

THE CENTER FOR CHURCH MUSIC

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Two extraordinary gifts to Concordia University Chicago—one from Dr. Carl and Noël Schalk and another from the family of the late Dr. Richard Hillert—prompted the establishment of the Center for Church Music in 2010. The Center is located on the University's campus, in the Klinck Memorial Library.

To further establish the Center, the University was gifted with the Carl Schalk American Lutheran Hymnal Collection, which encompasses more than 530 volumes of Lutheran hymnals in English, German, Norwegian and Swedish, published in the United States and the Pennsylvania colony as early as 1786; in Germany between 1726 and 1787; and in Australia since 1936. The Center now serves as a repository for special collections and works by history's influential Christian church musicians, including significant contributions by American Lutherans. As a locus for the study of church music, the Center also disseminates papers and monographs for conferences such as Concordia University-Chicago's annual Vi Messerli Memorial Lectures in Church Music.

In recent years, the Center for Church Music has broadened its portfolio to include an emphasis on the visual liturgical arts. This includes the biennial William Wolfram Student Award in Liturgical Art, which is open to any student at a Lutheran university or seminary in the U.S. or Canada. The award, which honors the distinguished service to the Church of William Wolfram, Professor Emeritus of Art at Concordia University-Nebraska, includes a certificate and a \$1,000 monetary award.

The Center produces filmed interviews with liturgical artists. It provides free access to seasonal liturgical visual collections designed by Linda Witte Henke, which include formatted options for banners, bulletin covers, projection slides, social media posts, newsletter pages, and children's coloring sheets. The Center's sponsorship of this presentation supports exploration of diverse ways that pastors and musicians can partner with visual artists to enhance proclamation of the Word and enrich the assembly's worship.

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