

**Organ Rededication Service**  
**First Lutheran Church**  
**Chattanooga, TN**



# WELCOME

On behalf of First Lutheran Church, I want to welcome and thank you for joining us in our service of rededication this evening. As most congregations in the world today prefer cost over quality, First Lutheran church decided to honor those who first dedicated this organ in 1970. Quality and authenticity are very difficult to find in the current social climate. The parishioners of First Lutheran give thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for setting our hearts and minds on Him and what He desires to bless us with here at First Lutheran. This organ is a blessing to past, present, and future ears who will hear the Gospel proclaimed through its pipes. We are most certainly happy and joyful to have you with us this evening. God's blessings be upon you.

In Christ,

Reverend Donald N. Welmer  
Pastor, First Lutheran Church



## Reverend Donald N. Welmer

Pastor Welmer has been serving First Lutheran Church as pastor since September of 2020. He served as Associate Pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas from 2012-2020. Pastor Welmer graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, Indiana in May 2012. He is an avid reader, loves all sports and recreation, and enjoys walking his dog, Elsa. He is the 14<sup>th</sup> pastor called to First Lutheran Church and is very thankful for the souls under his care.

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September 6, 2024

Stand

## Psalm 92:1-4

- L** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
**C** to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**L** to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
**C** and your faithfulness by night,  
**L** to the music of the lute and the harp,  
**C** to the melody of the lyre.  
**L** For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
**C** at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Please join in singing stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 5*



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y the King of cre - a - tion!  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous - ly reign - ing  
choir 3. Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won-drous - ly, made you,  
4. Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de - fend you;  
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!



O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and sal - va - tion!  
And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.  
Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him!



Let all who hear Now to His tem - ple draw  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has  
What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can  
Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
do As with His love He be - friends you.  
gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

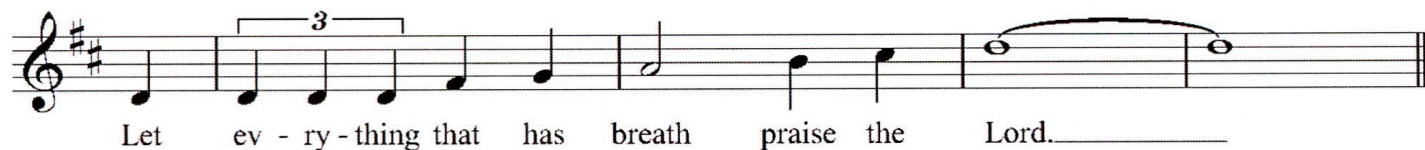
Sit



# Psalm 150

The antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by the congregation.

## Antiphon



Cantor Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctu- | ary; \*  
Praise him in his mighty | heavens!

All **Praise him for his | mighty deeds; \***  
**praise him according to his excellent | greatness! Antiphon**

Choir Praise him with | trumpet sound; \*  
praise him with | lute and harp!

All **Praise him with tambou | rine and dance; \***  
**praise him with | strings and pipe!**

Choir Praise him with sounding | cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud clashing | cymbals!

All **Let everything that has breath | praise the LORD! \***  
**Praise | the LORD!**

All **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit**

**As it was in the be- | ginning, \***  
**is now, and will be forever, | Amen Antiphon**

Sit

## Sonata No. 6 in D minor

Felix Mendelssohn

Based on the chorale *Vater unser im Himmelreich* - Our Father, Who from Heaven Above





choir 1. When the morn-ing stars to - geth - er Their Cre - a - tor's glo - ry sang,  
 2. When in syn - a - gogue and tem - ple Voi - ces raised the psalm-ists' songs,  
 choir 3. Voice and in - stru - ment in un - ion Through the a - ges spoke Your praise,  
 4. Lord, we bring our gift of mu - sic; Touch our lips and fire our hearts,



And the an - gel host all shout - ed Till with joy the heav - ens rang,  
 Of - fer - ing the ad - o - ra - tion Which a - lone to You be - longs,  
 Plain-song, tune - ful hymns and an - thems Told Your faith - ful, gra - cious ways.  
 Teach our minds and train our sen - ses, Fit us for these sa - cred arts.



Then Your wis - dom and Your great-ness Their ex - ul - tant mu - sic told,  
 When the sing - ers and the cym-bals With the trum-pet made ac - cord,  
 Choir and or - ches - tra and or - gan Each a sa - cred of - fring brought,  
 Then with skill and con - se - cra - tion We would serve You, Lord, and give



All the beau - ty and the splen-dor which Your might - y works un - fold.  
 Glo - ry filled the house of wor-ship, And all knew Your pres-ence, Lord.  
 While, in - spired by Your own Spir - it, Po - et and com - pos - er wrought.  
 All our pow'rs to glo - ri - fy You, And in serv - ing ful - ly live.

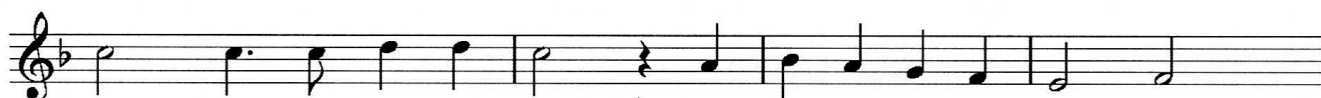
## Homily

The Rev. Donald N. Welmer

## Fugue in E-flat "St. Anne" BWV 552/2

J.S. Bach

## Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God *Please join in singing stanzas 2 and 3*



choir 1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voi - ces,  
 2. Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
 ▲ 3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joi - ces;  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed  
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

*Sit*

## Blessing and Dedication of the Organ

*Stand*

Hymn: All People That On Earth Do Dwell *Please join in singing stanzas 1, 2, 3 and 5*



1. All      peo - ple    that    on    earth    do    dwell,    Sing  
2. The      Lord,    ye    know,    is    God    in    deed,    With  
voices only 3. O      en - ter    then    his    gates    with    praise,    Ap -  
choir 4. For      why?    the    Lord    our    God    is    good;    His  
▲ 5. To      Fa - ther,    Son,    and    Ho - ly    Ghost,    The



to    the    Lord    with    cheer - ful    voice;    Him    serve    with    fear,    His  
out    our    aid    He    did    us    make;    We    are    his    folk,    He  
proach    with    joy    his    courts    un - to;    Praise    laud,    and    bless    His  
mer - cy    is    for    ev - er    sure;    His    truth    at    all    times  
God    whom    heav'n    and    earth    a - dore,    From    men    and    from    the



praise    forth    tell,    Come    ye    be - fore    Him    and    re -    joice.  
doth    us    feed,    And    for    His    sheep    He    doth    us    take.  
name    al - ways,    For    it    is    seem - ly    so    to    do.  
firm - ly    stood,    And    shall    from    age    to    age    en -    dure.  
an - gel    host    Be    praise    and    glo - ry    ev - er -    more.

*Sit*

Carillon de Westminster

Louis V

**Thank you for joining us this evening.  
Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshment.**



# Original Wicks Organ Dedication

## May 17, 1970

### *First Lutheran Marks Milestone Sunday With New Pipe Organ*

#### ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT HISTORY OF THE WICKS ORGAN AT FIRST LUTHERAN

When the current First Lutheran Church building at 2800 McCallie Avenue was completed in 1960 there was no organ. The previous location had a small pipe organ which had been moved to the University of Chattanooga.

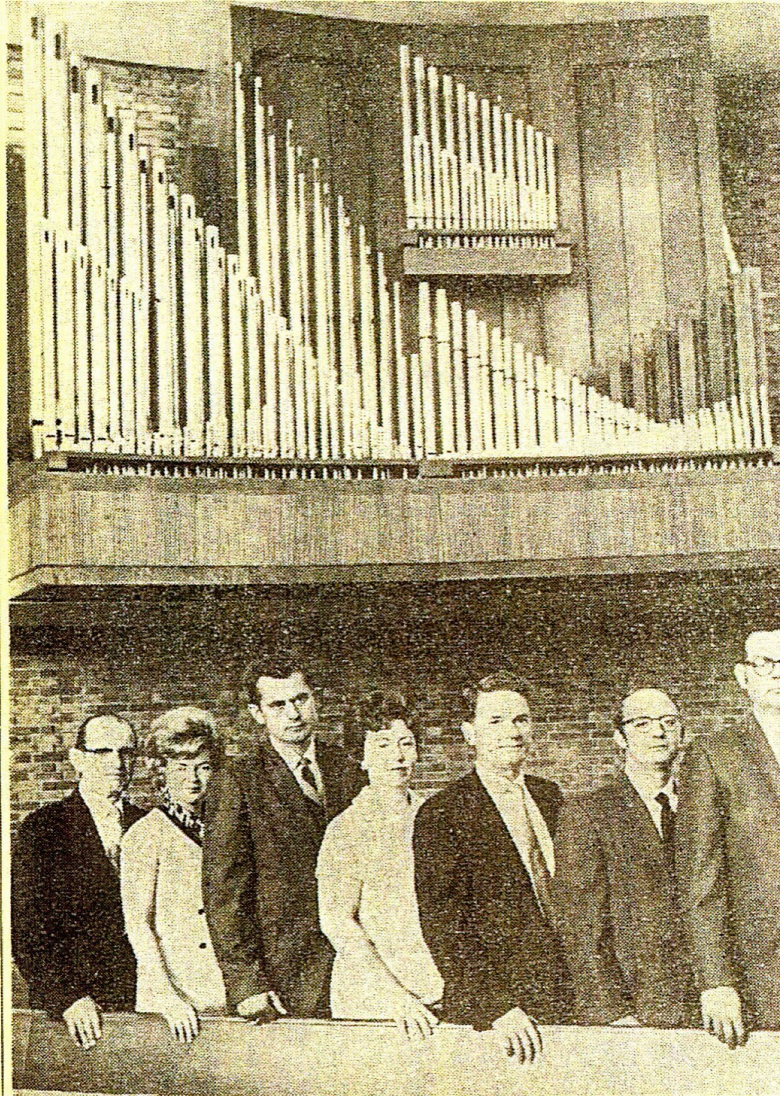
In 1969 a committee was formed to research organ builders and costs. John Krause was the committee chairman, with committee members Pastor Leroy Buuck, organist and choir director Dan Johnson, Dot Wade, Colleen Schwab and Walter Meyer. After much research, the committee selected Wicks Organ Company of Highland, Illinois, to design and build the new organ.

The Wick brothers, early pioneers of all-electric organ actions, had been building pipe organs since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, creating and servicing organs throughout the country.

The organ at First Lutheran was custom designed to take advantage of the unique circular design of the sanctuary. William Rozeboom, Wicks Regional Director, noted the brick and glass sanctuary “provides an excellent acoustical environment for the new organ.”

The 20-rank, 3-division organ enclosed in cherry casework was completed in time for the Sunday morning worship service on May 17, 1970.

The Chattanooga News-Free Press noted in the May 16, 1970, edition that the organ represented “another milestone in the continuing growth and expansion of First Lutheran Church...”



**NEW PIPE ORGAN AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**—The new pipe organ, which will be used for the first time at the 10:30 Sunday morning worship service. The organ was custom built by the Wicks Pipe Organ Co. Pictured, from left, are J. W. Krause, organ committee chairman; Mrs. Dan Johnson, organist and choir director; Mrs. Robert Schwab, the Rev. Leroy Buuck, pastor, and installers William Bust and Richard Haase. A formal dedication is planned for a later date.—(Staff photo by Benny Collins.)

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