**Christ Lutheran Sponsors *Bach Around the Clock***

Christ Lutheran Church, Staunton–Pastor Rob McCarty, Dean of the Southern Valley Conference, and Music Director Florence Jowers–is sponsoring ***Bach Around the Clock*** on March 23rd, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. The church will once again partner with the Heifetz Institute and Nicholas Kitchen, Artistic Director, to feature the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, the greatest Lutheran church musician, composer, and organist. Each hour individuals or ensembles will play and sing the music of Bach, who wrote over 300 sacred cantatas, hundreds of organ works, many string compositions, and elaborate pieces for various instruments. The event is free, though a “Bach’s Lunch” may be purchased for $10, and donations are encouraged, especially for the evening program.

Christ’s Director of Music, Florence Jowers, will present an organ recital on the Taylor and Boody Organ at 10:00 am, and Christopher Jacobson, Duke University Chapel Organist, will perform in the 7:00 o’clock hour. At 8:00 pm a Choral Extravaganza will take place as guest soloists, chamber choir, and orchestra perform cantata arias, duets, and choral settings. Pastor Paul Weber will conduct the combined forces in a fitting conclusion to the day. Come and enjoy the elegant music of Bach in Christ Lutheran’s acoustically vibrant space! The church is located at 2807 N. Augusta Street, Staunton. Here is the schedule for the day:

9:00 Heifetz Solo Strings

10:00 Organ Recital: Florence Jowers, Music Director, Christ Lutheran Church

11:00 Heifetz Pianists play selections from “The Well-Tempered Clavier”

12:00 Mary Baldwin University Choir, The Shenandoah Flutes & “Bach’s Lunch”

1:00 “The Goldberg Variations”

2:00 Charlottesville AGO Organists play a variety of repertoire

3:00 Coffee Break & Bach’s “Coffee Cantata” with soloists and baroque ensemble featuring

 Three Notch’d Road & Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival Participants

4:00 Heifetz Artistic Director, Nicholas Kitchen, & Family

5:00 Heifetz Ensemble: “The Brandenburgs and Beyond”

6:00 “Bach with Pluck: Banjo and Guitar” with classical banjoist John Bullard & friends

7:00 Organ Recital: Christopher Jacobson, Duke University Organist and Staunton native

8:00 Choral Extravaganza: Arias, Duets, and Selections from Cantatas 29, 137 & 147

 The Rev. Dr. Paul Weber, Music Director

 BATC Chamber Choir and Orchestra with Guest Soloists:

If you wish to support ***Bach Around the Clock*** in a special way, you may request a patron letter from Christ Lutheran Church at celcsta@gmail.com.