



*The Pacific Hills*

# Messenger

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## Martin Luther, The Reformation, Church Music

How did church music change during the Reformation?

Every year we celebrate The Reformation and learn about many of the accomplishments of Martin Luther. I was recently reading about music and The Reformation and wanted to share this excerpt from an anonymous source explaining some of Luther's beliefs and changes to church music.

The Lutheran Church was created on the basis of giving the people a larger role in worship. By increasing the use of vernacular language, services were easier to understand and songs were able to be sung by the congregation. Luther's music contained Catholic polyphonic music and chants in both the original Latin text and in the vernacular. As a composer and musician, Luther made music play a very important role in his church. He strongly believed in the "Educational and ethical power of music," so singing became an activity that was shared by the entire group, rather than just the choir. The most important form of music in the Lutheran Church was the Lutheran chorale. During each service, the congregation would sing several of these chorales. They "[Fulfilled] Liu, Kevin, Luther's aim in increasing the worshipper's participation through music." These chorales contained a strophic poem and had simple melodies and rhythms and were to be sung in unison without harmony or accompaniment. These pieces were designed to be simple enough to be easily learned and sung by a congregation that had no background in music education. There were four main sources from chorales, which were: adaptations of Gregorian chant, existing German songs, secular songs given new words, and brand new compositions.

Catholic music, however, was quite different. Only those who were musically trained could partake in musical performance. Some pieces contained instrumental support, while others were sung a cappella with polyphonic texture. They contained no use of the vernacular and were only sung in Latin. The main difference between Lutheran and Catholic music was that they were designed to be digested by the audience in different ways. Lutheran music was to be sung as a congregation, while Catholic music was to be only heard and worshipped. Martin Luther's composition *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* is the classic Lutheran Chorale. It contains a simple monophonic melody with only one line, a short, rhyming poem in strophic form in the vernacular text, and totally metrical. These features make it easier for a "mixed congregation of men and women" to sing, even if they do not have any education in music. In conclusion, Martin Luther's music was simple. Melodies were short and easy to learn and words were rhymed and put into a strophic form. This was so that anyone could easily learn the music, thus making congregational singing more realistic, as it played an important role in Luther's ideologies.

I hope you found some of this interesting! It is fascinating to see how many hymns in our hymnal are composed by Luther. Each time we sing a hymn from the hymnal, look at the bottom of the page and it will tell you who composed the hymn melody or wrote the lyrics.

In Christ,  
Zach Hastings Director of Music

## Church Events

Sun	8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
Oct 24th	9:15 am	Sunday School Education Hour Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Eucharistic Worship with Choir
	11:30 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)
Wed	9:30 am	Eucharist (ZOOM)
Oct 27th	12:30 am	First Ladies AA Meeting
	6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Women's Group
Thur	6:30 pm	Tai Chi
Oct 28th		
Sun	9:00 am	Eucharist Worship with Choir
Oct 31st	10:15 am	Fellowship Gathering In Acker Hall
	11:30 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 pm	Adult Bible Class (ZOOM)

### MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

If you desire to continue to wear a mask  
and social distance from others, please do so.

## RETURNING TO GOD, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As you know the church's ministry and expenses continue even though services and programming are a bit different. You can still give your tithes and offerings by mail. You can set up your bank account to give electronically or you can utilize MyEOffering. There is also a link to MyEOffering on our web page, on the top menu. Our web page is: [www.PacificHillsLutheran.org](http://www.PacificHillsLutheran.org). You can sign up at: <https://member.myeoffering.com>. Your church needs people like you to continue their regular patterns of giving despite virus-related closures to maintain current ministry. Consider the following passages: **2 Corinthians 9:7** - Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **Malachi 3:10** - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. **Proverbs 11:24** - One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. **Luke 6:38** - Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Members can contribute to the Yahweh Fund to address community assistance. During this trying time recovering from the pandemic, PHLC offers **Walmart and HyVee gift cards that are purchased for those who seek assistance for food or gas.**

## OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH



**Mission of the Month** Designated Mission offerings during October will be distributed to the 6 Nebraska seminary students attending Concordia Seminary this year. Funds will be deposited in their seminary accounts for tuition and education expenses. Your mission donation is not only an investment in educating men to prepare for the ministry but also in investing in the future of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

## CHURCH ARTWORK FOR THE NARTHEX

We have been given a generous gift to beautify the narthex with mosaic art. Saturday, November 6, 13 and 20 from 9-12 noon has been set aside as congregational "mosaic art" participation days. More will be shared about this next week on the front page of the Messenger.

## KNITTING FOR THE HOMELESS, SICK & SHUT-INS



Do you like to knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? A New Small Group is meeting on Tuesday evenings beginning October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We will meet in the Narthex to knit or crochet hats, scarves and prayer shawls. We will open with a devotion and then start stitching. Feel free to bring your needles, yarn, or just bring yourself and supplies will be provided. For more info contact: Kay Storck 402-996-0722 or Michelle Steen 206-226-4554.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: ELEVATOR

The elevator in the Educational building that accesses Acker Hall and the 2nd floor of the Educational building is currently out of service from storm damage. We apologize for this inconvenience and will notify everyone when it is back in operation. Thank you!

## BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"Son of David, have mercy on me!"  
(Mark 10:48b)

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: [www.pacifichillslutheran.org](http://www.pacifichillslutheran.org) for more information.

## LESSONS OF THE DAY STUDY

Please join Pastor in between Worship services for a Study on The Lessons of the Day. Classes meet in Acker Hall.

## SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort is offering a Bible Class on the book of Hebrews via Zoom every Sunday evening from 6:00—6:45 pm. Please email him at [rsvod@cox.net](mailto:rsvod@cox.net) or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone is welcome!!

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flower Chart is in the Narthex. Altar flowers may be placed for any celebration, remembrance or just to the Glory of God. Please share your request or intention with Kelly at: [assistant@pacifichillslutheran.org](mailto:assistant@pacifichillslutheran.org) or leave a note in Kelly's mailbox. The cost is \$25 & is mailed or put in Kim's mailbox.

## WEDDING COORDINATOR NEEDED

Pacific Hills is in need of a wedding coordinator, to help facilitate weddings at Pacific Hills. Typically we have 1-3 weddings a year, so this is not a huge commitment, but a necessary one. This is a volunteer position, but a small honorarium is paid by the couple. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Pastor Drebes at [bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org](mailto:bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org).

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to schedule the readings for Worship services each Sunday. This involves recruiting readers and providing the appropriate scripture for each Sunday. Please contact Kevin Warneke for more information at [kwarneke6593@cox.net](mailto:kwarneke6593@cox.net) or 402-612-9151.

## 2021 NE DIST MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

Attention all Middle School Youth. There will be a Fall Gathering at Embassy Suites, LaVista, NE on November 13-14. If interested, or for more information, please contact [bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org](mailto:bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org).

## CHURCH MEMBER IN NEED

Church member with children in need of affordable or donated used car. Contact Marilyn Wegehaupt 402-334-2896 or church office.

## CARE MINISTRY CARDS

All cards are \$1, money goes for expenses for shut-in mailings, meals and more. Please stop by and see our new selections in room 115.

## BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE JOB OPENINGS

We are looking for caring individuals to serve K-5 students in our Learning Center, before and after school program, at the Concordia Academy campus (1821 N. 90<sup>th</sup> St).

- One adult caregiver (19 & older) two afternoons a week, 2:45-6 pm
  - High school assistants (16-18 years old) in the afternoons, two to three days a week
- If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Laura Troutman at 402-212-7145, or [laura.troutman@concordiaomaha.org](mailto:laura.troutman@concordiaomaha.org).

## "FUN NIGHT" — FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us for "FUN NIGHT!" All ages are welcome! Bring your family and friends! Bring your favorite game(s). Bring a snack to share! Acker hall at 6:30 pm. Water, Ice and paper goods provided. Participants help with clean-up. Hope to see you all there!!!

