

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—will again sponsor the popular ***Bach Around the Clock*** on Bach’s birthday, March 21st, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. The church will join forces with the Heifetz Institute, Nicholas Kitchen, Artistic Director, to feature the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, the greatest Lutheran church musician, composer, and organist. Throughout the day individuals or ensembles will play and sing the music of Bach, who wrote over 300 sacred cantatas, hundreds of works for organ, 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 especially encouraged for the evening organ recital and choral program.

Christ’s Director of Music, Florence Jowers, will present an organ recital on the Taylor and Boody Organ at 2:00 pm, and Kimberly Marshall, Arizona State University Organist, will perform at 6:30 pm. At 7:30 pm a Choral Extravaganza will take place as guest soloists, chamber choir, and orchestra perform arias, duets, and Bach’s first cantata BWV 131, a setting of Psalm 130. 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 address is 2807 N. Augusta Street, Staunton. Here is the schedule for the day:

- 9:00 Joseph Kitchen, Piano: The Well-Tempered Clavier
- 9:30 Borromeo String Quartet: The Well-Tempered Quartet
- 11:00 Jiangxuan Zhang, Piano: Bach Partitas
- 12:00 Bach for Kids: Songs from the “Schemelli Gesangbuch” & Bach’s Lunch
- 1:00 Mary Baldwin Choir
- 1:30 Andrew Gonzalez, Violoncello da spalla: Cello Suite No. 6
- 2:00 Florence Jowers, Organ: “Bach in the Belfry”—Chorale Preludes and Fugues
- 3:00 Solo Strings & Organ, Heifetz alums & Charlottesville organists alternate performances
- 5:00 A Bach Birthday Cake Break! Coffee & Cake to celebrate the day of Bach’s birth!
- 5:15 Minutes & Moments with Heifetz President Benjamin K. Roe
- 5:30 Peter Blanchette, Guitar: “Bach from an Arch-Angel”
- 6:30 Kimberly Marshall, Organ: Impressive, Grand Works of Bach
- 7:30 Choral Extravaganza: Arias, Chorales, and Cantata 131
 - The Rev. Dr. Paul Weber, Music Director
 - BATC Chamber Choir and Staunton Bach 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.