

In Response to God
Activities for the Week of October 26, 2025

Today's Lectionary: Joel 2:23-32 and Ps. 65; Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday	October 26	9:00 am	Church School
		10:00 am	Worship Service
		11:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	October 27	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	October 28	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Wednesday	October 29	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	October 30	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm	Strength Training
Friday	October 31	3-7 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	November 1	9 am-5 pm	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	November 2	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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Artists in Residence.....
..... Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, Don Mims & Laura Smith



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The Order of Worship

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TOLLING

PRELUDE Highland Cathedral
Mihir Zambre, piper Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
EIN’ FESTE BURG

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 848) Joel 2:23-32
Liturgist, Kenneth Russell

ANTHEM Built on a Rock
Ludvig M. Lindeman (1812-1887)
arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 81) Luke 18:9-14

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“I Wouldn’t Want to Join A Club That Would Let Me In”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE 288 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
ELLACOMBE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

OFFERTORY From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Gordon Young (1919-1998)

DOXOLOGY 592

CHORAL RESPONSE His Kingdom Is Forever!
From *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther (1483-1546)
Arr. Gordon Young (1919-1998)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Scotland the Brave
Scottish Gaelic: *Alba an Aigh*



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 in September, 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, discernment, 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.

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 Micha Rajan’s birthday by Mom, Esra Rajan, Sister, Emma Rajan, and Grandma Eloise Avina.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is **November 20**. 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.

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 Special Guest today is Mihir Zambre, a senior at St. Thomas Episcopal High School, and a member of The St. Thomas’ Episcopal School Pipe Band. The band has become one of the world’s most respected youth pipe bands, winning the North American Championships in 2003 and 2008 and Juvenile Pipe Band World Championships in 1985, 1995, 1998, 2004, and 2006. Thank you, Mihir, for sharing your amazing gifts with us today, and welcome back to St. Luke’s!

Today’s bulletin cover is a Celtic Cross with a Luther Rose at its center. The Celtic Cross is a form of a Christian Cross and the shape is often decorated with Celtic Knots, symbolizing strength, harmony, friendship, affection and deep love. Martin Luther oversaw the creation of this symbol. It provides a summary of his faith, that is common to all Christians, of every place and every time.

✦Please stand as you are able.