

***Vi Messerli Memorial Lectures in Church Music 2023***  
Schedule

Sunday, October 15, 2023

4:00 p.m.    **My Favorite Hillert Moments: Music & Memories**

[Gieschen Choir Room, Kretzmann Hall]

Jonathan Kohrs, moderator

*Personal planning time in Liturgical Choir Reference Library*

*[Center for Church Music]*

8:00 p.m.    **Organ Recital, Craig Sproat** [Grace Lutheran Church]

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Monday, October 16, 2023

8:00            **Choral Reading Session I**

*Personal planning time in Liturgical Choir Reference Library*

*[Center for Church Music]*

9:15            **Plenary**

**Congregational Song: Faith, Hope and Comfort in Christ!**

Stephen Starke            [Chapel of Our Lord]

11:00          **Chapel**

*Dedication of the Martin Ott, opus 27, pipe organ,  
a gift of Dr. Walter L. Pelz and his family*

11:30          Lunch

*Exhibit browsing*

12:30          **Read-through of Hillert setting of Evening Prayer**

1:00

**Workshops I**

**Hymn Text Writing/Part 1: Three Takes on the Theology, Structure and Poetry of Selected Hymns**

—Lisa Clark, David Rogner, Stephen Starke

**Hymn Tune Composing/Part 1: How (and Why!) I Write Hymn Texts**—Jonathan Kohrs

**Richard Hillert at 100**—Andrew Schaeffer

**Cosmological Implications of Martin Luther's Philosophy of Music Education**—Daniel Baker

(Noël Schalk Memorial Lecture)

**The New *Christian Worship: Psalter*** from Northwestern Publishing House—Jeremy Bakken

2:15

**Workshops II**

**Heaven and Nature Sing: Eschatology in Christian Hymnody**—Lisa Clark (Noël Schalk Memorial Lecture)

**New Music for Handbells**—Jonathan Kohrs

**Composing for the Liturgy**—Anne Krentz Organ

**New Music for the Organ**—Andrew Schaeffer

3:30

**Choral Reading Session II**

4:30

Break

4:45

**Evening Prayer, setting by Richard Hillert**

5:45

**Banquet**

**Cross-Bred Music: Joining Cultures to Proclaim the Gospel**

—David Mennicke

8:00        **Hymn Festival “Grace upon Grace”**  
              **featuring the Hymns of Stephen Starke**  
              Stephen Starke, commentary  
              Choirs of Grace Lutheran Church and the Concordia University  
              Kapelle, Michael D. Costello and Charles P. Brown, conductors  
              [Grace Lutheran Church]

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Tuesday, October 17, 2023

8:00        **Choral Reading Session III**

9:15        **Plenary**  
              **Church Music: A Path Forward**  
              Publishers Panel—Mark Lawson (*moderator*), Peter Reske,  
              Kate Williams, Jeremy Bakken, David Sims

11:00       **Chapel**

11:30       Lunch  
              *Exhibit browsing* (Exhibits close at 1 pm)

12:30       **Unpublished Hymn Preludes by Richard Hillert**  
              —Steven Wente and Dennis Zimmer

*[Workshops III and IV on next page.]*

1:15

**Workshops III**

**Hymn Text Writing/Part 2: Three Coaches for Budding**

**Hymn Writers**—Lisa Clark, David Rogner, Stephen Starke

**Hymn Tune Composing/Part 2: Let's Write (and Rewrite)**

**Some Hymn Tunes**—Jonathan Kohrs

**All God's People Sing: Resources to Connect in Worship**

**C/cross-Culturally**—David Mennicke

**A Glimpse at the Richard Proulx Archive**—Michael Silhavy

**Beyond the Children's Choir: Focused Experiences for**

**Children in Worship**—Emily Woock

2:30

**Workshops IV**

**American Lutheran Hymnals since 1993**

—William Braun and Barry Bobb

**Richard Hillert at 100**—Andrew Schaeffer

**Heaven and Nature Sing: Eschatology in Christian**

**Hymnody**—Lisa Clark (Noël Schalk Memorial Lecture)

3:35

**Itinerarium**