

# Worship and Music Report 2015

## Highlights from 2015

**Lent** - During the 2015 season of Lent, University Lutheran met for Sunday worship at 5:30 p.m. and had “dinner church”. We chose the evening service during Lent for several reasons: to set the season apart, to encourage a meditative tone, and to welcome students and community members who could not attend morning worship. We have worshipped in the evening during Lent for several years but this is the first time we incorporated a meal into the worship. We used Marty Haugen’s “Unfailing Light” liturgy, an evening setting of Holy Communion.

**Season of Creation** - We once again celebrated the “Season of Creation” in September. We used special readings and songs written by the musical group Dakota Road for the “Liturgy for Earthkeeping”.

**Thank you** – Thank you to the many musicians who volunteer on Sundays. Thank you also to those who have shared special music during liturgies. You help us sing and add to the beauty of the music. We appreciate your dedication.

Thank you to Dave Houck for getting our Christmas tree every year and decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas. And thank you to Pastor Greg for decorating for the other church seasons. Thank you to the altar guild that prepares the altar every Sunday and brings the flowers. We definitely have some of the most beautiful and unique flower arrangements. And thank you to Joan Ferguson for making the altar hangings.

**Choir** - As a community, we continue to be blessed by the faithful commitment of our choir members. The attention, focus, and dedication they bring to our weekly rehearsals is always inspiring and energizing.

In April 2015, the choir performed Bach Cantata #4, “Christ Lag in Todesbaden,” as part of the Easter festival worship service. The choir was accompanied by string quartet and organ continuo. In May 2015, our Director Bill Walker coordinated the combined choirs that sang for the Ascension Day service at Stanford’s Memorial Church.

Our choir rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary and all are welcome. Please join us!

**Invitations** - We welcome new musicians to come and play at worship, cantor and join choir. We welcome everyone to join our occasional Worship Committee meetings -- please talk to Carol DeZutti and/or Bill Walker. We also encourage people to sign up for reading lessons and serving communion.

## Worship Committee

Carol deZutti, Music Director  
Bill Walker, Choir Director  
Pastor Greg Schaefer  
Kristi Schenk