

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of August 31, 2025

Today’s Lectionary: Jer. 2:4-13 and Ps. 81:1,10-16; Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

Sunday	August 31	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Refreshments & Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 1	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 2	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Wednesday	September 3	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 4	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Friday	September 5	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 6	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 7	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
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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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE
Laura Smith, harp
Andante Cantabile BWV1003
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 487
LAUDES DOMINI
When Morning Gilds the Skies

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

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 227)
Liturgist, Steve Hurysz
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

ANTHEM
Come, Thou Fount
John Wyeth (1770-1858)
arr. Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 77)
Luke 14:1, 7-14

REFLECTION ON THE WORD
Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“No Reservations Required”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE 438
DENNIS
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY
When the Morning Stars Together
WEISSE FLAGGEN, *Tochter Zion*, Cologne, 1741
Alfred V. Fedak

DOXOLOGY 592

CHORAL RESPONSE
Shalom, Chaverim!
Farewell, Good Friends, Israeli Round
arr. Marvin Gaspard

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
NATIONAL HYMN
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand
George Warren (1828-1902)
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. **Cookies today** are provided by Jeanee Leach.

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.

✦Please stand as you are able.