

8 Sessions that can bring you closer to Christ

Exploring the Way of Love
is an eight-week experience
where anyone and everyone,
from regular church-goers to
those simply seeking some
answers, is invited to explore
how to deepen one's under-
standing of discipleship.

Through prayer, teaching, and
fellowship, we help each other
discover and grow into our
identity as Christian disciples.

*Christ offers you the keys
to an abundant life!*



SESSION SCHEDULE

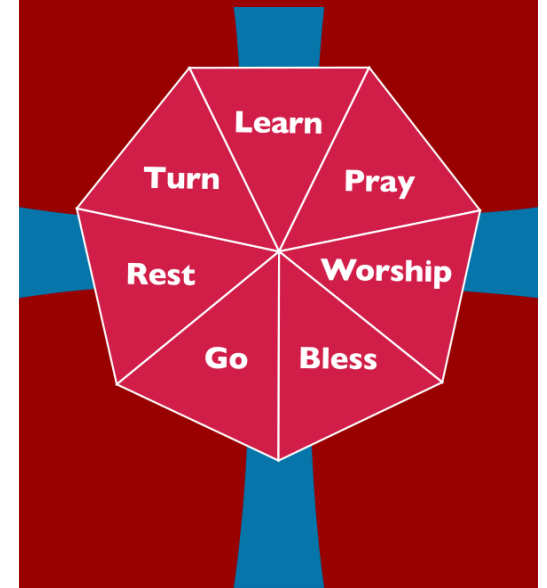
SEP 4	SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION / ORI- ENTATION
SEP 11	SESSION 2: TURN
SEP 18	SESSION 3: LEARN
SEP 25	OFF
OCT 2	OFF
OCT 9	SESSION 4: PRAY
OCT 16	SESSION 5: WORSHIP
OCT 23	SESSION 6: BLESS
OCT 30	OFF
NOV 6	SESSION 7: GO
NOV 13	SESSION 8: REST

We begin with a simple supper at 5:45
PM and end our presentation around
7:30 PM each evening of the program.

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THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

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The Way of Love
at St. Luke's
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The Way of Love

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called *The Way*.

Our vocation is to live as the "Episcopal branch" of this Jesus Movement by growing together more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world.

For centuries, monastic communities shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life." *The Way of Love* outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

If you already keep such a "rule" or live certain spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment, and commitment around the practices of *Turn – Learn – Pray – Worship – Bless – Go – Rest*, we hope to grow as a community following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change lives and to change this world.

Join us for this series whether you are new to The Episcopal Church or have been here a long time. It can form the basis for true renewal at St. Luke's.

Who should attend?

- *Anyone* who has experienced a longing for something more in life.
- *Anyone* who is curious about what Christian discipleship means.
- *Anyone* who might seek baptism, confirmation, or reception as a member in the Episcopal Church.

What will we explore?

Over eight Thursdays sessions, we will gather to explore just what makes faith in Christ attractive even today, thousands of years after Jesus' worked his mission and ministry in our midst using the framework of *The Way of Love*:

- **Turn:** Turning one's life towards God's love and the teachings of Jesus is about intentionally shifting focus and making conscious choices aligned with faith.
- **Learn:** Learning from the scriptures, spiritual writings, and teachings of the Church, we explore deepening our understanding of faith and its implications for daily life.
- **Pray:** Prayer involves both personal and communal expressions of faith by spending time in conversation with God, seeking guidance, and offering thanks.
- **Worship:** Worship encompasses various forms of expressing reverence and adoration for God, which includes church services, the sacraments, and personal acts of devotion.

- **Bless:** Actively seeking to do good and extend kindness to others offers support, encouragement, and positive wishes to those around us.
- **Go:** Encouraging Christians to be active participants in the world, sharing faith and living out our beliefs in practical ways by going out into the world and having a positive impact.
- **Rest:** Rest acknowledges the need for both physical and spiritual renewal as we find moments of peace and centering oneself in God's presence.

How does it work?

- Each session begins at 5:45 PM in the Parish Hall Auditorium (22 S. 6th Street) with a simple supper.
- When we finish eating, we will join together for a short time of prayer (we may include a song or two familiar to most people).
- A teaching, facilitated by Father David Zwifka, will follow.
- Then it's time for some table conversation where people may share what they learned or experienced through the teaching.
- We should wrap things up around 7:30 PM.

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church seeks to bring the love of Christ to all people -
no exceptions.

As a parish in the Episcopal Church we share a long tradition of worship, intellectual inquiry, and social outreach within caring communities. At St. Luke's, we see our primary calling in bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet and in inviting everyone to participate in making the kingdom of God real in our world. For more information on our community, visit our website

