In Response to God

Activities for the Week of September 27, 2026

Today's Lectionary: Ex 17:1-7 and Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt. 21:23-32

Sunday	September 27	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments and Fellowship
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 28	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	September 29	10 am-2 pm –	CCSC Food Collection
		3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training
		6:30 pm –	Spirits and Spirituality
Wednesday	September 30	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	October 1	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
		4 pm –	Strength Training
Friday	October 2	3-7 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	October 3	9 am-5 pm –	Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	October 4	9:00 am –	Church School
		10:00 am –	Worship Service
		11:00 am –	Refreshments and Fellowship
			MSR Volunteer Meeting
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Save the date:	September 29	6:30 pm–	Spirits and Spirituality
	October 1	11:55pm–	Advent Devotional Order Deadline
	October 4	11:00am–	MSR Volunteer Meeting
	October 8	11am– 1pm–	Men's Lunch Bunch
	October 15	9am-4pm–	Montrose Street Reach
	October 18	12-3pm–	Fellowship on Tap
	October 25	11:00am–	Church Work Day

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The Order of Worship

September 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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 — His Eye Is on the Sparrow
Danny Schwindack, clarinet — Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✞WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE

✞OPENING HYMN 281 — Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks Be to God

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (OT p. 502) — Psalm 25:1-9
Liturgist, Marty Morre

ANTHEM — Dona Nobis Pacem from *Miss Solemnis* K. 139
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1736-1791)

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 197) — Philippians 2:1-13

REFLECTION ON THE WORD — Rev. Margaret Desmond

"A Friend Like That"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✞HYMN OF RESPONSE 306 — Fairest Lord Jesus
CRUSADERS' HYMN

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 on 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 — Great Is the Lord
From Psalm 145 — Warren Angell (1907-2006)

✞DOXOLOGY 592

✞CHORAL RESPONSE — Amen from *The Peace of God*
John Rutter

✞BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Based on HYFRYDOL — Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1877)
Arr. Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

✞Please stand as you are able.

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. The **Adult Sunday School class** is resuming their study of the prophets with the study of Ezekiel, led by Ed Dickinson, during September. Come join us in the Library each Sunday at 9:00 a. m.

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 by Luanne Hodgson.

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.

Serving as the Sunday Liturgist is an easy way to participate in the church community. Please sign up in the Narthex.

The Montrose Street Reach: The upcoming service date is October 15. Let Jeanne Leach (713.409.0997) know if you would like to bring a dessert or help serve.
If you volunteer for MSR in any way, please attend the meeting on *October 4, following service!*

Service Nursery will be provided with our affiliation with Redemption Church. All nursery attendants are background checked and professional. Please ask the usher for more information about this service.

Spirits and Spirituality Join us for an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and dinner and participate in lively conversation on a topic of faith. Rev. Harbison will introduce a contemporary topic and lead the discussion. Join us Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30pm at Saltgrass Steak House Saltgrass Steak House, 520 Meyerland Plaza, Houston, TX 77096. We hope to see you there for fellowship.

Advent Devotionals: The Austin Seminary can no longer print their beloved Advent Devotionals in bulk for congregations. They are asking for individuals who would like the Devotional Booklet sent to their home to sign up at www.austinseminary.edu/adventform The deadline for ordering your devotional to your home is **October 1, 2026.**

Men's Lunch Bunch will be meeting on **Thursday, October 8** for fellowship 11am-1pm at Tapesters 4520 Beechnut St. Houston, Tx, 77096. Please contact Steve Hurysz (713)876-5486 for more information.

Fellowship on Tap: Join us on a Church outing to St. Arnold's Brewing Company on **October 18, 12:00-3:00pm.** Stop by anytime between 12-3pm for an afternoon of fellowship with our St. Luke's family! Come enjoy good company, conversation and quality time together. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

Church Work Day: Join us this Sunday, **October 25th after Church,** for a Church Work Day! Many hands make light work, so help us preserve the beauty of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church!

We are happy to have Danny Schwindack as our musical guest today. In addition to being one of our staff singers, he is a fine instrumentalist. Thank you, Danny, for sharing your gifts with us!