

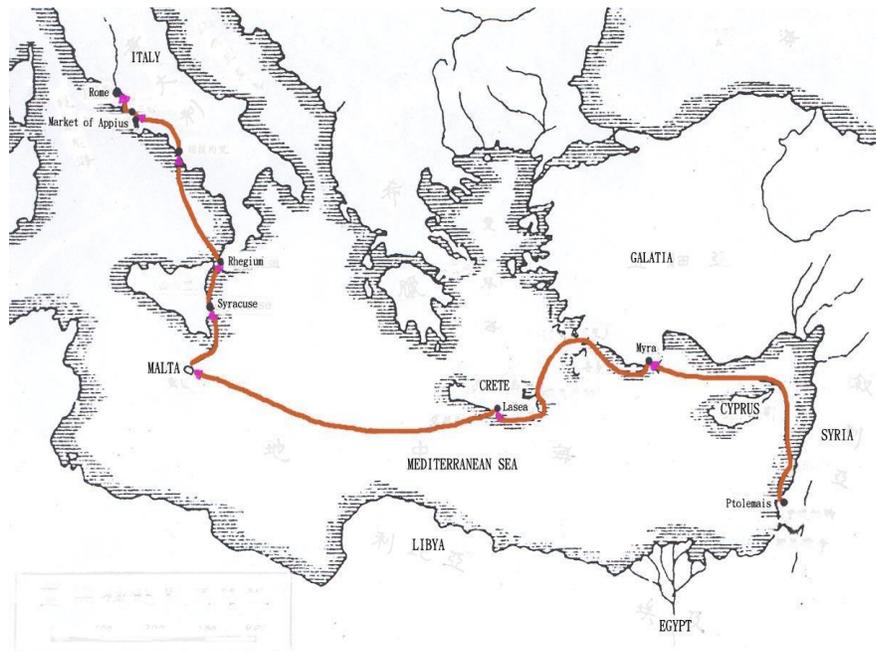
Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

Rally Sunday

September 9, 2018

Jesus seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children, and was he surprised by her reply? Regardless, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is welcomed.



This morning Pastor Haug concludes his summer sermon series based on the Book of Acts. It is near the end of the story. Paul offers his testimony to both King Agrippa and Roman Governor Festus, seeking their justice. Although neither finds any cause for punishment in Paul's words, since he has begged for Roman justice, they elect to send him to Rome to speak before the Emperor Nero. Escorted by a Roman centurion named Julius, Paul sails in the autumn of the year when unfavorable weather was common. Paul warns them of the dangers. The ship is eventually blasted by a storm, and Paul and all the passengers on board are shipwrecked on the island of Malta. After several months of wintering on the island, the centurion Julius and Paul continue on their way to modern day Italy. There, Paul lived under house arrest for two years while he allowed Jews and believers to assemble in his home for discussions. The Acts of the Apostles ends briefly with Paul's speech to this assembly.

We do not know whether Paul ever spoke to Nero directly or whether the statute of limitations had ended. Tradition, however, states that from Rome he travelled on to Spain, from whence two years later, he returned to Rome. The political climate had since changed in the ensuing two years. Nero had charged the Christians with treason for burning down portions of the city. According to tradition, Paul was arrested, imprisoned and beheaded.

***Inspired by Christ,
living and growing in faith,
we are a loving and open community
of worship, witness, and service in God's world.***



✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world. We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

“Rose Room” and “The Days of Wine and Roses”

The Starry Night Quartet

Welcome

**Call to
Worship**

Psalm 146

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

**Gathering
Hymn**

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

**Apostolic
Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**Prayer of
the Day**

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*Please be
seated.*

**Dismissal
Song**

✘ Word ✘

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

Commissioning and Blessing of Teachers and Students

You are My Hiding Place

1[~]
You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways fill my heart with
songs of de - liv - er - ance. When - ev - er I am a -
2
fraid I will trust in you, I will trust in you.
To repeat
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."
Last time
strength of the Lord, I will trust in you."

**may be sung in canon*

Text: Michael Ledner
Music: HIDING PLACE, Michael Ledner

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Acts 26:19-32

Lesson

¹⁹ "After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰ but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. ²¹ For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. ²² To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: ²³ that the Messiah^[1] must suffer, and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles. ²⁴ While he was making this defense, Festus exclaimed, "You are out of your mind, Paul! Too much learning is driving you insane!" ²⁵ But Paul said, "I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking the sober truth. ²⁶ Indeed the king knows about these things, and to him I speak freely; for I am certain that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this was not done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the

prophets? I know that you believe.”²⁸ Agrippa said to Paul, “Are you so quickly persuading me to become a Christian?”²⁹ Paul replied, “Whether quickly or not, I pray to God that not only you but also all who are listening to me today might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

³⁰ Then the king got up, and with him the governor and Bernice and those who had been seated with them; ³¹ and as they were leaving, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.” ³² Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to the emperor.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960

Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please stand as you are able.



Sing twice.

Mark 7:24-37

In Mark’s gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus’ ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Congregation,
please be
seated*

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as
you are able.*



*Please be
seated*

Sermon

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW #773

Prayers of the Church

P: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A: Gracious God, you call your church to proclaim the love of Christ to a needy world. Embolden us to be your risen...Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*After the greeting, please **share a word** of peace with your neighbors.*

✠ Offering ✠

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Offering

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.



When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. by James "Red" McLeod

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

- A: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
- C: **Amen.**

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

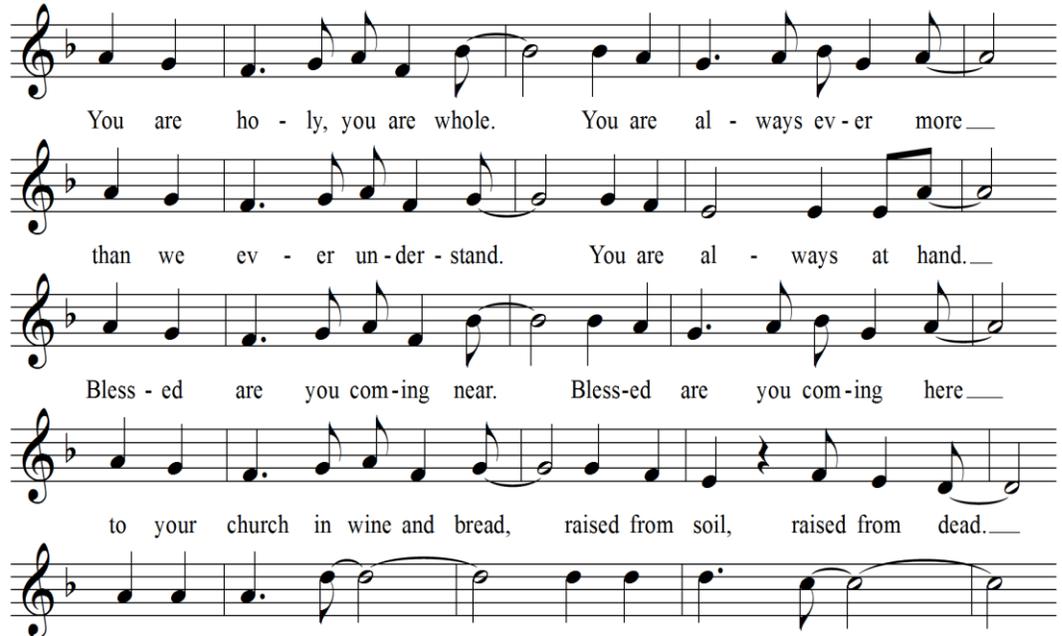
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

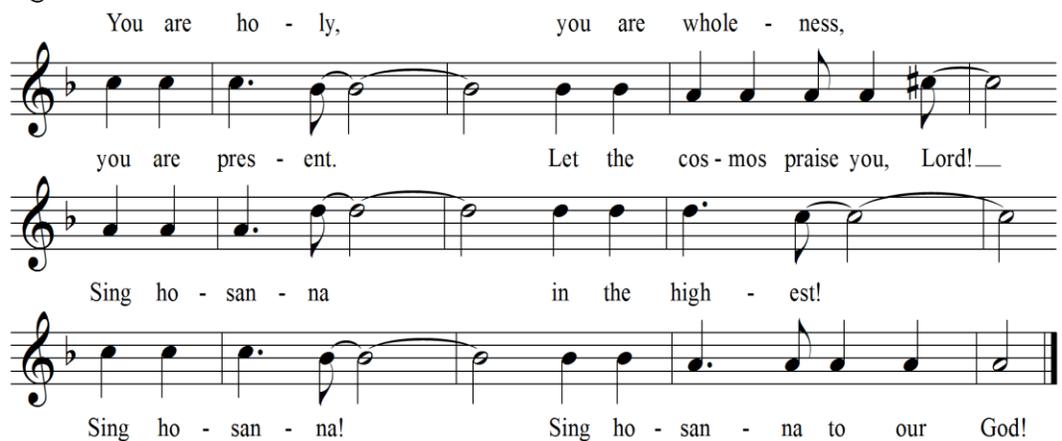
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

1.



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more —
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand. —
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here —
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. —

2.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! —
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Sing through one time, then lectern side sings 1 & 2, pulpit side sings 2 & 1



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 Music: Per Harling
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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
The table is ready. All are welcome.

Please be seated



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.
You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;
you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Text: Martin J. Nystrom
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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A Child is Born

Thad Jones and Alec Walker

*Now, out of the night Soft as the dawn Into the light This Child
Innocent Child Soft as a fawn This Child is born
One small heart One pair of eyes One work of art Here in my arms
Here he lies Trusting and warm Blessed this morn A Child is born*

Distribution

Communion is by common cup or intinction: For the common cup, receive a piece of the bread, and drink from the white chalice. For intinction dip the bread into the brown cup with the wine (dark) or grape juice (light) as you prefer, then eat. At Lake of the Isles, we practice open communion. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table. Gluten free wafers are available in the silver cup.



**Distribution
Music**

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

Go, Make Disciples



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

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Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson
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Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

*Please stand as
you are able.*



Sending Hymn

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

You are invited to remain for the Postlude to enjoy this musical offering of thanksgiving and praise or leave quietly.

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WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled. We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist	Kenneth Vigne
Choir Director	Dawn Allan
Special Music	Starry Night Quartet
John Madson, Tom Madson, David Madson and Todd Bartholomay	
Worship Assistant	Mary Sabatke
Ushers	Carol Kuehn and Rebecca Morell
Altar Servers	Carol Kuehn and Vicki Kuehn-Larson
Reader	Debby Pizarro
Communion Assistants	Mary Knoblauch, Carolyn Hagford and Denise Wilkens
Coffee Host	Pie and Ice Cream Social

CHURCH OFFICERS

President	Marty Carlson
Vice President	Ross Formell
Treasurer	Ross Bartels
Secretary	Jonathan Sprain

STAFF

Youth Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
Custodian	Dane Peterson
Office Manager	Linda Nelson
Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion And Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Pie and Ice Cream Social	Fellowship Hall or Patio
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	B. Arney Men's Group	Christy Room
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	9:15 am	Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	AA Spiritual Recovery Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Men's AA Group	Sunday School Room
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room

	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Christy Room
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	9:00 am	Recovery Connection Set-up	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	6:00 am	MN Recovery Connection Fundraiser	
	4:00 pm	Leone/Wittman Wedding	Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall or Patio
	2:00 pm	Johnson/Makitalo Wedding	Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of

thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:

Marlene Wilson, Shirley Carlson, Peyton Berkland, LOTI members; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Molly Boylan; Judy Bigelow; Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Linda Sabatke**, sister-in-law of the Sabatkes.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



STAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome in worship, however, if the need arises, the Christy Room is available if you need to leave with your child. The Christy Room is located to the left of the sanctuary through the side door at the front of the church and across from the church office. There is an alternate route to take from the narthex, (back of church)—follow the signs. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers to help you. There is a baby changing table available in the unisex restroom between the pastor's office and the sacristy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITORS WELCOME!

Children who are visiting today, age 3 through 6th grade, are more than welcome to come to Sunday

School. We do ask that a parent/guardian comes with their child after the Children's Message to check him/her into a classroom. Children will return to worship with their family at the start of Communion. If your child would prefer to remain in worship, please know that there are age appropriate worship materials at the kid's worship table in the Narthex (back of the Sanctuary). Welcome!



Jacob Hovda 9/13

ELECTRONIC GIVING SCAN TO GIVE



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MATERIALS

Children are invited to use the worship materials throughout the service. Materials are located in the narthex and are organized by age group.

"WORKING" SERIES SPEAKER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

"Working is the theme of an ongoing speaker series in which people talk about what they do all day and how they feel about what they do. Many people associated with ur congregation are engaged in fascinating work, and this series gives us an opportunity to learn more about what they do.

The next session will be Sunday, September 23rd and will focus on a program that helps women get back to

work after living in traumatic environments. The speaker is Jennifer J. Polzin, CEO of Tubman, a nonprofit organization serving people of all ages and backgrounds who have experienced relationship violence, exploitation, homelessness, addiction or mental health challenges. She will share information about how trauma can impact finding or maintaining meaningful employment, resources for employees, how employers can provide a safe environment where people can do their best work and answer questions about working in the nonprofit sector. Jennifer's talk will take place after a brief coffee break following the Sunday morning service. Those who are interested will be invited to take their coffee/tea into the Christy Room for about 45 minutes. The first 5-20 minutes will be an informal talk by Jennifer, leaving the remaining time for questions from those in attendance.

If anyone in the congregation is interested in sharing their own "Working" story, please send an e-mail to jannahaug@yahoo.com.

**CUT A RUG GALA FUNDRAISER
SEPTEMBER 30**

5:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS!

LOTI Church Council will host a gala on **September 30th** to raise funds for new carpeting in our Sanctuary. The event will include food, drinks, silent auction, and live music.

We are looking for auction items! Examples from the past are artwork, wine and food baskets, use of a cabin or timeshare, as well as voice lessons, special dinners at someone's house, pottery, cookie delivery, tickets to events, and whatever else you can provide that you think someone else might be interesting in procuring!

If you have an item to contribute, please contact Susanne Haas or Pastor Haug.

GROWLERS AND THEOLOGY

The informal study of theology and "adult beverages" will resume this fall **Thursday, September 13th at 7:30pm**. Following the model of Luther in his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Pastor Haug will lead a twice monthly gathering at the Parsonage. The next meeting will be **September 27th**.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Please join us

**Saturday, September 22
4:00pm**

Home of Deb Gilroy
2201 Oliver Avenue South

(763) 442-0358

We will discuss *Flunking Sainthood: A Year of Breaking the Sabbath, Forgetting to Pray, and Still Loving My Neighbor*, by Jana Riess.

CONVERSATION AND CUISINE GROUPS

Conversation and Cuisine is a casual evening of getting better acquainted while enjoying a meal in our homes (or choice of a restaurant). Groups made up of 6-8 members and friends of Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church gather for three meals during the course of the year. If you would like to participate in the 2018-2019 groups, please let Janna Haug know by September 30th. You can talk to her during church coffee or e-mail her at jannahaug@yahoo.com.

**EXTENDED CALENDAR
OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES**

& Events



September 12, 19 & 26
Confirmation Class – 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 p.m.

September 13
Growlers & Theology
7:30 p.m.

September 22
Women's Book Club
4:00 p.m.
Deb Gilroy's Home

September 23
"Working" Speaker Series
11:00 a.m.

September 30
Cut A Rug Carpeting Fundraiser
5:00 p.m. –

October 4
Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

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