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Easter Season Music

As we are in the Easter season, I thought it would be insightful to share a brief history of two of the Easter hymns, as the history of Easter hymn tunes is rich with tradition and spiritual significance.

"O Filii et Filiae" or as we know it, "O Sons and Daughters," is a joyful melody from the 15th century and tells the story of Jesus Christ's resurrection. Originally penned by Jean Tisserand, a Franciscan friar, it is celebrated for its alleluia refrains and lilting melody, embodying Easter's triumph.

The "Easter Hymn" or we know it, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," is extracted from the 1890 opera "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Pietro Mascagni and became a beloved tune in Easter services due to its dramatic and uplifting surge, ideal for conveying the resurrection's glory.

These hymns have transcended their origins, both sacred and secular, to become central musical expressions of Easter's message of renewal and hope that we continue to sing to this day.

In Christ,
Zach Hastings
Director of Music

Church Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday School
- Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
- 11:45 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 7:00 pm Pray, Knit & Crochet Group (Narthex)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 9:30 am Devotional (Zoom)
- 12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)
- 6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class
- 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Narthex)

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
- 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday School
- Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
- 10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
- 11:45 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:30 pm Youth Group (Aulner's House)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Join us Sunday, May 19 between services (9:15am) in Acker Hall as we celebrate another great Sunday School year. We will be having a breakfast potluck, so we ask everyone to bring a breakfast item to share. We will also be playing Bible BINGO. This event is for all ages. We hope to see you there!



MAY LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch on May 14th will be a catered meal at church with a wonderful presentation called, "Thirteen Steps to the Gallows." It is the story about LCMS Chaplain Henry Gerecke who was assigned to the Nuremberg War Criminals. A wonderful story of forgiveness and grace unfolds during this one-man dramatic production. There is no cost for attending the performance. A free-will offering, however, will be taken. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.

HISTORY ALIVE

ONE-PERSON-PLAYS BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

In 1946 a Lutheran Chaplain was asked to minister to the Nazi war criminals in Germany. This is the story of his ministry. A story of justice and mercy.
13 Steps to the Gallows

Starring Ron Chvala. 25 minutes.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be at King of Kings, 11615 I Street, Omaha NE 68137, on May 2 from 7:00-8:30am. Nebraska State Legislator Brad von Gillern will be the keynote speaker. The morning also will feature worship leaders and speakers from across the city. Breakfast includes make-your-own breakfast burritos, yogurt parfaits, coffee, and juice. Looking for at least 6 men to join me for this event. RSVP to pastor. \$10.00.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Your Mission offerings in March & April will be sent to support the work of Rev. Roberto and Deaconess Katie Weber serving in the Dominican Republic and Rev Jordan and Alison Andreasen starting Lutheran congregations in Romania and the Balkan countries. Our Mission Board goal is to provide \$2000 to each family to support their missionary work. Thank you for your prayers and financial support for these families!

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

(John 15:5b)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Dr. Bob Vandervort and a bible study group are studying 2 Peter via ZOOM every Sunday evening from 6:00 — 6:45 pm. Please email him at rsvod@cox.net or 402-350-0872 for more information.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who served & donated food for Hope Lodge last Saturday! A special thanks to Sharon Vacanti for preparing all of the food!



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HOLY LAND TOUR

Join Pastor, Cheryl, and Rev. James Haack as they lead a tour to the Holy Land with optional extensions to see Egypt, the Great Pyramids, and sights in Jordan. Dates are after Easter next year (April 23-May 3, 2025). Contact Pastor Drebes at bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org for more information.

THE DIVINE SERVICE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The *Offertory* is sung as the offering is brought forward and presented before the altar and is preparatory for the celebration of Holy Communion. The offertory "What Shall I Render" expresses thanksgiving to God. It speaks of our prayers, of the vessels for the Supper and of the commitment of people to serving God. This offertory includes allusions to Ps. 116:12, 13-14, 17 and 19.

Next time we will highlight the Preface to the Service of the Sacrament of the Altar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION

Sunday School families will be partnering with the Missions Committee to support the work of two LCMS missionaries. We are asking children to bring offering money on Sunday mornings for this collection. Marked boxes will be in each Sunday School classroom.