



Each month ELCA Worship highlights resources and events from other organizations and institutions. These Lutheran and ecumenical partner organizations work alongside the ELCA to support worship leaders, worship planners, musicians, and all who care about the worship of the church.

[Association of Lutheran Church Musicians](#)

ALCM nurtures and equips musicians to serve and lead the church's song.

[Fall Webinar Series](#)

ALCM 2026 Fall Webinar Series

Members—\$25 | Non-members—\$39 (price includes ALL three webinars)



Rev. Steven J. Basselman
Friday, October 23, 2026
2pm EDT

Recruiting a Choir
in a Post-COVID World

Dr. Marin Jacobson
Friday, November 13, 2026
2pm EDT

Choosing Music
for Smaller Ensembles



Andrew Peters
Friday, December 4, 2026
2pm EST

Choral Rehearsal Techniques
for Aging Voices



On the morning of the webinar, registrants will receive an email with a link to attend the live webinar. Within 24 hours of the end of the webinar, registrants will receive another email with links to the recorded webinar and handouts.

[Vi Messerli Memorial Lectures in Church Music](#)

For All the Saints

October 18-20

Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois

Join us for another exiting year of celebrating the Church's song at the Vi Messerli Memorial Lectures in Church Music. This year's presenters include: **Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor**, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Bronx, NY and Atlantic District president (LCMS), **Marin Jacobson**, director of choral activities at Valparaiso University, the **Kantorei** from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, under the direction of Kantor **Kevin Hildebrand**, and a hymn festival led by **Daniel Schwandt**, now cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, plus many practical and thought-provoking workshops.

The event will begin on Sunday afternoon with a stellar piano recital by the director of Concordia's Preparatory and Community Music Program **Katrina Sudman** and **Vincent Catalano**.

The Lectures in Church Music website is www.CUCHICAGO.EDU/LCM26 If you wish, you can access the brochure [here](#). Online registration is available [here](#) and within links in the brochure.

Registration fees are provided on page 9 of the brochure. *Please note that the early registration fees apply until September 15.* A limited number of scholarships are available to college students and those new to church music. **Bring a friend** to Lectures and get \$25 off the registration when each of you registers! Please use the code FRIEND2026.



The Church Music Institute

The Church Music Institute is dedicated to the advancement and stewardship of the best liturgical and sacred music for Christian worship, serving clergy, musicians and congregants. Offerings include educational workshops and courses, inspirational festivals of church music, newsletters addressing current issues in church music, and online and print resources.

Invitation to Early Career Church Musicians: Apply for the Dr. Paul Lindsley Thomas Society

The Paul Lindsley Thomas Society benefits trained musicians who want to further their understanding of church music. Membership is by application, asking respondents to react to the document “Aspiring to the Ideals of Paul Lindsley Thomas” as they view their own calling as church musicians.



Accepted applicants will enjoy monthly online meetings with other early career church musicians to share and learn about church music, admission to online and in-person CMI events, and complimentary CMI membership to access the 65,000 title choral and organ libraries. Apply at [HERE](#) and email a resume to info@churchmusicinstitute.org, include “PLT Application” in subject line. **Submission Deadline: September 1, 2026**