

In Response to God  
 Activities for the Week of March 22, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Sunday	March 22	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Refreshments and Fellowship Church Work Day Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	March 23	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	March 24	10 am-2 pm – 3-7 pm – 4 pm – 6:30 pm –	CCSC Food Collection Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training Spirits and Spirituality
Wednesday	March 25	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	March 26	3-7 pm – 4pm –	Houston Dragon Academy Strength Training
Friday	March 27	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	March 28	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	March 29	9:00 am – 10:00 am – 11:00 am –	Church School Worship Service Fifth Sunday Food Focus Refreshments and Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the date:	March 22	11:00am–	Church Work Day
	March 24	6:30pm–	Spirits and Spirituality
	March 29	10:00am–	Fifth Sunday Food Focus
	April 3	7:00pm–	Good Friday Service
	April 4	10:30-12:00pm–	Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo
	April 5	10:00am–	Easter Sunday Service
	April 7	7:00pm–	In Person Session Meeting

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor .....The Rev. W. Scott Harbison  
 Parish Associate..... The Rev. Laureen Suba  
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 Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster .....Marvin Gaspard  
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# The Order of Worship

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.  
Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the Prelude begins.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Darkest Hour, from *A Triptych for Holy Week*  
Amanda Thorp, pianist Joel Raney

✦ WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ OPENING HYMN 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory  
RATHBUN

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God**

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE 572 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us  
*Kyrie* Please join the choir in singing

### HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 806) Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Liturgist, Annemieke Luckey

ANTHEM Come Unto Me  
From Matthew 11:28-30 Mark Blankenship

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 157) Romans 8:6-11

REFLECTION ON THE WORD Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“Dead Like Me”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"

OFFERTORY Angus Dei  
From *Kleine Orgelmesse* No. 7 in B-flat Major  
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

*"Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world; Have mercy upon us.  
Lamb of God: that takest away the sins of the world; Grant us thy peace."*

✦ DOXOLOGY 592

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE May the Grace of Christ Our Savior  
Witt's *Psalm Sacra*, 1715, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O God Beyond All Praising  
THAXTED Gustav Holst (1874-1934), 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.

**Sunday School: Children's Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Our Youth Group** meets every other Sunday at 9 a.m. in Room 129. Pastor Scott Harbison teaches the Youth Group. **Adult Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in the Library. The Adult Sunday School Class is continuing their study of the Old Testament prophets and their books in the Bible. You are invited to join us at 9 a.m. in library for a study of the prophets throughout 2026. Beginning Sunday, March 8, discussions will focus on chapters 1 through 39 of Isaiah. The study text for the class is "From Judgment to Hope" by Walter Brueggemann.

**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.

**Flowers today** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the ninetieth birthday of our mother and oma, Margaret, with love, by your Luckey Family.

**Church Work Day** will take place **today** after service. If you are able to help, please join us to help preserve the beauty of St. Luke's!

**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 board in the Cookie Room. **Cookies are provided by** the Dickinson Family.

**The 2026 Flower Calendar and Cookie Sign ups** are posted in the Cookie Room. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sanctuary, or cookies after worship, please choose a Sunday and add your name(s) to the calendar. Use the envelopes provided to enclose your check (\$100 for 2 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.

**Fifth Sunday Food Focus:** St. Luke's will be having a Fifth Sunday Focus on Food collection for CCSC on March 29th. Grocery bags are located at the entrance to the sanctuary 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

**April Session Meeting** will be in person in the St. Luke's session room at 7:00pm on April 7.

**Save the Date:** Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is on April 4th 10:30am-12:00pm. Please fill out your bulletin insert to sign up to help! Check out the back of your bulletin for more important upcoming dates and events!

**Worship services on YouTube:** Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed, recorded, and stored on our YouTube channel (St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, Houston). You can view the published videos on YouTube and on our website. Subscribe to our channel to be notified of new video postings as they become available.

**re:MIND Support Group:** re:MIND will be hosting a weekly group on Wednesdays at 7:00-8:30pm. Join re:Mind for support and community right here at St. Luke's!