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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Garden Grove celebrates its 60th Anniversary with an organ concert featuring the exciting young organist, Tom Mueller.

Garden Grove, CA: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Garden Grove is celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a special musical event on Saturday, October 28th. Performing on our Rogers Organ will be the exciting young organist, Tom Mueller. The event is being co-sponsored by the Orange County Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Music Ministry of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. The concert will take place at 4 PM at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 12301 Magnolia, Garden Grove, 92841. In celebration of the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation, the program will highlight music inspired by that event, with pieces by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn, and hymns of The Reformation. The church's choir, the Adoration Choir, will present a piece accompanied by Mr. Mueller. This is a free event, and a reception will follow in the church's Endter Hall.

Tom Mueller is Assistant Professor of Church Music and University Organist at Concordia University in Irvine, California, where he teaches organ, jazz, and composition. An award-winning church musician, Dr. Mueller also serves as the associate organist at St. James' in the City in Los Angeles, where he accompanies the acclaimed Choir of St. James' under the direction of James Buonemani.

Mueller maintains an active performance schedule, and has performed at universities and churches across the United States. In 2010, he performed the complete organ works of J. S. Bach in a series of seventeen concerts in his native state of Maine. He has received numerous commissions for new choral and liturgical works, and performances of his compositions have been broadcast on national radio and television. Mueller is also an accomplished guitarist, and toured the country as a member of The Muellers, a nationally-recognized family bluegrass band. Their fourth album was released in 2009.

Mueller's research interests include the early organ and keyboard works of J. S. Bach and the performance practice of organ continuo playing in the classical-era concerted sacred music of Germany and Austria. He has presented workshops, masterclasses, and lectures for numerous organizations, including several chapters of the American Guild of Organists, and has served as a faculty member for the Guild's Pipe Organ Encounter program for young organists.

Mueller was awarded first place in the 2014 Schoenstein Competition in Hymn-Playing, which was held in conjunction with the biennial national convention of the American Guild of Organists in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2015, he was selected by *The Diapason* as a member of their inaugural "20 Under 30" list of influential figures in the world of organ and church music.

Mueller earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with David Higgs. He also holds degrees from the University of Notre Dame (M.S.M. in organ), and the University of Maine at Augusta (B.M. in jazz composition and piano), where he graduated summa cum laude. His former teachers include Craig Cramer, Alan Wingard, William Porter, Frank Mauceri, and Steve Grover, and he has performed in masterclasses with Stephen Tharp, Isabelle Demers, Ken Cowan, Alan Morrison, Michael Bauer, and Diane Meredith Belcher, among others.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church was chartered on April 21, 1957, and has been a fixture in central Garden Grove for decades. In its entire history it has only had three senior pastors. Founding Pastor Charles Endter, Pastor Ken Caudill, and current pastor, Brian Taylor. Our Redeemer has an active music program with two different children's choirs, a youth choir, the Adoration Choir, and the Prayer and Praise team that offers musical leadership at our contemporary service. Ms. Ann Badertscher has been the Director of Music for over 40 years, and our organist, John Glessner, has served in that capacity for nearly 35 years.