

Faithful Servant Awards

The Faithful Servant Award was established by ALCM in recognition of and appreciation for those who have made extraordinary contributions to the worship life of the church. In January 2023, ALCM's board of directors identified three gifted individuals to receive this year's award: **Lorraine Brugh**, **Martin Seltz**, and **Stephen Starke**.



Lorraine Brugh is Senior Research Professor of Music at Valparaiso University. She held the Frederick J. Kruse Endowed Chair in Church Music and was University Organist and Director of Chapel Music from 1998-2020 where she taught studio organ, church music classes, music theory, in addition to planning and leading campus worship services. In 2004 she was named director of the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University. She retired from full-time teaching in 2020.

Lorraine completed the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in organ performance at Northwestern University in the studio of Karel Paukert. During her master's year, she was the organ assistant to Dr. Grigg

Fountain at Northwestern's Alice Millar Chapel. Following these studies, she received a Fulbright-Hays award for a year of study in Essen, Germany. There she studied organ with Gerd Zacher and improvisation with Gisbert Schneider at the Folkwangschule für Musik-Ruhr in Essen-Werden. During this time she concertized in Germany and Holland. Further private study included lessons with Jean Langlais and Michel Chapuis in Paris, France. She completed a MTS at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary and a PhD in Religious Studies at Northwestern University and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary.

Lorraine helped lead the development of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, published in 2006 as the worship book of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. During the planning process, called the *Renewing Worship* project, she served as a member of the Resource Proposal Team, the Liturgical Music Editorial Team, and the writing team for the Music Consultation. She is co-author with Gordon Lathrop of *The Sunday Assembly*, published in 2008 to help church leaders incorporate *Evangelical Lutheran Worship's* materials into worship services. She continues to contribute global resources for *Sundays and Seasons*.

On the occasion of a festschrift in honor of Gabe Huck, Lorraine contributed a chapter, "Where Do We Go from Here?" The book, *Fully Conscious, Fully Active: Essays in Honor of Gabe Huck* was published by Liturgy Training Publications in 2019. She served as a reviewer and wrote short descriptions of hymns for the hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*, published in November 2020.

Lorraine is a past president and charter member of ALCM. She served as program committee chair for ALCM's 2007 biennial conference in Houston, TX, and presented a hymn festival at the 2005 biennial conference in New York. She recently served on ALCM's scholarship committee, and led Hearts • Hands • Voices workshops in Valparaiso, IN, and Phoenix, AZ. In addition to her involvement in ALCM, Lorraine is active in the American Guild of Organists and the North American Academy of Liturgy.

From 2021-2022 Lorraine served as Artist in Residence at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, AZ. She and her husband Gary have one son and two grandsons. They liked the Scottsdale area so much that they decided to retire there.



Martin A. Seltz is a retired minister of word and sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Most recently he served in the ELCA's publishing ministry (Augsburg Fortress, now 1517 Media, 1994–2023), concluding his tenure as vice president and publisher for congregational resources and executive director for ELCA relations. His responsibilities included guiding the development of resources for worship, music, faith formation, and other aspects of congregational life. He has been the publishing lead for the Evangelical Lutheran Worship family in collaboration with the ELCA churchwide worship team and many contributors across the church. Martin is especially committed to the words

sung and prayed in the worshiping assembly, contributing translations and adaptations of hymn texts to ELW as well as *With One Voice*, *Libro de Liturgia y Cántico*, and *All Creation Sings*, in addition to liturgical texts prepared for *Sundays and Seasons*. He was privileged to share in developing a generation of Augsburg Music publications with outstanding editors including Norma Aamodt-Nelson, Carol Carver, Robert Buckley Farlee, M. Alexandra George, and David Sims.

During these years, Martin was one of the cantors at Christ Church Lutheran, Minneapolis (2001–2022), sharing the role with Robert Buckley Farlee. Previously, he served as pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia, MI (1979–1994). He attended Concordia College, St. Paul, MN; Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, IN (BA, 1973); Christ Seminary–Seminex, St. Louis, MO (MDiv, 1977); and the University of Minnesota (MA, musicology, 1979). During his student years he was a church musician with congregations in Fort Wayne, Granite City, IL, Bel-Nor, MO, and St. Paul.

Martin was chaplain to the Lutheran Summer Music community for seven sessions in the 1980s and 90s. He has held leadership roles with the North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL), the Institute of Liturgical Studies at Valparaiso University, and the Hymn Society. He has received NAAL's Berakah Award, the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the Living Loehe Award from Wartburg Seminary, and the Christus Rex Award from the Institute of Liturgical Studies.

Born in 1951 to the Rev. Martin L. and Helen Spittler Seltz, Martin grew up singing in choirs under his father's leadership at parishes in Boone, IA, and Elmhurst, IL, and credits his parents with stirring his interest in the church's song and a love for language. Martin and his spouse Joanne have two children and two grandchildren.

I'll sing God's love for me.



Stephen Paul Starke was born in 1955 in Bay City, MI. He graduated from Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI in 1975 and from Concordia University Chicago in 1977. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN in May of 1983 and was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry on June 26, 1983 at his home congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bay City, MI. He served as assistant pastor at St. John Lutheran Church (Mayfair) in Chicago, IN from 1983-1985, and as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Middletown, CT from 1985 to 2000. Pastor Starke was installed in March of 2000 as pastor at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church of Amelith in Bay City, MI, from which he

retired at the end of 2020.

Pastor Starke served for nine years as circuit counselor in the New England District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (1988-1997) and as 1st Vice-President of the New England District from 1997-2000. From 1996-1997, Pastor Starke served on the Hymn Selection Committee for *Hymnal Supplement* 98, and from 1998-2006 he served as the chairman of the Hymnody Committee for the Lutheran Hymnal Project which culminated in the release of *Lutheran Service Book* in 2006.

In April of 2001, Pastor Starke attended the ALCM hymn festival “Joy is Sounding” at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus OH, the title for which was taken from his Easter hymn text, “All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding.” The hymn festival was recorded on the ALCM CD titled “Joy Is Sounding.” In 2004 at an ALCM regional conference held at St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth, MI, Pastor Starke shared a hymn festival with the late Herman Stuempfle, narrated by the late Susan Cherwien, with Robert Hobby as the organist. In 2005, CPH released a book of 122 of Pastor Starke’s hymn texts titled, *O Sing of Christ*.

In 2010 Pastor Starke received an honorary Doctor of Letters (D. Litt) degree from Concordia University in Irvine, CA. In recognition of his work in the area of hymnody, in 2011 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) from Concordia University Wisconsin. Concordia Publishing House released a CD of Pastor Starke’s hymns in the fall of 2011 titled, “We Praise You and Acknowledge You.” In 2015 he received an honorary Doctor of Letters (D. Litt) degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis for enriching the life of the Church through his hymns. In 2018 Pastor Starke received the “Christus Primus” award from Concordia University Ann Arbor for distinguished service to church and society. Since the 2005 release of *O Sing of Christ*, Pastor Starke has written an additional 90 hymns. These were released by Concordia Publishing House in 2018 under the title *Marvel at the Mercy*, volume 2 of his hymn texts.

He and his wife Pat, a retired physical therapist, have been married for 45 years. They have four married children and three grandchildren: Paul and Paulette Starke, Alina; Sarah and Justin Bobick, Claire, Charlotte; Stephanie and Keith Douponce; Peter and Audrey Starke.