



The Heart of St. Luke's

St. Luke's Episcopal Church | 320 Broad St NW

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March, April, & May 2024

The Way of the Cross, Pt. II

*Pastoral Reflections
on Lent and Holy Week*

with Fr. Joel Huffstetler

Tuesdays in Lent

The 2024 St. Luke's Lenten Series is "The Way of the Cross, Part II: Pastoral Reflections on Lent and Holy Week". Fr. Joel Huffstetler is offering a six-week series, exploring important themes of our Christian faith as expressed in our observances of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

This series is a continuation of last year's series, which is available to watch on our St. Luke's YouTube page and on the St. Luke's Podcast, "Faithful Echoes: Readings and Sermons from St. Luke's".

The series runs will continue on Tuesdays through March 26th, from 6:00 PM-7:15 PM in the Parish Hall.

Light refreshments and Nursery are provided. If you are unable to attend in-person, the series is being made available online on our Facebook and YouTube pages, and on the St. Luke's Podcast, later in the week.

A Message from Fr. Joel

Dear Friends,

Our Lenten season is off to a strong start. Attendance on Ash Wednesday was very nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. And our Tuesday series, "The Way of the Cross, Part II: Pastoral Reflections on Lent and Holy Week" is off to a strong start as well. If you're unable to be with us in-person on Tuesdays, the talks will be posted to our digital platforms the following Mondays.

My wish for us all is that this new Lenten season will be seen and experienced as a gift — a grace — a season of healthy introspection and spiritual renewal and growth. With a new season of Lent upon us we are all well to be reminded of the Benedictine motto: "Always we begin again."

As is always the case, this edition of *The Heart* is filled with news of worship, education, fellowship, and outreach opportunities for all ages. Please take full advantage of all our parish has to offer as we work our way toward another joyful celebration of Easter.

Love and peace,

Faithful Echoes

*Readings and
Sermons from
St. Luke's*

Sermon Podcast
Available on:
Spotify
Apple Podcasts
iHeart Radio
Amazon Music



We have a podcast: "Faithful Echoes: Readings and Sermons from St. Luke's." Each episode features the Collect of the Day, Scripture Readings, and Fr. Joel's Sermon for the previous Sunday or occasional Thursday. Additionally, the podcast occasionally features sermons from guest preachers and formation offerings from Fr. Joel and others.

The podcast is available on most major podcast platforms as well as the St. Luke's website, www.stlukesccleveland.org/podcast.

Home Gathering Groups are one of the key fellowship opportunities at St. Luke's to build friendships and community among our parishioners, new and not-so-new! Groups are encouraged to meet 3-4 times over the course of six to eight months to get to know one another better. This can be done in many ways: dinner out to a restaurant, a shared excursion to a park or the lake, dinner in someone's home, an extended coffee hour after church — whatever meets the moment!

If you are interested in participating, simply let the church office know at (423) 476-5541 by Friday, March 8th. We are looking for Host households willing to help coordinate their group for a season, as well as those just looking to participate and get to know their fellow parishioners better.

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE

HOME GATHERING GROUPS

FOOD | FELLOWSHIP | SMALL GROUPS

Sign up for Home Gathering Groups for
March - August 2024 by contacting the
church office at (423) 476-5541.



Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday | Sunday, March 24th

- 8:00 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 10:45 AM Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Tuesday, March 26th

- 6:00 PM "The Way of the Cross, Part II:
Pastoral Reflections on Lent and Holy Week"
2024 Lenten Series with Fr. Joel Huffstetler

Maundy Thursday | Thursday, March 28th

- 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
- 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
with Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday | Friday, March 29th

- 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy*
- 6:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy*

Saturday, March 30th

- 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale

Easter Sunday | Sunday, March 31st

- 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
with the Flowering of the Cross
- 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

All services and classes offered in-person. Services and classes marked with an asterisk () are available online and in-person. Nursery is provided on Sundays, and all evening services.*



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY, MARCH 24

- 8:00 AM
 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
 - 9:30 AM
 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
 - 10:45 AM
 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
- *OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-PERSON



MAUNDY THURSDAY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

- 12:10 PM
 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
 - 6:00 PM
 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
- WITH FOOTWASHING & STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR
*OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-PERSON



GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- 12:00 PM
 - GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY*
 - 6:00 PM
 - GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY*
- *OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-PERSON



EASTER SUNDAY SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:45 AM
 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
 - 9:30 AM
 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
- WITH THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS
- 11:30 AM
 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II*
- *OFFERED ONLINE AND IN-PERSON



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EASTER EGG HUNT & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

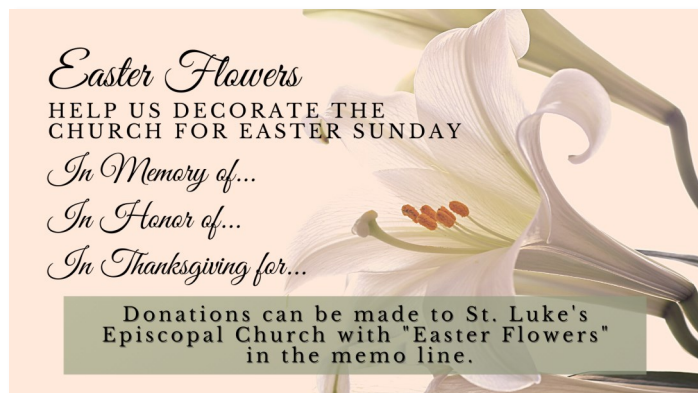
For Children 5th grade and younger
Sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal
Youth Community (EYC)

You are invited!
Come celebrate with us and get your
picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

Join us on Saturday, March 30th, at 11:00 AM for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale sponsored by the St. Luke's EYC. Come get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!
(Rain Date: Sunday, March 31st at 10:45 AM)

Parish Family Notes

- Congratulations to all those Confirmed and Received by the Bishop in December: Renee Blecher, Vincent Cavallaro, Sadie Chartier, Renee Collins, Kyle Cooper, Tiffany Cooper, Ricci Fissel, Dean Foster, Anna Glover, Jason Hackett, Tasha Hackett, Brian Jacob, Lori Jacob, Brenda Martin, Jim Martin, Will Mathews, Jimmy Mazzolini, Tammy McCleaf, Julia McConaghay, Dorin McGarvey, Sarah Muth, Aidan Napier, Hannah Parson, Jean Reschenthaler, Elise Rymer, Sophie Rymer, Charles Sereebutra, Greg Thomas, Cadance Townsend, and Anita Wright.
 - Congratulations to Audrey Sophia Jacob and Ethan Paul Jacob on their baptisms. Audrey and Ethan are the children of Brian and Lori Jacob.
 - Congratulations to Chandler Jenkins and Lilly Shell on their baptisms. Lilly is the daughter of Chandler.
 - Congratulations to Rob Arneson on his baptism.
 - Congratulations to Silas Jack-Floyd Foster on his baptism. Silas is the son of Dean and Hannah Foster.
 - Congratulations to Laurel McKesson Shores, Emery Revel Shores, and Whitney Jackson Albert Shores on their baptisms. Laurel, Emery, and Jack are the children of Chad and Whitney Shores.
 - Congratulations to Rose Dahl-Messer on her baptism.
 - Congratulations to Jesse Ray on his baptism.
 - Congratulations to Lew & Delores Warren on the birth of their grandson, Lewis Henry Warren, IV. Lewis is the son of Lewis & Katie Warren.
 - Welcome to Debbie Drummond, who transferred her membership from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs, CO.
 - Welcome to Amy Wagner, who transferred her membership from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, TN.
 - Welcome to Cheryl Bacon, who transferred her membership from Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Elgin, IL.
 - Sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Florence Benson, who passed recently.
 - Sympathy to Terry Geyer, and the family and friends of Jack Geyer, who passed recently.
 - Sympathy to the family and friends of Dan Crook, who passed recently.
- The Church Office is looking for volunteers! Please contact Isaac or Andrea if interested (423) 476-5541.**
- We are looking for a volunteer to regularly clean and maintain the vestments worn in worship by the Lectors, Chalice Bearers, and Acolytes.



Help us decorate the church for Easter Sunday!

As part of our Easter tradition here at St. Luke's we decorate the church with beautiful lilies every year to the glory of God and in memory or honor of, or thanksgiving for a loved one. It serves not only to make St. Luke's more beautiful, but as a thoughtful reminder on Easter Sunday of those we hold dear.

If you would like to include a remembrance in the bulletin, please list their names on this form and return it to the church office no later than Wednesday, March 20th. Please make your check payable to St. Luke's Episcopal Church and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

Easter Flowers Form

Name

Phone Number

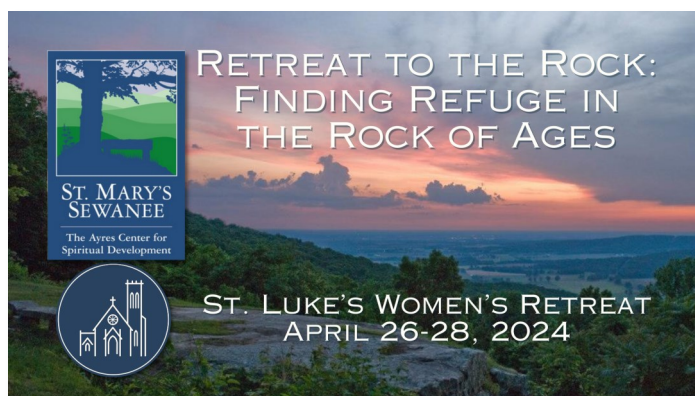
In Memory of

In Honor of

In Thanksgiving for

Given by

Amount Given \$_____



The 2024 St. Luke's Women's Retreat is "Retreat to the Rock: Finding Refuge in the Rock of Ages". Join us April 26-28, 2024 for a weekend retreat at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee, Tennessee.



Casey Cole Higginbotham will be leading us in conversation and reflection on Psalm 18, which begins in verses 1-2 with, "I love you, O LORD my strength, O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven. My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise."

Casey has a longstanding and fruitful relationship with St. Luke's and we are excited to have her join us on this inaugural weekend! You can learn more about Casey's current ministry at www.caseycole.org.

The Planning Team has already been hard at work putting together this amazing weekend. We'll gather for times of prayer, food, and fellowship; opportunities for discussion in small groups; crafting, journaling, hikes, sabbath time, and more. The weekend includes meals with the Convent of St. Mary's in the refectory.

There are two ways to participate in this weekend retreat: Friday-Sunday, and Saturday only. Those attending Saturday only will arrive in time for the first session that morning and enjoy a full day of conversation and activities through dinner and the evening Q&A. Those attending Friday-Sunday will begin with dinner Friday evening, a social hour, and small group discussions. On Sunday following breakfast, they'll attend worship together at All Saints' Chapel at the University of the South in Sewanee before departing.

The retreat is filling up quickly! The deadline to register is Sunday, March 31st. The retreat is open to the Women of St. Luke's, and to friends and family who may wish to join us. Register at www.stlukesccleveland.org/retreat.

Cost for the Retreat

\$100/person — Double Room Occupancy
\$120/person — Single Room Occupancy
(Fri. Dinner-Sun. Breakfast)

\$60/person — Saturday Only
(Saturday Lunch-Dinner)

Financial Assistance is available.

Please contact the Church Office at (423) 476-5541.



St. Luke's is working to produce a new Photo Directory for 2024! We need your help collecting photos and updating contact information. We ask you to do one of the following:

- **Submit a high resolution portrait** of the persons in your household to the church office. Please ensure the photo is appropriate to a church directory and does not include pets, or persons not in your household. We ask you to avoid submitting casual or candid photos (no selfies) in favor of a staged portrait. *You may submit your photo and update your contact information at www.stlukesccleveland.org/directory.*
- **Schedule an appointment** to have your portrait taken at the church office. *Please call ahead to schedule your time.*

If you have any questions about the type of photo, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541. Please either submit your photo or schedule your appointment **as soon as possible!**



Join us on Sunday, May 19th, following the 10:45 AM Service for a Covered Dish Luncheon celebrating another wonderful Church School Year. We'll be thanking all of our amazing Church School Teachers for sharing their gifts with us this year.

Summer Schedule begins on Sunday, May 26th (Memorial Day Weekend). Sunday Services will be held at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM*.

*Offered Online and In-Person, Nursery provided on Sunday.

Christian Formation

ST. LUKE'S SPEAKER SERIES



THE BOOK OF RUTH:

How We Find Ourselves, Each Other, and God in the Stories We Hear and Tell

February 18, 25, & March 3

with Lori Jacob

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL

ST. LUKE'S SPEAKER SERIES



LIFE IN CHRIST:

Foundations for Walking with Jesus

March 10, 17, & 24

with Nolan McBride

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL

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CAREGIVER SELF-CARE

April 7

with Beth Janney

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL

ST. LUKE'S SPEAKER SERIES



FRAMING MISSION:

Scripture as a Model for Sharing the Good News

April 21, 28, May 5, 12, & 19

with Nathan Napier

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL

The Book of Ruth: How We Find Ourselves, Each Other, and God in the Stories We Hear and Tell

Sundays at 9:30 AM | Feb. 18, 25, & March 3

Through a study of the Old Testament Book of Ruth we will explore the ancient art of storytelling and how we as humans use narratives to understand the world, our place in it, and how we relate to God and each other.

Lori Jacob is an avid fiction reader and self-professed lifelong Bible nerd. She, along with her husband Brian, joined St. Luke's through Reception this past December.

Life in Christ: Foundations for Walking with Jesus

Sundays at 9:30 AM | March 10, 17, & 24

In the Episcopal Church's baptism service, the congregation promises to do all in their power to support the newly baptized in their new life in Christ. But what does that look like? Our field education student, Nolan McBride, will be exploring the Anglican tradition's rich resources for following the way of Jesus in our understanding of baptism, communion, and prayer.

Caregiver Self-Care

Sunday at 9:30 AM | April 7

Beth Janney returns to us on April 7 to offer a follow-up session to her February series, "A Spirituality of Aging". In this session, Beth will talk about the importance of Caregiver Self-Care, and provide tools and guidance on how best to provide for oneself when also caring for those we love.

Beth is a member of St. Peter's, Chattanooga, and has been doing portions of her diaconal formation training with Fr. Joel. She is the Corporate Director for Memory Care for Morning Pointe Senior Living in Chattanooga.

To Be Announced

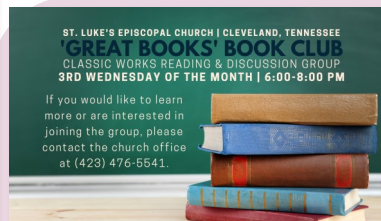
Sunday at 9:30 AM | April 14

Framing Mission:

Scripture as a Model for Sharing the Good News

Sundays at 9:30 AM | April 21, 28, May 5, 12, & 19

Join us as we reflect on how we as Christians can walk in the paths shown for us by the apostles as we seek to share the Good News of Jesus in a tired and broken world. Nathan Napier, member of St. Luke's Vestry, will lead us on an exploration of the Book of Psalms, the Acts of the Apostles, and other passages that model how and why we enter into Mission.



The 'Great Books' Book Club meets on a Wednesday evening each month from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM to discuss a great literary work. If you would like to learn more or

are interested in joining the group, please contact Fred Mueller at (423) 650-1867 or the church office at (423) 476-5541.

March 20 | *Nostromo* by Joseph Conrad

April 17 | "The Legend of St. Julian the Hospitaler" by Gustave Flaubert

May 15 | "My Mother" by Andre Gide

St. Luke's Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. The current series is *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News* by Amy-Jill Levine.

Men's Prayer Breakfast meets Friday mornings at 7:00 AM for food, fellowship, and prayer with a guided Bible Study each week.



Senior EYC (8th-12th grades) — Sundays at 5:00 PM
Sundays, March 3rd, 17th, April 7th, 14th, and May 19th

Junior EYC (4th-7th grades) — Wednesdays at 5:15 PM
Wednesdays, March 6th, 20th, April 3rd, 10th, May 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd

Friday-Sunday, March 22nd-24th
6th-8th graders — *New Beginnings #7* (9th-12th on Team)

Sunday, March 24th — 9:30 AM
Junior EYC — *Palm Sunday Gospel Reading*

Thursday-Friday, March 28th & 29th — 6:00 PM
All Ages — *Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services*

Saturday, March 30th — 11:00 AM
All Ages — *Easter Egg Hunt (Rain Date, Mar. 31st at 10:45am)*



Wednesday, April 17th — 6:00 PM
All Ages — *Family Bowling Night (rescheduled from Jan.)*

Sunday, April 28th — 1:00 PM
Jr. & Sr. EYC — *ChattEY at St. Peter's, Chattanooga*

Sunday, May 5th — 9:15 AM
All Ages — *Youth Sunday Service, 10:45 AM*
All Ages — *Lemonade Stand Challenge*

Monday-Thursday, June 3rd-6th
Vacation Bible School — *age 4-6th graders, 9am-12pm*
Jr. EYC — *Service Week, 1pm-4pm*

*No EYC Events on March 10th, 13th, 31st,
April 21st, 24th, May 12th, 26th, or 29th.*



GRACE POINT CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

Registration is now open for Summer Camp at Grace Point Camp and Retreat Center in Kingston, TN. Camp sessions are available for Family Camp (All Ages), Junior Camp (rising 4th-6th grades), Intermediate Camp (rising 7th-9th), Youth Camp (rising 10th-just graduated), and Adult Camp (ages 21+).

Scholarships are available for those who need them. For more information, visit www.gracepointcamp.org.

Youth Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 5th, during the 10:45 AM service. Please join us for this celebration of the children and youth of St. Luke's, and for the awarding of the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship. The 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM services will be held as usual.



The C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship

Each year St. Luke's Episcopal Church offers its graduating high school seniors the opportunity to apply for and receive the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship, as part of our commitment

to the ongoing growth and success of the young people of this church. The scholarship is a one time award of up to \$1,200, and has been funded in year's past by donations and memorials made to the church in memory of many faithful members of the parish.

In the seventeen years since the scholarship was founded, forty-six graduating seniors have received \$45,450 in financial assistance for their college education. Over the next five years, St. Luke's expects to award *at least* another \$15,000 in scholarships. Memorials and donations to support the Patten Scholarship are always appreciated, and help to ensure the scholarship will be available for years to come.

If you would like to contribute to the Patten Scholarship and the education of future graduates, please write a check to *St. Luke's Episcopal Church* and write "Patten Scholarship" in the memo line. This year, the C.L. (Buddy) and Jane Patten Scholarship will be awarded during the 10:45 AM service on Youth Sunday, May 5th.

Requirements for the Patten Scholarship are:

- Graduating High School Senior
- Attending a college, university, or trade school
- Parishioner of St. Luke's

Seniors may pick up an application form by contacting Isaac Doty in the church office at (423) 476-5541.



Mark your calendars for St. Luke's Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is "Come, Follow Me" from Matthew 4:19. VBS is scheduled from June 3rd-6th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00pm.



St. Luke's VBS is open to children ages 4-6th grade, so please sign up your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors! There is no cost for participating in VBS, however, we ask that you register as soon as possible so we can order plenty of t-shirts for the children.

Our VBS Coordinator is Abbey Fuller. Abbey is looking for volunteers interested in helping lead VBS, prepare snacks, decorating, and more. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please contact the church office at (423) 476-5541.

Register for VBS: www.stlukesccleveland.org/vbs



The Junior EYC Service Week is coming up June 3rd -6th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, following VBS. We'll be learning how our care for church and community can often be expressed in ordinary tasks done in love, and that 'many hands, make light work.'

Do you need an attic or storage shed cleaned and organized? A room in your house you need painted? A new garden bed mulched and planted? We're looking for everyday projects that our Jr. EYC can take on that improves the quality of life of members of our church community. If you have an upcoming need, please be in contact with Isaac in the church office at (423) 476-5541.

Lunch will be provided for those attending VBS.



Last year St. Luke's and the EYC participated in the Isaiah House 117 Lemonade Stand Challenge, a community-wide fundraiser to support the ministry of our local chapter of Isaiah House. The sixteen participating churches raised \$13,552; of that, St. Luke's raised \$3,992!

Isaiah 117 House helps kids as they enter foster care by providing a safe and kid/teen friendly home. Inside the home, we are staffed with well trained and passionate volunteers and staff that spend time with each child to make their day less hard, and more fun/peaceful/restful. While in the home, we also provide each child with a duffel bag filled with all new items that are hand picked for that child-- products, clothes, toys, and a Bible that will help their transition into foster care.

The Lemonade Stand Challenge is a community-wide fundraising initiative for families, church groups, and businesses to raise money to support children entering foster care:

- \$50 provides new clothes and shoes for a child
- \$300 fully sponsors one child's transition into foster care
- \$500 covers 2 weeks of groceries at Isaiah House

This year's Lemonade stand Challenge is Sunday, May 5th, which also happens to be Youth Sunday. The EYC will have a Lemonade Stand set up in the courtyard between services and during Coffee Hour to raise money (and sell lemonade!) for the local chapter of Isaiah House (Bradley-Polk County TN). If you would like to make a contribution to Isaiah House, please write at check to St. Luke's with "Isaiah House" in the memo line.



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St. Luke's Vestry

2025	2026	2027
Jill Davis	Heather Jackson	Rose Allen
Lisa Harper	Wayne Kelly	Nathan Napier
Stacia Shahan	Leslie Melton	Chad Shores
Lew Warren	Amy Wasson	Stephanie Taylor

Regular Service Schedule

Sundays, 8:00 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Sundays, 9:30 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sundays, 10:45 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Thursdays, 12:10 PM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

**Services also available online at www.facebook.com/stlukesccleveland/live and www.stlukesccleveland.org/live.*

Office Hours

Monday—Friday, 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

St. Luke's Staff

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