



MUSIC: A FAIR AND GLORIOUS GIFT

Martin Luther said:

I wish to see all arts principally music
 In the service of Him who gave and created them.
 Music is a fair and glorious gift of God.
 I would not for the world forego my humble share of music.

Singers are never sorrowful,
 but are merry and smile through their troubles in song.
 Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable.

I am strongly persuaded that after theology
 There is no art that can be placed on a level with music;
 For besides theology
 Music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart.
 The devil flees before the sound of music
 Almost as much as before the Word of God.

As you can see by these words of Martin Luther, he felt very strongly about the power of music and that music indeed was a glorious gift from God. He was born into a musical family. He sang in a boys' choir and was proficient on the flute. He felt strongly about music in worship and is credited with the birth of congregational singing. He translated the bible into German so that people could hear God's word in their own language. He also wrote hymns so that he could put God's word into the hearts of the people through singing. We have 19 hymns by Martin Luther in our current hymnal. Some of these hymns will be sung at the Reformation Hymn Fest at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 22. First Lutheran Choir is invited to join with Immanuel's choir on this day.

Fall is here and life is busy. We have much to do with preparing music for Sundays, as well as preparing music for Lessons and Carols on December 3. Eric is working on preparing a rehearsal CD for you with the music for Lessons and Carols.

As always, thank you for your commitment to choir and faithfully leading worship each Sunday.

Joyfully in Christ,
Joan

SUNDAY ANTHEM SCHEDULE

October 8 More Love to Thee

October 15 Come to the Table

October 22

Make A Joyful Noise

October 29

Reformation with full liturgy
 and communion

CTW: Christ is Made the
 Sure Foundation

Psalm: God is Our Refuge
 Anthem: Your Hand, O God,
 Has Guided

November 5 Who Are These
 Like Stars Appearing

November 12

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

November 19

Awake, My Heart

November 26 We Will Glorify

CHOIR RETREAT

November 18 at First Baptist Church on Weber and Kiowa streets, 8:30 - 2:30 with lunch.

This is always a great time to gather for extra rehearsal as well as fellowship. Please mark on your calendar and plan to attend if you are in town.

COMING FEB. 6

The Nordic Choir from Luther College Choir. We will need help with housing students.

REFORMATION HYMN FEST

Immanuel Lutheran Church

846 E. Pikes Peak Ave.

2:00-3:30 pm followed by an Oktoberfest dinner in the Organ Gym with brats, hotdogs, German side dishes and beer (root beer). Entertainment by Jim Calm on the theatre organ. Free-will offering will be accepted.

First Lutheran choir members participating in the combined choir for the hymn fest need to be at the church at 12:30 pm for rehearsal. No choir robes. Music provided at the rehearsal.

LESSONS & CAROLS MUSIC

Sunday, December 3, 3:30 pm

followed by the Pie Fest

Creator of the Stars of Night

Zion at thy Shining Gates

Prepare Ye

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Born a Mighty King

Cradle Hymn

All is Well

Who But the Lord

Ring the Bells of Christmas



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Mary Kerwin	25 Annette Kester
6 Linda Parobek	26 Joe Ploederer
12 Janna Winkle	29 Betty Hanson
15 Trudy Lans	

MORNING BLESSING

I am a beloved child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever. Your mercies are new every morning.
(Based on Lam. 3:23)

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of this new day.
Awaken me to your abiding presence;
Open my eyes to your creation;
Open my ears to your promises;
Open my heart to the needs of others.
Fill me with your spirit and guide me this day
In works of kindness, justice, and mercy.
I ask this in the name of Jesus, the light and life of the world. Amen.

CONCERTS

We are fortunate in Colorado Springs to have so many fantastic music opportunities. I try to put flyers and posters on the bulletin board in the choir room for you. Here are a few of the many concerts offered in our community.

Parish House Baroque

St. Mary's Cathedral

Saturday, October 7 at 7:30 pm. Free-will offering

St. Olaf Orchestra

Monday, October 16 at 7:00 pm

First Methodist Church

Tickets at the door

Colorado Springs Chorale and Chamber Singers

Friday, October 13 at 7:30 pm

First Methodist Church

Tickets: \$15

Chamber Orchestra Concert

Saturday, October 14,

Broadmoor Community at 7:00 or

Sunday, October 15, First Christian at 2:30 pm

Featuring Jennifer DeDominici, soprano and Elisa Wicks, violin

PRAYER CONCERNS

Shirley Jones is recovering from heart surgery.
Viki Wilcox is recovering from some oral surgery.
Bill Gast has been diagnosed with Bell's Palsy.

EVENING BLESSING

I am a beloved child of God, marked with the cross of Christ forever. Come to me, all you that are weary...
and I will give you rest. (Matt. 11:28)

Thank you, gracious God, for the gift of this coming night.

Restore me with your right spirit.

Calm my mind, Quiet my heart,

Enfold me with your bountiful mercy.

Protect me from all harm, that I sleep assured of the peace found in you alone.

I ask this in the name of Jesus, who gives us rest.
Amen.