

In Response to God  
 Activities for the Week of August 25, 2024

Today's Lectionary: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84 1-12; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

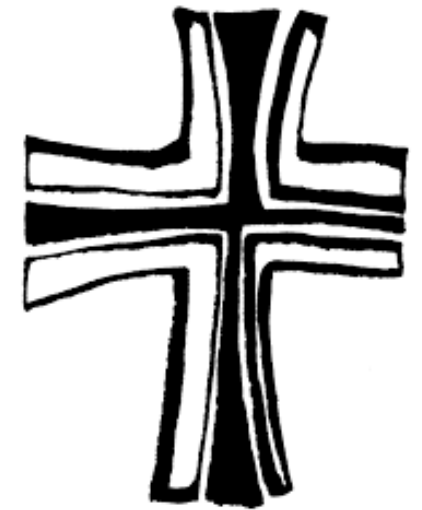
Sunday	August 25	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship
Monday	August 26	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	August 27	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	August 28	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	August 29	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	August 30	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	August 31	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 1	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Parish Associate	The Rev. Laureen Suba
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster	Marvin Gaspard
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ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 25, 2024

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# The Order of Worship

August 25, 2024

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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We joyfully greet each other and share the gifts of friendship and love.

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please begin quiet preparation for worship as the music begins.

#### PRELUDE

Laura Smith, harpist

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895), arr. Karl Wienand

#### ✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### ✦ OPENING HYMN 477

HANOVER

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God.**

### HEARING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 195)

Today's Reader: Ann Guercio

Ephesians 6:10-20

#### VOLUNTARY

Nathan Thorp

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles (1868-1946), arr. Marvin Gaspard

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 98)

John 6:56-69

#### REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Rev. W. Scott Harbison

“My Way”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ✦ HYMN OF RESPONSE 341

ASSURANCE

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Hymnal p. 161

#### OFFERTORY

Ann Guercio and Jadon Campos

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

John Dykes (1823-1876), arr. Tom Fettke

#### ✦ DOXOLOGY 592

#### ✦ PRAYER

#### ✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

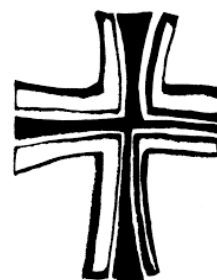
#### ✦ BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Welsh melody, arr. Marvin Gaspard



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**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 if you have any questions.

**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 your joys and concerns verbally at the time for Pastoral Prayer.

**Sunday School: Children's Sunday School** meets at 9 a.m. in Room 115 with Don Mims teaching the class. **Adult Sunday School** is taking a summer vacation from their studies, but will resume September 8. **Our Youth** will resume meeting every other Sunday, beginning September 8th at 9:00 a.m.

**The flowers in our sanctuary this morning** are given by Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin Cooper and Sharon Cooper to the glory of God and in remembrance of Melissa & Harold Cooper and Florinda White and in celebration of Keaton's and Killian's birthday on August 28th.

**All of today's musical offerings** are hymns. From older, familiar hymns to current ones, each offers inspiring messages to all of us.

**Congregational Meeting today.** The session has called for a Congregational Meeting after worship today for the purpose of providing information to the congregation.

**The Adult Sunday School Class:** David Elledge will begin a study of 2nd Timothy when class begins on September 8th. You are invited to join them in the Library Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

**Our Chancel Choir** has been on vacation for several weeks. During their absence, soloists, and guest musicians have been a part of worship. We appreciate our wonderful musicians. The Choir will return to the loft September 8th.

**Food Sunday/Every Sunday:** Non perishable food items are collected every Sunday for Christian Community Service Center food pantries. Most desired items include canned (meaty) soups, dry cereal, dry beans, rice, and hygiene items-shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and individually wrapped toothbrushes.

**The church office will be closed** on Monday, September 2nd, for the Labor Day holiday.

**Refreshments and Fellowship** after worship are long standing traditions at St. Luke's, giving us an opportunity to get acquainted and share church and family news. If you are visiting St. Luke's, please join us after worship in Room #123 and discover one of St. Luke's greatest assets, the warm friendliness of our church family.

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