

# *Preaching the faith: the hymns of Martin Luther*

*the third of five hymn festivals celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the Reformation*

*presented by ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection*



*Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Ascension Lutheran Church*

*1479 Morse Road*

*Columbus, Ohio*

**ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection** was founded in 2008 as a network of Lutheran church musicians in central Ohio and is currently the only active local chapter of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Its stated goals include:

- To provide resources, information and encouragement to central Ohio Lutheran church musicians in their efforts to proclaim the Word through music and liturgy.
- To organize gatherings in varied locations for the purpose of planning events and sharing ideas and resources.
- To produce local and regional hymn festivals and workshops, and other activities benefiting its members, in support of fine sacred music and the best liturgical worship practices.

This is Cantor Connection's sixth annual spring hymn festival honoring the great cantors of the church and featuring members of Cantor Connection as musicians. In 2009 we celebrated the music of Paul Manz at Bethel Lutheran Church in Grove City, in 2010 that of Carl Schalk at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley, in 2011 that of Donald Busarow at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Dublin and in 2012 we celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pickerington. In 2013, we presented our first hymn festival in our Reformation count down; it was titled: "Martin Luther's Deutsche Messe – Then and Now." It was held at All Saint's Lutheran Church in Worthington. In 2014, we presented our second festival; it was titled: "Singing the faith: Martin Luther's Catechism Chorales.

Cantor Connection also presents an annual Fall Workshop for musicians, pastors and lay leaders, and an annual Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany. Please visit [www.alcm.org](http://www.alcm.org) for more information on Cantor Connection and to join our e-mail list.

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### *"Preaching the Faith: the Hymns of Martin Luther"*

On October 31, 1517 Dr. Martin Luther wrote to Albert of Mainz and presented his "Ninety-Five Theses on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences." Thus began the Protestant Reformation. October 31, 2017 will be the 500th anniversary of that event. ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection, will be presenting five annual hymn festivals as a count-down to this anniversary.

This year's hymn festival emphasizes the way in which Luther's hymns serve as sermons in song. Martin Luther placed high value on music: "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise," he said. Thus he used it to teach the tenets of our Christian faith. Tonight we will be singing hymns by Luther and focusing on how they proclaim the gospel.

Future hymn festivals will continue to emphasize the hymns of Martin Luther as they embody Luther's theology and the spirit of the Reformation. On June 12, 2016, the theme will be "Called to serve God and Our Neighbor: Men, Women, and Martin Luther's idea of Vocation," with commentary by Dr. Joy Schroeder; on June 11, 2017, the theme will be "Here I Stand."

# Prelude

WIR GLAUBEN ALL AN EINEN GOTT

Samuel Scheidt

Ron Kenreich, Organ

SONATA IN D MINOR, OP. 65 NO. 6

Felix Mendelssohn

This is based on the chorale tune: VATER UNSER IM HIMMELREICH ("Our Father in Heaven")  
*Geistliche Lieder*, 1539

David Crean, Organ

Throughout the festival, the assembly responds with the text in boldface type.

# Litany

*The assembly stands.*

L: Look, Lord: an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

**C: My Lord, fill it.**

L: I am weak in the faith;

**C: strengthen me.**

L: I am cold in love;

**C: warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

L: I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times, I doubt and am unable to trust in you.

**C: O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you.**

L: I am poor; you are rich--

**C: and you came to be merciful to the poor.**

L: I am a sinner; you are upright. With me there is an abundance of sin;

**C: with you is fullness of righteousness.**

L: Therefore I will remain with you,

**C: from whom I can receive but to whom I cannot give. Amen**

*Introduction – Organ and Trumpet*

*Stanza 1 – All sing*

*Stanza 3 – Choir*

*Stanza 2 – Choir*

*Stanza 4 – All sing*

Linda Kempke, Organ  
 Sarah Grosse, Trumpet

## Now to the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray



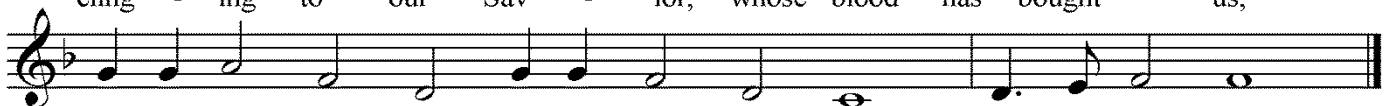
1. Now to the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray  
 2. O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;  
 3. Tran - scen - dent com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,  
 4. Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light,



for true faith, most need - ed on our way:  
 set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow,  
 help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed,  
 that we Je - sus Christ may know a - right,



Guide us and de - fend us when life is end - ing  
 that with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,  
 that we may not fal - ter, nor cour - age fail us  
 cling - ing to our Sav - ior, whose blood has bought us,



and our jour - ney home - ward is tend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 when the foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!  
 who to our true home - land has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

# Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

*sung by the choir*

Arr. Carl Schalk

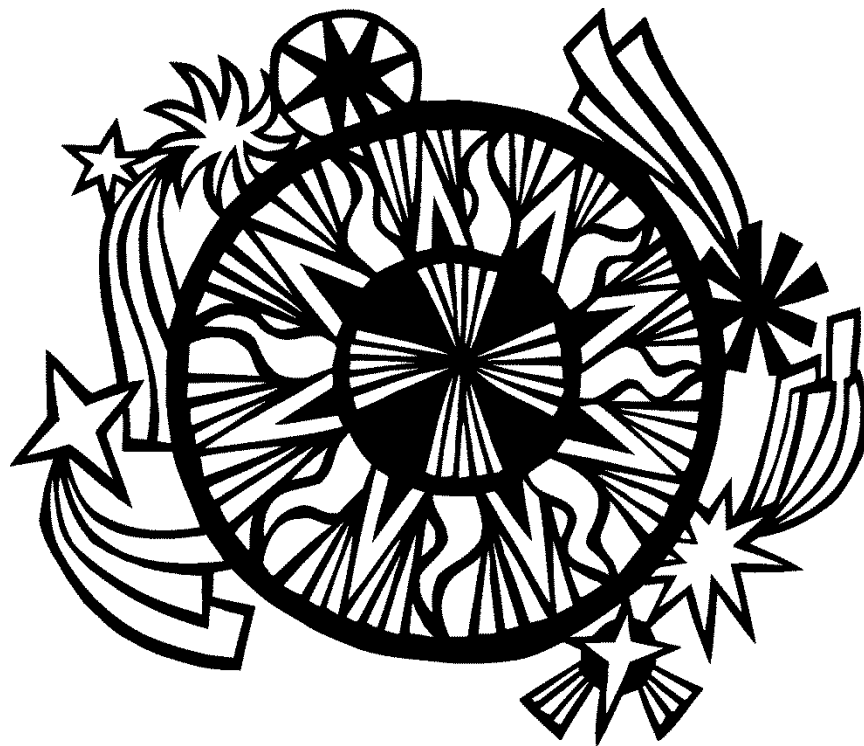
I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
You kept me safely through the night, and brought me to the morning light.  
Be with me through this day, I pray, and keep me safe from Satan's sway  
that all I think or do or say please only you, my Strength and Stay.  
Into your hands I now commend my body and soul until life's end.  
Your angel keep me safe from harm until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.

*The assembly sits.*

# Hymns through the Church Year

COMMENTARY by Gracia Grindal

The Reverend Timothy Muller



<i>Introduction</i>	<i>Stanza 4 – All, in harmony</i>
<i>Stanza 1 – All, in unison</i>	<i>Interlude</i>
<i>Stanza 2 – Men, in unison</i>	<i>Stanza 5 – Women, in unison</i>
<i>Interlude</i>	<i>Stanza 6 – All, in unison</i>
<i>Stanza 3 – All, in harmony</i>	<i>Finale</i>

Terry McCandless, Organ

### Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

CHRISTMAS

From Heaven Came the Angels Bright  
VOM HIMMEL KAM DER ENGEL SCHAR

*Stanza 1 – Choir*                      *Stanza 4 – Choir*  
*Stanza 2 – Choir*                      *Stanza 5 – Choir*  
*Stanza 3 – All sing*                   *Stanza 6 – All sing*

Terry McCandless, Organ  
Cheryl Fulton, Oboe  
Sarah Grosse, Trumpet

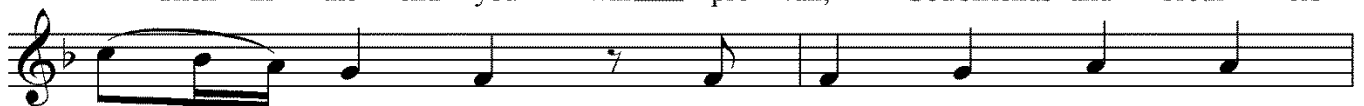
From Heaven Came the Angels Bright

Martin Luther, 1543

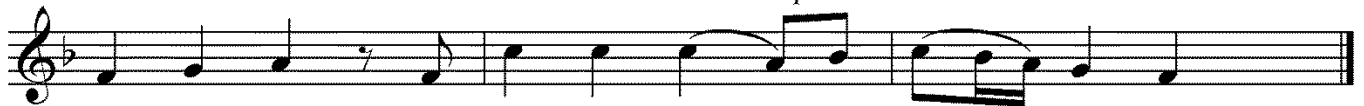
German Folk Melody



1. From heav - en came the an - gels bright To shep - herds watch - ing  
2. To Beth - le - hem, King Da - vid's town, As Mi - cha saw,\_\_\_ comes  
3. Re - joice, there - fore, that through His Son Your God with you\_\_\_ is  
4. God came to share Him - self\_\_\_ with you, Your sin and death\_\_\_ He  
5. He nev - er will a - ban - don you. Trust him, He's faith - ful,  
6. Then in the end you will\_\_\_ pre - vail; God's friends and broth - ers



through\_\_\_ the night. A new - born roy - al  
great\_\_\_ re - nown: Your Lord Christ is in -  
now\_\_\_ at one. He took on hu - man  
o - ver - threw. The foe his fier - y  
strong,\_\_\_ and true. Though all men scorn you,  
can - not fail. In praise to God then



Child, they said, Lies yon - der in\_\_\_ a man - ger bed.  
car - nate there To save you all\_\_\_ from sin\_\_\_ and care.  
flesh and bone, And you, His broth - ers, are\_\_\_ God's own.  
darts may send; Your shield is God\_\_\_ the Son,\_\_\_ your Friend.  
tempt, and mock, God loves you; build\_\_\_ up - on\_\_\_ that Rock.  
raise your voice, Pre - pare for - ev - er to\_\_\_ re - joice.

# EPIPHANY

## Why Would Foe Herod and His Horde WAS FÜRCHT'ST DU, FEIND HERODES, SEHR

*Stanza 1 – Choir*  
*Stanza 2 – Choir*  
*Stanza 3 – All sing*

*Stanza 4 – Choir*  
*Stanza 5 – All sing*

Terry McCandless, Organ  
Cheryl Fulton, Oboe  
Sarah Grosse, Trumpet

## Why Would Foe Herod and His Horde

Martin Luther, 1541

Coelius Sedulius, D. ca. 540



1. Why\_\_ would foe\_\_ Her - od\_\_ and his\_\_ horde So fear the birth of\_\_  
2. A\_\_ star led\_\_ wise men\_\_ from a - far To find the bright and\_\_  
3. When\_\_ bap - tized\_\_ in the\_\_ Jor - dan's\_\_ wave, God's spot - less lamb as -  
4. The\_\_ liv - ing\_\_ Word at\_\_ Ca - na\_\_ spoke And wa - ter in - to\_\_  
5. In\_\_ ju - bi - la - tion\_\_ thanks we\_\_ bring To vir - gin born Lord\_\_



\_\_ Christ our Lord?\_\_ Our Sav - ior wants no earth - ly throne. He\_\_ reigns  
\_\_ morn - ing star.\_\_ The three - fold no - ble gift\_\_ they bring De - clares  
- sur - ance gave\_\_ That He had come to take\_\_ our place, Wash\_ sin  
\_\_ wine a - woke.\_\_ His gos - pel word wakes hearts\_ of men To\_\_ serve  
\_\_ Christ our King.\_\_ The Fa - ther, Ho - ly Ghost, and He Re - ceive



in\_\_ faith - ful\_\_ hearts\_\_ a - lone.  
this\_\_ Child\_\_ God,\_\_ Man,\_\_ and\_\_ King.  
a - way\_\_ and\_\_ bring\_\_ us\_\_ grace.  
God's\_\_ pur - pos - es\_\_ a - gain.  
our\_\_ praise\_\_ e - ter - nal - ly.





*Organ Introduction: Fugue in Five Voices, Opus 18 – Johannes Barend Litzau (1873-1916)*

*Stanza 1 – All sing in unison*

*Stanza 2 – First line, treble voices, quietly*

*Second line, male voices, quietly*

*Third & Fourth lines, All, with quiet confidence*

*Stanza 3 – All read text silently*

*Organ prelude: Opus 135a, No. 4 – Max Reger*

*Stanza 4 – All sing in harmony, with quiet hope and expectation*

*Setting by J.S. Bach, from Cantata No. 38, BWV 38*

Timothy Guenther, Organ



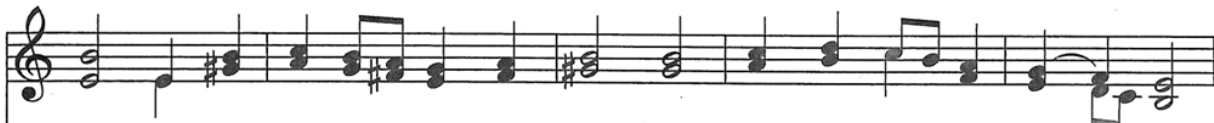
# Out of the Depths I Cry to You

Martin Luther, 1524

Martin Luther, 1524  
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1740



1. Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me call - ing.
2. All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with fa - vor.
3. In you a - lone, O God, we hope, and not in our own mer - it.
4. My soul is wait - ing for you, Lord, as one who longs for morn - ing;



In - cline your ear to my dis - tress in spite of my re - bel - ling.  
All our good works are done in vain with - out our Lord and Sav - ior.  
We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Ho - ly Spir - it.  
no watch - er waits with great - er hope than I for your re - turn - ing.



Do not re - gard my sin - ful deeds. Send me the grace my  
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from the  
Your prom - ise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross, your  
I hope as Is - rael in the Lord, who sends re - demp - tion



spir - it needs; with - out it I am noth - ing.  
grip of death; our lives are in your keep - ing.  
sig - na - ture, in - scribed up - on our tem - ples.  
through the Word. Praise God for grace and mer - cy!



Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands  
CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

*Stanza 1 – Choir*

*Stanza 2 – All sing*

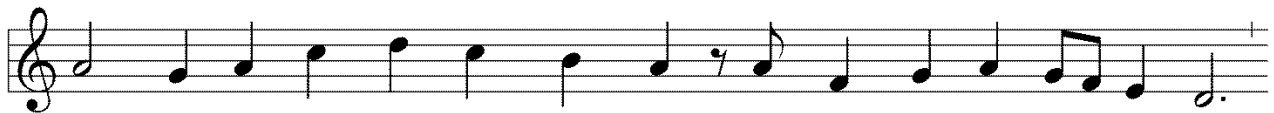
*Stanza 3 – Men; All sing “Hallelujah”*

*Stanza 4 – Women; All sing “Hallelujah”*

*Stanza 5 – All sing*

Linda Kempke, Organ  
Sarah Grosse, Trumpet

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;  
3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;  
4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;  
5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on Christ, the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed.  
he died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong his love—to save us.  
Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed up by death,  
See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,  
Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;  
Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and drink in - deed;



loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
faith lives up - on no oth - er! Hal - le - lu - jah!

## PENTECOST

Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove  
VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS/KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER

*Stanzas 1, 3 and 5 – sung by the Choir in chant*  
*Stanzas 2, 4 and 6 – sung by All*  
*Stanza 7 – Choir*

Ron Kenreich, Organ

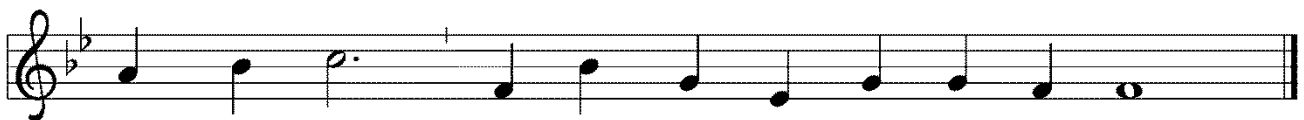
## Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, de - scend  
 2 To you, the Com - fort - er, we cry; to you,  
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry sense im - part, and shed



up - on us from a - bove; with grac - es man - i -  
 the gift of God most high, true fount of life, the  
 al - might - y hand be - hold; while you with tongues of  
 your love in ev - 'ry heart; your own un - fail - ing



fold re - store your crea - tures as they were be - fore.  
 fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim to all the world God's ho - ly name.  
 might sup - ply to strength - en our in - fir - mi - ty.

- 5 Keep far from us our cruel foe,  
 and peace from your own hand bestow;  
 upheld by you, our strength and guide,  
 no evil can our steps betide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
 and you, of both, to be but one;  
 that through the ages all along  
 your praise may be our endless song.
- 7 Praise to your eternal merit,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This evening's offering will be used to help support ALCM Columbus: Cantor Connection.*

Improvisation on KOMM HEILIGER GEIST

Jan Arthur, pianist

## PRAYERS

L: Let us pray.

L: Lord God, dear Father, through your Holy Spirit you have taught and enlightened the hearts of your believers. Through the same Spirit give us a right understand, to be glad at all times in his comfort and power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: Grant us grace, O Lord, that your holy name may be hallowed by us throughout the world, by the pure and sincere teaching of your Word and the steady love of our life. Graciously turn aside every false doctrine and all sinful living. Look in mercy upon your needy children, and grant us grace, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: Lord, we know that we cannot produce or preserve for ourselves even one piece of daily bread. Nor can we guard ourselves against any need or misfortune. Therefore we will pray as you order, and hope to receive as you promise, for your take our needs to heart and help us before we even think of asking, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: Awaken us, dear Lord, that we may be prepared to receive your Son with joy when he comes, and to serve him with a pure heart. Graciously hasten the coming of that day. Bless and prepare us with wisdom and strength so that, in the meantime, we may walk wisely and uprightly, joyfully awaiting the coming of your dear Son, our Lord, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
 You kept me safely through the day, now keep me safe this night, I pray.  
 Forgive my sins where I have erred in wrongful deed or thought or word.  
 Be with me through the dark night hours lest I succumb to Satan's powers.

Into your hands, O Father, I offer all I am and have.

Your holy angel in the night keep watch over me till morning light.

O Christ, my Savior, be my song each morning, evening, all day long,  
 who with the Father we give praise, and Holy Spirit, all our days. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung by assembly*)

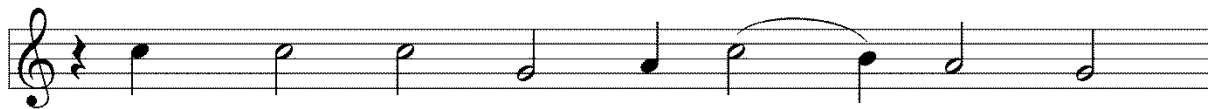
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
 for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

*Stanza 1 – All sing*  
*Stanza 2 – All sing*

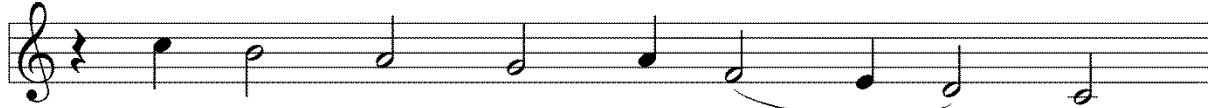
*Stanza 3 – Choir*  
*Stanza 4 – All sing*

David Crean, Organ  
 Sarah Grosse, Trumpet  
 Ron Kenreich, Tambourine

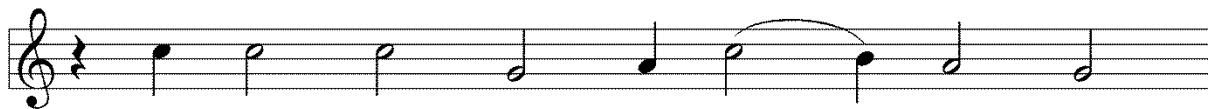
### A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



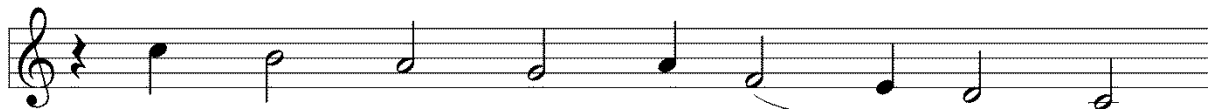
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,



a sword and shield vic - to - rious;  
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.  
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,  
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;



he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod  
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,  
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;  
 for God him - self fights by our side



and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.  
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,  
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!  
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.  
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.  
 Je - sus Christ, our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.  
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!  
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.  
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

*The assembly sits for the postlude.*

POSTLUDE

KOMM HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT, BWV 651

J. S. Bach

David Crean, Organ

*Please join us after the Hymn Festival for a  
 reception in the Haimert Center.*

# *Participants*

## **Pastor Loci**

The Rev. Timothy Muller, Ascension Lutheran Church – ELCA, Columbus

## **Festival Choir Director**

Zebulon Highben, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities,  
Muskingum University, New Concord

## **Festival Commentary**

Gracia Grindal, Professor Emeritus of Rhetoric, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

## **Organists**

Jan Arthur, Chancel Choir Director, All Saints Lutheran Church - ELCA, Worthington  
David Crean, University Organist and Adjunct instructor of Music – Wittenberg University, Springfield  
Timothy Guenther, Director of Music Ministries, Gethsemane Lutheran Church - ELCA, Columbus  
Linda Kempke, Cantor, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd - ELCA, Brooklyn,  
Past ALCM Region 1 President  
Ronald Kenreich, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – ELCA, Dublin  
Terry McCandless, Minister of Music, Epiphany Lutheran Church - ELCA, Pickerington

## **Instrumentalists**

Sarah Grosse, Trumpet, Bethel Lutheran Church - ELCA, Grove City  
Cheryl Fulton, Oboe, St. Luke's Lutheran Church - ELCA, Newark  
Ron Kenreich, Tambourine, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – ELCA, Dublin

## **Choir participants listed from the following Church Choirs:**

All Saints Lutheran Church - ELCA, Worthington  
Ascension Lutheran Church - ELCA, Columbus  
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church - LCMS, Powell  
Gethsemane Lutheran Church - ELCA, Columbus  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA, Upper Arlington  
North Community Lutheran Church - ELCA, Columbus  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – ELCA, Dublin  
St. John Lutheran Church – NALC, Grove City  
St. John's Lutheran Church - ELCA, Zanesville

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