

In Response to God  
 Activities for the Week of September 29, 2024

Today's Lectionary: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124:1-8; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

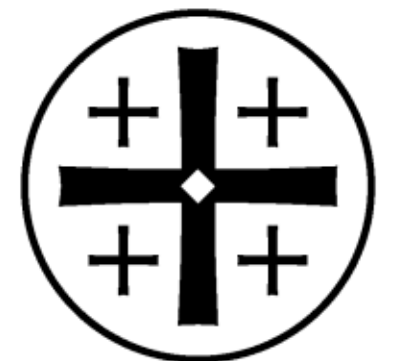
Sunday	September 29	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service/Youth Sunday 11:00 am – Refreshments & Fellowship Choir Rehearsal
Monday	September 30	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Tuesday	October 1	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 10 am-2 pm – CCSC Food Collection 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Wednesday	October 2	3 pm-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Thursday	October 3	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy 11 am-1 pm – Men's Lunch Bunch 4 pm – Strength Training Class
Friday	October 4	7:30 am-7 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Saturday	October 5	9 am-5 pm – Houston Dragon Academy
Sunday	October 6	9:00 am – Church School 10:00 am – Worship Service 11:00 am – Fellowship & Refreshments Choir Rehearsal
World Communion Sunday		
Save the Date:	October 15	6: 30 pm – Spirits and Spirituality

ST. LUKE'S STAFF

Pastor	The Rev. W. Scott Harbison
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Parish Associate	The Rev. Laureen Suba
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ST. LUKE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

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# The Order of Worship

September 29, 2024

## NINETEENTH 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

#### Pastorale

George Frederic Handel (1685-1769), arr. Daniel Burton

#### ✦PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### ✦OPENING HYMN 487

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**Congregation: Thanks Be to God.**

### HEARING THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 231)

Reading today: Annemieke Luckey

James 5:13-20

#### ANTHEM

They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes, arr. Fred Bock (1938-1998)

#### SCRIPTURE READING (NT p. 45)

Mark 9:38-50

#### REFLECTION ON THE WORD

Chaplain Jim Mayer

“On His Majesty’s Service”

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ✦HYMN OF RESPONSE 366

ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, Thou Boundless Love to Me

#### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYERS/LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional) Hymnal p. 161

#### OFFERTORY

Gloria from *Heiligmesse*  
Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

#### ✦DOXOLOGY 592

#### ✦PRAYER

#### ✦CHORAL RESPONSE

Shalom, Chaverim!  
Israeli round, arr. Marvin Gaspard

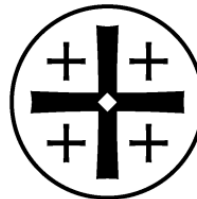
“Farewell, good friends, Shalom! Till we meet again, Shalom”

#### ✦BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

LYONS

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!  
John Michael Haydn (1737-1806), 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 Chaplain Jim Mayer if you have any questions.

**Joys and Concerns** are an opportunity to share a need for prayers of thanks-giving 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:** David Elledge is leading the class in a study of 2nd Timothy. You are invited to join them in the Library Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. **Our Youth** meet every other Sunday. The next meeting will be on October 6.

**Today is Focus on Food Sunday.** On the fifth Sundays of the year we ask everyone to make a special effort to bring non-perishable items for CCSC. *Focus on Food* is a 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.

**The Men’s Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, October 3 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chang’s Chinese Restaurant, 5761 San Felipe. Please sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office to let us know you are coming.

**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 to let us know how to acknowledge your gift.

**Celebrate September birthdays today.** It’s tradition at St Luke’s to celebrate birthdays on the last Sunday of each month. Drop by the cookie room after worship and take a moment to enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and celebrate our September birthdays.

**Strength Training at St. Luke’s:** The class celebrated its first year at St. Luke’s on September 18th. Jeanne Leach leads the class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. Strength training helps with balance, coordination, bone density, and overall health. Pick up a flyer in the narthex with all the details and let us know if you would like to attend.

**Cookie Time:** We all enjoy our fellowship time after worship and of course our cookie time too. With that being said, please consider signing up to provide refreshments on a Sunday convenient for you. The sign up sheet is in the Cookie Room!