

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

In today's lesson, St. Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God.

Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.



Christ of St John of the Cross, Salvador Dalí, 1951.

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

Welcome

Call to Worship
Psalm 103
*Please stand as
you are able.*

✠ 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.

Music for Lute

John Dowland (c. 1563-1626)



Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD

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

Vs 1 All,
vs 2, Women,
vs 3 Men &
vs 4 All.



Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

ELW # 865



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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 Lord God, merciful judge, **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Children's Message
Bible Presentations

Children's Dismissal
Song
Verses 1 & 2



Reading
Romans 14: 1-12
The Christian community in ancient Rome had significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another.

✠ Word ✠

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



Jesus Loves Me
ELW #595

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,
yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel Verse
*Please stand
as you are able.*



Gospel
Matthew 18:21-35

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

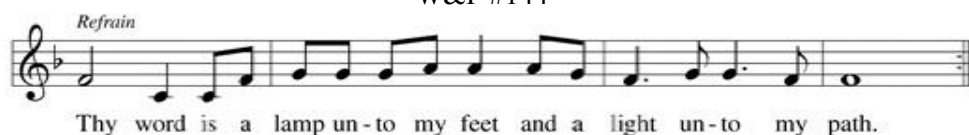
¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Thy Word

W&P #144



Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960
Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day
*Please stand as
you are able.*



Prayers of the
Church

Greeting of Peace



Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

To Be Your Presence
ELW # 546

1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,
all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the

ev-er near,
right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!
love ex-pressed,
church, re-joice,

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Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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*In honor of the United Nations Day of Peace on September 21, we will follow the litany
For the Healing of the Nations, by John D. Becker; from the Litany of the Saints.*

Please sing with the choir..

Peace be yours.

Please echo the choir's final petition...

For the healing of the nations, we pray to you, O God.

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.

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.*



Anthem

God's Mercy Endures Forever

George Frederic Handel/Hal Hopson

Give thanks and praise to God alone:
make known his deeds to all people.
Song, rejoice, rejoice and sing.
O give thanks and praise to God alone.
Declare God's works to all the nations.
God's mercy endures forever.

Offertory
Please stand as
you are able.



Give Thanks W&P #41

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!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

A: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

You Are Holy
ELW #525



✠ 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.

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...

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nå - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Words of Institution



Lord's Prayer

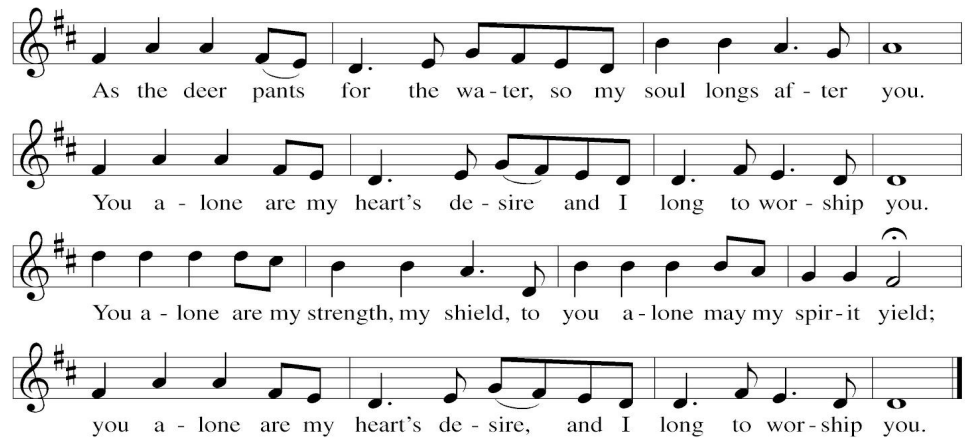
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to
Communion
Please be seated

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



As The Deer
W&P #9



Distribution Music

Music for Lute

John Dowland (c. 1563-1626)

Communion
Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Post-Communion
Blessing
*Please stand as
you are able.*

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

Post-Communion
Prayer

A: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

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.*

Closing Hymn



Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW # 547

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,

the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—

The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,

the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.

The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing

to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Benediction

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

Announcements



Dismissal

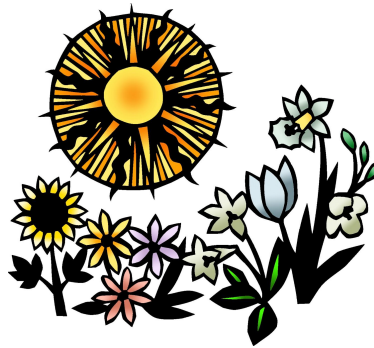
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata Brevis

Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music & praise.



SCAN TO GIVE



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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. We will continue to have Sunday services online.
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.....	Dr. Kristina Rizzotto
	Worship Assistant.....	Mark Duff
	Communion Assistant.....	Michelle McCreery
	Altar Servers.....	Mary Flynn & Linda Nelson
	Reader.....	Nicole Olson
	Usher.....	Denise Wilkens
	Coffee Hosts.....	Ellie Holmquist, Ruth Lee & Nicole Olson
	Worship Tech Assistant.....	Jim Olson
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	Office Manager & Children's Ministry Director.....	Diane LaMere
	Worship Technical Director.....	Joseph LaMere
	Design & Communication Director.....	Michelle McCreery
	Custodian & Caretakers.....	Sarah & Trevor Skorburg

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT 17	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... & Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, SEPT. 18	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club Rehearsal</i>	Fellowship Hall
	4:30 PM	<i>7th/8th Grade Confirmation</i>	Zoom
	6:30 PM	<i>Hymnus Angelicus Rehearsal</i>	Large Group Room
	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Group</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, SEPT 19	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i>	Library/Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>	Christy Room
	12:30 PM	<i>Writer's Group</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>9th Grade Confirmation</i>	Christy Room
THURSDAY, SEPT 21	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i>	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	<i>Hymnus Angelicus Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>Church Council Meeting</i>	Christy Room
	7:00 PM	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	Library
SATURDAY, SEPT 23	2:00 PM	<i>RDO Auditions</i>	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, SEPT 24	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion... Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall

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:



Kathy Dahl, daughter of Phyllis Dahl; **Marta Brown**, daughter of Liz & Mike Brown; **Graham Rawle**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Matthew Moen**; **Anna Lena Skold**; **Trygve Svard**; **David Zarling**, friend of Kathy & Mark Hering; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan & Mary Poulsen; **Bunny & David Anderson**, sister & brother-in-law of John Bergford; **David Cook**, brother of Jenny Cook; **Kathy Sawyer**, niece of Philip Friedlund, **Joey Juras & Fitz Loula**, friends of the Gruys family; **Dona Duff**, mother of Mark Duff; **Alison Reagon**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Lyle Kuehn**, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn, **Amanda Frahm**, sister-in-law of John & Alyson Frahm; & **Kenny Wilson**, friend of Pierre and Diane LaMere; **Nancie Nelson**, friend of Michelle McCreery.

Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our Nursery is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

Loved Ones In The Military

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Taylor Rondestvedt 9/17 Crosby Morrison 9/18
Heather Jacoby 9/19 Brittany Lawonn 9/19
Charlie Gruys 9/20 Katherine Bracken 9/20
Pamela Aagard 9/20 Joseph LaMere 9/21
Charlotte Hurliman 9/21 David Hagford 9/22
Miles Gruys 9/23*

Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

2023-24 Conversation & Cuisine

Signup by September 30th

Conversation & Cuisine is a casual evening of getting better acquainted, while enjoying a meal in each other's homes or a restaurant of choice. Groups made up of 6-8 members & 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 2023-24 groups, please let Janna Haug know by September 30th. You can connect with her at Coffee Hour, or email jannahaug@yahoo.com

Luther Park Benefit Concert

Saturday, September 30th

7:00 – 10:00 PM

Come dance the night away, raising funds for Luther Park, Lake of the Isles's Camp! The concert will be held at Diamond Lake Lutheran in Minneapolis. Food, drink and raffle tickets will be available for purchase throughout the night. The 11-member band, Morpheus, performs hits from some of music's greatest classic rock bands-Blood, Sweat & Tears, Steppenwolf, Santana, Chicago, The Eagles, The Doors and more! All proceeds support the ministries of Luther Park. Tickets sold at the door and on eventbrite.com - suggested donation of \$25. For more information visit www.lutherparkdanbury.com



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Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Friday
9:00 AM – Noon



Water the Lawn Fundraiser

Sunday, October 1st

5:00 – 7:30 PM

Home of the Reisbergs

Join us for Silent Auction, Dinner, & Program!

MENU

Poached Salmon, Crème Fraîche, Pink Peppercorns, & Cucumbers
Roasted Pork Tenderloin & Arugula
Farro with Tomatoes, Olives & Capers
Green Beans with Lemon Olive Oil
Mixed Greens with Sherry Vinaigrette
Filone Italian Baguette
Cambozola, Pecorino & Parmesan Cheeses
LOTI Chocolate Salami & Cherries

featuring

The Renovator Cocktail

[RSVP](#)

We need your help with the Silent Auction for our Fundraiser!

Here are some ideas for items that usually do well in our auctions:

Weekend Stays: (cabins, vacation homes, hotels)

Meet & Greet Opportunities with Celebrities

Golf Outings

Dinners at People's Homes or in Restaurants

Suites for Sport Events

Gift Cards: (restaurants, other)

Tickets to Sports Events & Concerts or Theater

Artwork

Antiques, Vases, Plates

Jewelry

Donated Services of Any Kind: (interior design, voice lessons, painting, gardening, baby sitting, baking)

Gift Baskets Donations for These Themes: (book club, movie night, game night, white wine, red wine, dog lovers, cat lovers, gardeners, puzzles, coffee lovers, spa day, nature lovers, dinner at home, chocolate lovers)

Please contact at susanne.i.haas@resideo.com or 763-257-7477 or the churchoffice@loti.org
