

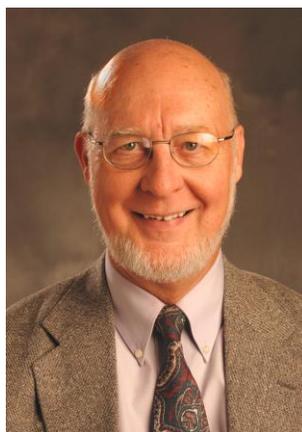
## 2009 Faithful Servant Awards



**Jerry Evenrud** is a church musician with a passion for the visual arts. While serving as Director of Worship and Music at Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, he was a member of an "Arts for Faith's Sake" committee that began the congregation's collection of Biblical art.

Particularly inspired by the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15), Evenrud began searching the world for visual images that depicted the many interpretations and moods of the parable. His personal collection soon numbered over 200, spanning nearly five centuries of visual inquiry and wonder.

Evenrud served as director of music and the arts for the American Lutheran Church from 1976 to 1987, at which time he was appointed to a similar position for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. While there he developed a biblically-inspired collection of art for the churchwide office in Chicago. Evenrud is a Distinguished Alumnus of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota and Union Theological Seminary in New York.



**Paul Westermeyer** is Professor of Church Music at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he also serves as Cantor and administers the Master of Sacred Music program with St. Olaf College. He has taught at Elmhurst College and Yale University's Institute of Sacred Music, has served the church as a musician and pastor, and has been the President of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, Editor of its journal *The Hymn*, and in 2004 was made a Fellow. From 1991 until 1998 he was the national Chaplain of the American Guild of Organists.

A graduate of Elmhurst College, Lancaster Seminary, and Union Seminary's School of Sacred Music (New York), Westermeyer's doctorate was completed at the University of Chicago under Martin E. Marty where his dissertation about German Reformed and Lutheran churches in nineteenth century Pennsylvania related to his lifelong interests at the intersections of music, theology, hymnody, and worship. His books – *The Church Musician*, *The Heart of the Matter*, *Let the People Sing*, *Let Justice Sing*, *Rise, O Church*, *Te Deum*, and *With Tongues of Fire* -- relate to those same topics. He is currently working on the Companion to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

Westermeyer and his wife Sally (nee Young) have four children, two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, seven grandsons, and two granddaughters.