

Lutheran Lecture Series XX

April 25-26 2015

Grace Lutheran Church, Wichita

“What We Have Musically As Lutherans”

Not only do we Lutherans speak the Gospel, we sing it as well. Out of our mouths comes the spoken and the sung word. And, how could they not? He who believes cannot be quiet. The Lutheran Church IS the singing church. We have been that since the name “Lutheran” was attached to “Church.” Lutherans sing polyphonically and in monotone. We have been known to use Gregorian Chant and chorale harmonization. We sing *a cappella* and with instrumentation.

A Lutheran “Hall of Musical Fame” list would be long. Martin Luther. J.S. Bach. Johann Walter. Michael Praetorius. Georg Telemann. Dietrich Buxtehude. Paul Gerhardt. Philipp Nicolai. Arnold von Bruck. Johann Crueger. Heinrich Schuetz. Jaroslav Vajda. Martin Franzmann. What we have musically as Lutherans is deep, rich and true.

Kantor Richard Resch, a participant, student and lover of the “sung faith” will speak at this year’s *Lutheran Lecture Series* on Saturday, April 25. His musical gifts are especially evidenced at the organ and in choral direction. Kantor Resch will speak on Saturday afternoon, preach at the Divine Services on Sunday, April 26 and lead the Sunday morning Bible Class. Plan to be the guest of Grace Lutheran Church on the weekend of April 25-26. Call 316-685-6781 or email graceoffice@glc.kscoxmail.com for more information.



Kantor Richard Resch had served at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana since 1977 (having retired in May 2014) when he became the Director of Chapel Music. The next year he formed the Seminary Kantorei, a select choir of seminary students which travels twice annually to bring the seminary and its music to the church. This choir has produced seven CDs and is acclaimed throughout the United States. He received the Master of Divinity degree in 1988, was ordained and called both to CTS and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

Resch’s professional musical training began while he was still in high school in Rochester, New York. There he studied organ at the prestigious Eastman School of Music-Preparatory Department. He began his college work at Concordia College, River Forest, IL, and then graduated from Valparaiso University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance and Church Music. Moving back to Rochester, he began graduate studies at Eastman and received the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance in 1972. While at Eastman, he studied under Russell Saunders, David Craighead and was graduate assistant to the Rev. M. Alfred Bichsel (St. L., 1937).

Kantor Resch served on the Commission on Worship from 1992-2001, being its chairman from 1998-2001. He was on the Hymnody Committee during the formation and publication of *Lutheran Service Book*. At St. Paul’s-Fort Wayne, he and his wife, Barbara, have produced five CDs featuring children singing hymns. In 2000, Kantor Resch and Professor Art Just began the Good Shepherd Institute of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Music, held every November in Fort Wayne. From this institute was produced in 2008 the DVD *Singing the Faith*, which invites the listener/viewer to discover God’s Word proclaimed in a rich heritage of music that faithfully confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Kantor Resch and Barbara (née VanderBaan), have two adult children and reside in Fort Wayne, IN.



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Saturday – April 25

- 12:30 p.m. Divine Service (Pr. Lange preaching)
- 2:00 p.m. Kantor Resch speaking
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Kantor Resch speaking
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers (Pr. Brockman preaching)
- 5:30 p.m. Beer/Brat Supper

Sunday – April 26

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service (Kantor Resch preaching)
- 9:30 a.m. Kantor Resch teaching
- 11:00 am. Divine Service (Kantor Resch preaching)



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