music for us over the summer.

Today’s Postlude is from Marvin’s most recent published collection, Vibrant Postludes. This particular piece is dedicated to our Chancel Choir.

✦Please stand as you are able.