



A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006
7:00 P.M.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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The Commemoration of St. Luke, Evangelist
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Notes for the Assembly

All = everyone sings in unison.
Men or women = sing in unison.
Sing in harmony only where indicated.
Stand where indicated. Be seated after a hymn.

BELL PEAL

Please quiet your conversations when the carillon bells are rung and the presiding minister enters the chancel.

ANTHEM

God Is Our Refuge (Psalm 46)

Setting by John Behnke, 2005

St. Mark's choir

(Refrain) God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

We will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea,
Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall. He lifts His voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.

He makes wars cease. He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire.
Be still, be still, be still and know that I am God.
The Lord Almighty is with us, The God of Jacob is our fortress.

At the presiding minister's direction, please stand.

GREETING

Minister: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

*Pastor Steven Degner, Presiding Minister
Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Santa Maria, CA
First Vice President, WELS Arizona-California District*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you called Saint Luke the physician to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Grant that by hearing and believing your Word we may be healed of all sin and serve you with willing hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

DEVOTION & LESSON

Luke 1:1-4 & 24:44-53

*Pastor Johnold Strey, Hymn Festival Organist
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church; Belmont, CA
Worship Coordinator, WELS Arizona-California District*

COMMENTARY

*Pastor Daniel Wagenknecht
Grace Lutheran Church; Yorba Linda, CA
Mission Board Chairman, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Christian Worship #538

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Pastors' choir

Stanza 3: All

Stanza 4: Pastors' choir
(stand during the interlude)

Stanza 5: All

Concertato by Paul Manz, 1976

Choir stanza setting by Arnold Lehmann

COMMENTARY

Pastor James Proeber

*Our Redeemer Lutheran Church; Santa Barbara, CA
Evangelism Coordinator, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

Christian Worship #556

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Soloist

Stanza 3: St. Mark's choir

Stanza 4: All

Concertato by Donald Busarow, 1991

COMMENTARY

Pastor Ricky Himm

*Christ Lutheran Church; Lodi, CA
Special Ministries Coordinator, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

Christian Worship #520

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Men

Stanza 3: All

Prelude by Michael Burkhardt, 1996

COMMENTARY

Pastor Matthew Vogt

Water of Life Lutheran Church; Las Vegas, NV

Youth Discipleship Coordinator, WELS Arizona-California District

HYMN

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart

Christian Worship #434

Stanza 1: Soloist

Stanza 2: All

Stanza 3: *first half* Soloist (through "...until your reappearing.")

second half All (beginning "And then from....")

Concertato by Donald Busarow, 1998

COMMENTARY

Pastor Emeritus Joel Prange

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church; Redding, CA

Former First Vice President, WELS Arizona-California District

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sing the version printed on pages 9-10

Introduction (stand at the end of the introduction)

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All in harmony

Stanza 3: St. Mark's choir

Stanza 4: All

Concertato by Michael Burkhardt, 2006

COMMENTARY

*Pastor Daniel Baumler
Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church; El Paso, TX
Advisory Member, Mission Board, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Christian Worship #38

- Introduction
- Intonation
- Stanza 1: All
- Stanza 2: All in harmony
- Stanza 3: All in harmony, *a cappella*
- Stanza 15: All

Prelude by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

COMMENTARY

*Pastor Daniel Schroeder
Risen Savior Lutheran Church; Chula Vista, CA
Member, Adult Discipleship Committee, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
Christian Worship #100

- Introduction
- Stanza 1: All
- Stanza 2: All in harmony
- Stanza 3: All in harmony, *a cappella*
- Stanza 4: All

Prelude improvised by the organist

COMMENTARY

*Pastor Snowden Sims
Emmanuel Lutheran Church; Tempe, AZ
Second Vice President, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide
Christian Worship #160

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Women

Stanza 3: All

Concertato by Michael Burkhardt, 1993

COMMENTARY

Pastor Jonathan Stern
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church; Flagstaff, AZ
Parish Services Chairman, WELS Arizona-California District

HYMN

Lord of Lords, the Sparkling Heavens
Christian Worship #237

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Women

Stanza 3: Men

Stanza 4: All (stand)

Prelude by Paul Manz, 1974

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Setting by Sandra Eithun, 2005
St. Mark's Handbell Choir

At the presiding minister's direction, please stand.

PRAYERS

M: God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be with your servants who make art and music for your people, that with joy we on earth may glimpse your splendor, and bring us at last to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection which will be ours as we stand before your unveiled glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Lord God, our Father, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the people of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the Magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us as we travel this evening, make our way safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

ANTHEM

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Setting by Carl Schalk, 1995

Pastors' choir

Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

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All in Unison 1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A
All in Parts 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our
Choir 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should
All in Unison 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, No

bul - wark nev - er fail - ing; Our help - er he a -
striv - ing would be los - ing, Were not the right man
threat - en to un - do us, We will not fear, for
thanks to them, a - bid - eth; The Spir - it and the

mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For
on our side, The man of God's own choos - ing. Dost
God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us. The
gifts are ours Through him who with us sid - eth. Let

still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us
 ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is
 Prince of Dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for
 goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al -

woe; His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cru - el
 he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name, From age to age the
 him; His rage we can en - dure, For lo, his doom is
 so; The bod - y they may kill; God's truth a - bid - eth

hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 same, And he must win the bat - tle.
 sure; One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 still; His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Hymn Festival Musicians

Organists

Pastor Johnold J. Strey
Hymn Festival Organist

Timothy Williamson
St. Mark's Choir Accompanist
(Organist for "God Is Our Refuge" and "A Mighty Fortress")

Soloist

Emily Rose Strey

Choir Directors

Pastor Bill Tackmier
St. Mark's Choir

Pastor Johnold J. Strey
Pastors' Choir

Susan Heinitz
Handbell Choir

Instrumentalists

Maren McPeak, flute
Pastor Michael Carr, trumpet
Susan Heinitz, trumpet
Brett Peterson, trombone
Mark Temple, trombone
Patrick Walker, tuba