

## **Dear Oklahoma District Congregations,**

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ during the Lenten/Easter season!

There is a special conference on “Hymns in The Life of the Christian” for college students, pastors, and congregation members which will take place on April 24



### **Details:**

Teaching and Expressing the Faith:

Hymns in The Life of the Christian.

Saturday April. 24, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Norman, Oklahoma

### **Topic:**

A look at how hymnody is shaped by the Scriptures, teaches us about our sacramental faith and can be an essential part of our devotional life. We will be reflecting on how hymnody provides us with the words to pray when we do not know what to pray and how our worship informs our sacramental faith. Then we will see how hymnody forms us for our lives as Christians in faith and good works. Our hymns are not just words that we sing on a Sunday, but they are part of the Christian's entire life.

**Theme:** “Hymnody in the Life of the Christian.”

**Schedule:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

**Housing:** Please call or go online for hotels in Norman for each person to book on their own. A link that lists local hotels is included in the email that was sent out to each congregation.

**Sign-up:** Please fill this out with the information for your congregation and send it to Trinity Lutheran Church, 603 Classen Blvd, Norman, OK, or fill out the signup genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b4aadae28a2f58-hymnody>

**Poster:** Place this poster on a bulletin board in your Church Narthex

**Speaker:** Dr. Craig Sproat

Craig Sproat holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Oklahoma. He also studied at Concordia University Wisconsin (B.M.A.) and Indiana University (M.M.). His teachers include James Freese, John Behnke, and John Schwandt. From 2011 to 2015 he was an Instructor in the School of Music at the University of Oklahoma, teaching private lessons and courses in organ and church music. He currently is an Instructor in the School of Musical Theatre at the University of Oklahoma where he serves as staff accompanist. Since 2017 he has served as Director of Music at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Moore.



**Bulletin Insert:** Make copies of the insert and put it in your weekly church bulletin

May the Lord bless our time together as we rejoice in the gathering of God's People around the Word with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs – giving thanks through our Lord Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to God our Father!

Sincerely,

Rev. David Nehrenz, Vicar Jordan Peiser

