

Celebration of Music Concert Series

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An outreach to the
church and community

2024 - 2025 Series





WELCOME!

It is with great pleasure that we present the 2024-2025 Celebration of Music Concert Series. This outstanding series is a part of the Music Ministry outreach of Trinity Lutheran Church, located in East Grand Rapids.

Music is at the heart of the worshipping community of the church. It is a rich and meaningful part of the history at Trinity and remains a vital part of Sunday worship and the annual concert series.

To bring these outstanding concerts to the church and the community at-large, we rely on your generosity. At each concert you are given the opportunity to share a freewill donation. Many people choose to become a named donor at varied levels of giving. We remain grateful that concerts are offered without ticket cost so that all are welcome. Those who contribute make this possible. Thank you!

The Trinity Overlook Art Gallery is open before and during each concert. Come early and enjoy this rotating exhibit of local artists.

We look forward to welcoming you back for a wonderful concert season!

Dr. Darlene Kuperus

Director of Music, Organist

Artistic Director of the Celebration of Music Concert Series

Music Director & Organist/Trinity Lutheran Church

Trinity Overlook Art Gallery

You are welcome to view the work of local artists as displayed in the Overlook Gallery – the long hallway which runs parallel to the church sanctuary. This rotating exhibit displays new artwork every two months. Come early to a concert or use the time during concert intermissions to renew your spirit as you enjoy this expression of art. Scan the QR code to stay connected!



Connect With the Celebration Series

There are several ways you can be sure to stay informed about upcoming concerts! You can "like" the **Facebook** page of Trinity Lutheran Church Grand Rapids. You can hear concert announcements on **Blue Lake Public Radio**. You can visit the church website: **tlcgr.org**. You can also sign up for concert series **notifications** by scanning the QR code. Thank you for coming – we hope to see you again soon!



Concerts



Sunday, October 20, 2024

3:00 p.m.

MAJESTIC BRASS

Trinity Sanctuary

Grand Rapids Symphony Assistant Principal/Horn and Orchestra Personnel Manager Erich Peterson is the Artistic Director of *Majestic Brass*. This octet of highly skilled brass instrumentalists has an active concert presence in West Michigan. Trumpets, horns, trombones, and tuba fill the space with rich, powerful, and beautiful sounds and textures. A variety of music for brass as well as brass and pipe organ (played by Director of Music & Organist Dr. Darlene Kuperus) are on tap for this stunning program.



Wednesday, October 23, 2024

12:30 p.m.

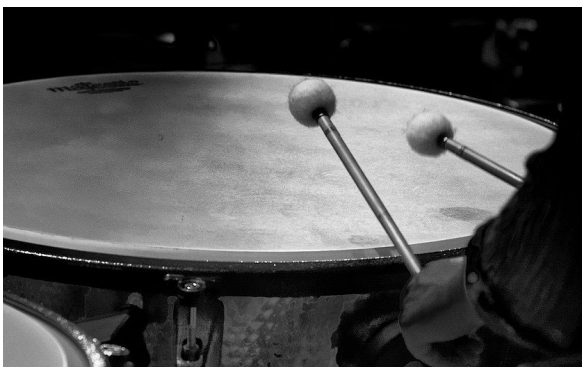
RAGTIME PIANO MUSIC:

AMERICA'S "ENTERTAINER" ERA

Robert Edwards, Guest Pianist

Trinity Centennial Hall

Live music by pianist Robert Edwards with conversation on this influential part of American music history. Enjoy favorites by Scott Joplin and others. Mr. Edwards has been a featured performer at Trinity, presenting *An Afternoon at the Silent Movies* last winter and performing with Karen Krummel and Adam Liebert last spring. Join us at 11:30 a.m. for a reservation-only lunch followed by music and conversation at 12:30 p.m. (open to all at no cost). This concert is presented in collaboration with Trinity's JOYful Days series.



Sunday, November 17, 2024

4:00 p.m.

COLLABORATIVE CELEBRATION CONCERT:

MOZART CORONATION MASS + CONCERTOS BY RHEINBERGER AND ALBINONI

Trinity United Methodist Church - 1100 Lake Dr SE, Grand Rapids

Celebrate a collaboration between Trinity United Methodist and Trinity Lutheran musicians. Adult vocal choirs from each church join to sing one of Mozart's most enduring choral works accompanied by orchestral musicians from the GR Symphony.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: *Coronation Mass* Composed for the Imperial Court of Vienna, this piece features chorus, soloists, strings, brass, timpani, and organ. The chorus is joined by vocal soloists Gwyneth Hoeksema, Isabel Abbott, Luke McGinnis, and Ben Clements. The chorus is prepared by conductors Randy Burghart (Trinity Methodist) and Sidney Hoeksema (Trinity Lutheran).

Josef Rheinberger: *Organ Concerto No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 177* This work is composed for organist soloist Dr. Darlene Kuperus, strings, brass, and timpani. It is a perfect blending of rich orchestral textures and interplay between orchestra and pipe organ.

Tomaso Albinoni: *Concerto for Two Oboes in F Major, Op. 9, No. 3* This Italian Baroque gem is scored for two oboe soloists, strings, and harpsichord and emanates light Baroque sounds. Featured oboists are Kathleen Gomez and Sarah Constable.

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MESSIAH SING-ALONG:
CHRISTMAS PORTION +
HALLELUJAH CHORUS
Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary

This is a fun way for those who love singing Handel's *Messiah* to join with community singers right before Christmas! Guest soloists sing the arias and recitatives. The chorus is seated in the sanctuary and arranged by vocal section. Those who simply wish to enjoy listening to the music are also cordially invited to attend! The music will be accompanied by string quartet, harpsichord, and organ. Bring your vocal score or borrow one at the door. A \$10 freewill donation is suggested.



Sunday, January 26, 2025
3:00 p.m.
BACH...WITH FRIENDS
Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary

This concert features Grand Rapids musicians and special guests from the Holland Bach Society, including harpsichord soloist Alexis VanZalen and soprano soloist Jennie Judd Reyes. The Holland Bach Society exists to cultivate an appreciation for Bach's liturgical music and to enhance worship in local congregations. Major works include *Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major No. 3, BWV 1068*, featuring trumpets and timpani and one of Bach's most famous compositions titled *Air*, and *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen (Shout for joy to God in all lands), BWV 51*, which is one of Bach's most unique cantatas.



Sunday, April 6, 2025

3:00 p.m.

GRAND RIVER SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Bryan Bredwell, Director

Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Based in the Greater Grand Rapids area of West Michigan, GRSQ is comprised of current saxophonists in the Grand Rapids Symphonic Band. Dedicated to bringing a wide range of genres and musicality, they enjoy playing for festivals, concerts, and corporate events. Their amazing technique brings fresh vitality to a uniquely interesting repertoire composed for soprano, alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones. The concert will also feature saxophone solos accompanied by piano.



Tuesday, May 20, 2025

7:30 p.m.

**VOX GR – HOUSE OF BELONGING:
HOME AND HERITAGE**

Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Vox GR has quickly risen in West Michigan as *the* premier professional vocal ensemble. Their last performance at Trinity was for a packed-house Christmas concert in 2023. Dr. Christopher Mason serves as their artistic director and conductor. This concert will feature: *House of Belonging* by Alex Berko with piano, cello, and violin; *Credo* from Palestrina's *Missa ascendio ad Patrem, His Name So Sweet*, a spiritual by Michigan composer Stacey Gibbs, and two German sacred gems by Felix Mendelssohn.

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