

In Response to God
 Activities for the Week of September 1, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

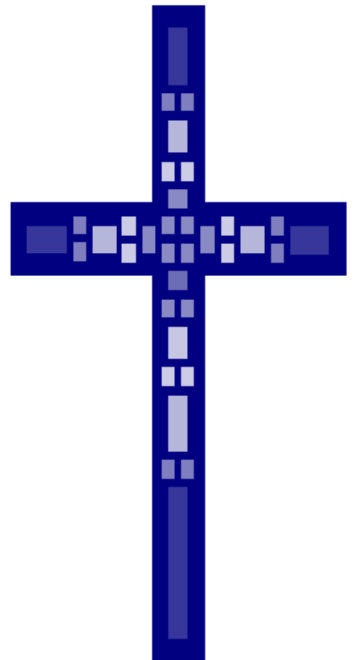
Sunday	September 1	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments and Fellowship
Monday	September 2	Labor Day Holiday Church Office Closed Dragon Academy Closed
Tuesday	September 3	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	September 4	2-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	September 5	2-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	September 6	2-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	September 7	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	September 8	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Save the Date:	September 17	6:30 pm – Spirits & Spirituality

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
Parish Associate	The Rev. Dr. Bill Wade
Parish Associate	The Rev. Lauren Suba
Director of Music-Organist/Choirmaster	Marvin Gaspard
Business Manager	Patti Ernst
Assistant to Head of Staff	Mary Ann White
Artists in Residence	Sarah Bunk, Ann Guercio, & Laura Smith



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The Order of Worship

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

The Lord's My Shepherd
James Leith Macbeth Bain (1816-1925), arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦OPENING HYMN 376

HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 229)

Reading today, Patti Ernst

James 1:17-27

SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 42)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Chaplain Jim Mayer

“Letting Loose of Your Pet Peeves”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦APOSTLE'S CREED (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Gage Campos

There Is a Balm in Gilead

African-American spiritual, arr. Marvin Gaspard

✦DOXOLOGY 592

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION 510 (V. 1-3) Jesus , Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

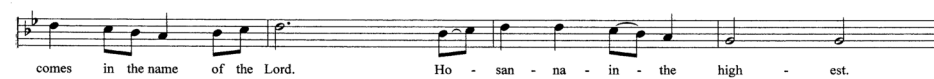
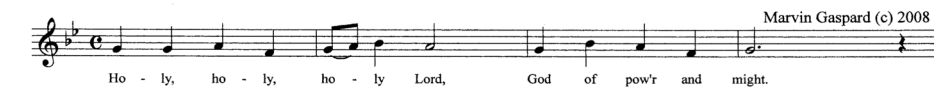
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

The congregation sings...



COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Alana Glover

In This Very Room

Ron and Carol Harris

PEOPLE'S RESPONSE

For Thine Is the Kingdom

From *The Lord's Prayer*, Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

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.

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 Sharing of Joys and Concerns.

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 David and Loretta Elledge to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their grandsons, Parker and Truitt.

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 will return to the loft next Sunday after a well deserved vacation. During their absence, soloists, and guest musicians have been a part of worship. We appreciate our wonderful musicians.

Spirits & Spirituality will meet on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Casa Dominguez, 5213 Cedar Street in Bellaire. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and discussion of Rev. Harbison's topic for the evening. A sign up sheet is available in the Narthex or call the church office to RSVP.

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.

Montrose Street Reach on Thursday, September 19th: Once a month St. Luke's serves with Montrose Street Reach to minister to people experiencing homelessness in the Montrose area. We contribute the desserts to the meal served that evening. If you can provide brownies or cookies or would like to volunteer to serve, call the church office (713.667.6531) to let us know. You can speak to Jeanne Leach or Ed Dickinson to learn more about this meaningful outreach to the homeless in our community.

Focus on Food Sunday is September 29th: On the fifth Sundays of the months during the year we ask everyone to make a special effort to bring non-perishable items for CCSC. *Focus on Food* is just another way to bring attention to the elevated hunger in our community and the high level of need that the CCSC Emergency Food Pantry responds to every day. Food drives are essential to keep their shelves stocked.
