

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of September 14, 2025

Today's Lectionary: Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28 and Ps. 14; Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday	September 14	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Refreshments & Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 15	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 16	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Wednesday	September 17	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 18	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Friday	September 19	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 20	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 21	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
Director of Music-Organist/ChoirmasterMarvin Gaspard
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Artists in Residence.....
..... Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims & Laura Smith



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The Order of Worship

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE
Benedictus Christo Geroda Cinun, pianist
Amazing Grace
From Virginia Harmony
arr. Martha Mier

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 397
SOLID ROCK
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 208)
Liturgist, Bob Patterson
1 Timothy 1:12-17

ANTHEM
I Will Not Leave You Comfortless
From *Eight Short Motets*, Everette Titcomb (1884-1968)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 78)
Luke 15:1-10

REFLECTION ON THE WORD
Rev. W. Scott Harbison
“A Sheep in Wolf’s Clothing”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE 397
DALEHURST
O for a Closer Walk with God

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY
With a Voice of Singing
Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

DOXOLOGY 592

CHORAL RESPONSE
God Be With You Till We Meet Again
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Fugue in G minor BWV 558
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



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.
Youth Group meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. with Rev. Harbison leading the group.

Adult Sunday School Class will focus, beginning on Sept. 7, on Gifts of the Holy Spirit that are abilities given by God to believers to help build up the church and serve others. Class members will lead studies and discussion of the gifts which are identified in I Corinthians 12: wisdom, knowledge, faith, miracles, healing, tongues, interpretation of tongues, and prophecy. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 9:00 a. m. in the Library for our study and discussion.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of her brother, Bruce Davis by Dawn Dees.

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.

Men's Lunch will be on September 18th at 11:00am. Be sure to save the date and plan on joining the men of the church for lunch. The Men's Lunch will be held at Tapesters 4520 Beechnut St, 77096 . If you have any questions please contact Steve Hurysz.

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 September 31st. Grocery bags will be located at the entrance to the sanctuary starting in September and will be collected on the 31st. 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.

Our guest musician today, Ben, is from Bandung, Indonesia and is pursuing his PhD in electrical engineering at The University of Houston. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us, Ben, we are so excited to have you here with us at St. Luke’s!

✦Please stand as you are able.