

Raabe Commissioned Works

In 1991, Dr William and Rev Nancy Raabe began commissioning hymn settings, concertatos, anthems, and other music for the church at large. Here is information about those commissioned works. Please contact the publisher, composer, or [William Raabe](#), for copies or performance information.

The Hymn Festival for the 2018 Concordia University Chicago Lectures in Church Music featured about a dozen of these pieces, in celebration of the composers who have contributed to the project.

Nancy [discussed](#) the commissioning project at the 2015 Good Shepherd Institute. Bill [discussed](#) the project in the ALCM newsletter *In Tempo*.

Current as of October 2026.

Composer	Title	Hymn	Requires	Premiered at	Dedicated to	Published
David Cherwien	All Depends on Our Possessing	LSB 732 ELW 589	Unison or two-part choir, organ, opt cong and c instr		Margaret Raabe	
Kevin Hildebrand	All My Heart Again Rejoices	LSB 360 ELW 273	SATB, organ, trumpet, cong	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Brad Hall	CPH 98-3992
Walter Pelz	All the Earth with Joy is Sounding	LSB 462	SATB, organ, cong, opt brass quartet and timpani	Trinity Lutheran Seminary	Tom and Jane Buck	CPH 97-6933, 98-3660
David Cherwien	All You Works of the Lord, Bless the Lord!	LSB 930	SATB, organ, cong, opt cantors, opt handbells	Peace, New Berlin	Cantors of Peace, New Berlin	CPH 98-3330
David Cherwien	As Newborn Stars Were Stirred to Song		SATB, organ, cong, opt trumpet	Concordia Chicago	Barry L Bobb	
Emily Porter	Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn	ELW 242	SATB, organ, cong, flute, oboe, soprano	Peace, New Berlin	William Raabe	
David Schack	Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn	ELW 242	SATB or unison choir, organ, oboe, cong		William Raabe	
Kevin Hildebrand	Awake, My Heart, With Gladness	LSB 467 ELW 378	SATB, organ, brass quintet, timpani, cong	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Margaret Raabe	CPH 97-7476
John Behnke	Awake, My Heart, With Gladness	LSB 467 ELW 378	SATB, keyboard, two flutes		Tom Leeseberg-Lange	CPH 98-3999
Emily Porter	Be Thou My Vision	ELW 793	SATB or baritone, soprano, flute, organ, cong	Peace, New Berlin	Laura Kohrs	
John Behnke	Carillon	Original	Organ		Margaret Raabe	CPH 97-6952

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Tom Mueller	Chorale and Variations; Aria; Toccata	Original organ sonata	Organ	St John, Orange CA	Steven Wentz	Schirmer 9476
Kevin Hildebrand	Christ, Be My Leader	LSB 861	Flute, solo voice, keyboard, opt cong	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Nancy Raabe	Morningstar MSM-50-5914
Linda Kempke	Christ, Be Our Light	ELW 715	2-part choir, piano, cong, opt handbells, flute	Luther Memorial, Madison	Bill and Nancy Raabe, 25 th Anniversary	
David Schack	Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia	LSB 466 ELW 364	SATB, keyboard, percussion, cong		William Raabe	
Charles Ore	Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation	ELW 645 LSB 909	SATB, trombone, cong		Franklin Wilson	CPH 97-7762
David Cherwien	Come Bless the Lord	<i>Truro</i> , various verses, incl two original by Susan Palo Cherwien	SATB, organ, opt cong and trumpet		Bill and Nancy Raabe, 10 th anniversary	AMSI 8355
Donald Busarow	Come With Songs of Gladness	Various Paul Gerhardt hymns	Organ and instrument		William and Nancy Raabe	CPH 97-7158
Paul Weber	Come You Faithful Raise the Strain	LSB 487 ELW 363	SATB, organ, cong, brass quartet		Marilyn Bartz	
Carl Schalk, Susan Palo Cherwien	Day of Arising	ELW 374	SATB, cong, organ		William and Nancy Raabe	Augsburg 11- 11000
Kevin Hildebrand	Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice	ELW 594 LSB 556	Choir, Brass Quintet, Timpani, flute, organ, congregation	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Reformation 500	
Tom Mueller	Five Chorale Preludes on Joyful Themes	Original Suite	Organ		Diet at Worms 500	CPH 978041
Robert Hobby	For All the Saints	Original, Funeral Suite	Organ		Meta Scholz, Edna Schultz	Augsburg 9780800675370
Robert Hobby	For All the Saints, volume 2	Original, Funeral Suite	Organ		Bill and Nancy Raabe	Augsburg 9780800679101
Robert Hobby	For All the Saints, volume 3	Original, Funeral Suite	Organ		Bill and Nancy Raabe	Augsburg 9781451486056
John Paradowski	From God Can Nothing Move Me	LSB 713	SATB, organ, cong	St Matthew, Wauwatosa	Martin Raabe	

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Kevin Hildebrand	The Gifts Christ Freely Gave	LSB 602	SATB, organ, cong, oboe	St Paul, Fort Wayne	Jennifer Anderson Koenig	CPH 98-4223
David Cherwien	God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven	LSB 877 ELW 564	SATB, organ, cong, opt flute or oboe	Peace, New Berlin	Ann Siverling	Summa 2035
John Paradowski	God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens	ELW 771	SATB, organ, cong, opt handbells	St Matthew, Wauwatosa	Charles and Mary Miller	
Kevin Hildebrand	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	LSB 940 LBW 535 ELW 414	TTBB, organ, percussion, cong, brass choir	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Hope Lutheran Church, Milton WI	
Carl Schalk, Gracia Grindal	How Good, God Said, and Blessed the Two	Original text and tune	SATB, organ, cong, flute	Peace, New Berlin	David and Paula Raabe	Augsburg 11-10678 GIA G-5970
John Behnke	I Know That My Redeemer Lives	LSB 461 ELW 619	SAB, organ, cong, opt trumpet, opt handbells	Peace, New Berlin	William and Shirley Raabe	CPH 98-3197
Thomas Keesecker	In Our Day of Thanksgiving	Original setting	SAB and piano		William and Nancy Raabe	Augsburg 9781451424133
Kenneth Kosche	I Walk in Danger All the Way	LSB 716	SAB, organ, flute, oboe or violin. Opt cong		Don and Mary Korte	CPH 96-3599
Jonathan Kohrs	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	LSB 411 ELW 815	Children's Choir, organ, cong, opt bass solo, flute or oboe	Our Redeemer, Wauwatosa	Margaret Raabe	
Richard Hillert, Susan Palo Cherwien	Image of the Unseen God	Original text and tune	SATB or cong, keyboard			Augsburg 11-11101
Emily Porter, Susan Palo Cherwien	In Deepest Night	ELW 699, original tune	SATB or solo, organ, cong, oboe		Van Nichols	Augsburg 11-10818
Larry Long	In Deepest Night	ELW 699, original tune	SATB, organ, oboe		Van Nichols	
John Behnke, Michael Meyer	In the Manger	Original text and tune	SAB, keyboard			CPH 98-3286
Donald Busarow	Jesus Has Come	LSB 533	SATB, organ, cong, baritone, horn or trombone	Our Savior, Milwaukee	William Raabe	CPH 97-6400
Kevin Hildebrand	Jesus Has Come	LSB 533	Organ, brass quintet, timpani, TTBB, cong	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Linda Kempke	
Emily Porter	Jesus I Will Ponder Now	LSB 444, ELW 345	SAB, organ, cong, oboe	Peace, New Berlin	William Raabe	
Tom Mueller	The King of Love My Shepherd Is	LSB 709 ELW 502	Organ, cong, opt SATB, opt flute, violin, or oboe		Bill and Nancy Raabe, 30 th anniversary	

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Kevin Hildebrand	Let All Together Praise Our God	LSB 389 ELW 287	SATB, brass, timpani, organ, cong	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Carl Schalk	
John Behnke	Let All Together Praise Our God	LSB 389 ELW 287	SATB, organ, cong, opt handbells, opt trumpet, opt horn or trombone	Concordia University Wisconsin	Nancy Raabe	
Kevin Hildebrand	Let the Whole Creation Cry	ELW 876, with original v4	Cong, opt choir, organ, opt trumpet		Bill and Nancy Raabe, 20th anniversary	
Donald Busarow	Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart	LSB 708, ELW 750	SATB, organ, oboe, opt cong	St Paul, Milwaukee	Ann Siverling	CPH 98-3429
Jacob B Weber	Luther's Divine Service for small choir	Luther's Mass, various hymns	Cong, two-part choir, trumpet, organ	Carthage College (WI)	2017 LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, Church Music	CPH 97-7798
Marie Rubis Bauer, Gracia Grindal	My Heart, Be Still	Original text and tune	SATB, organ, cong		Meta Rieth	
Ralph C Schultz	O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day	LSB 882	TTBB, viola	Concordia Seminary (MO)	Concordia Seminary (MO) Chorus	CPH 984025
Charles Ore	O Day Full of Grace	LSB 503 ELW 627	SATB, organ, brass choir, cong		Nancy Raabe	CPH 97-6988
Kevin Hildebrand	O God of Light	LBW 237, ELW 507, LSB 836	SATB, cong, brass quintet, timpani, organ	St Paul, Fort Wayne	Bill and Nancy Raabe, 25 th anniversary	
Stephen Rohde	O God of Light	LSB 836, ELW 507, LBW 237	SATB, organ, cong, trumpet	Our Savior, Milwaukee	Jill Raabe	
David Cherwien	O Holy Spirit Enter In	LSB 913 ELW 786	SATB or two part choir, organ, cong, opt brass quartet	St Luke Chicago	Martin and Carol Bangert	CPH 98-3484, 98-6769
Robert Hobby ed	O Love that Casts Out Fear	Brahms folk tune	SATB		Marlys Greinke	MorningStar MSM-50-6030
Charles Ore	O Morning Star	LSB 395, ELW 308	Organ prelude		Martin Raabe	CPH 95-6517
Charles Ore	O Morning Star	LSB 395 ELW 308	SATB, organ, cong, brass choir, oboe	Peace, New Berlin	Martin Raabe	CPH 97-6605 CPH 97-7446
Tom Mueller	O Morning Star – Seven Versets	LSB 395, ELW 308	Original organ suite	St John, Orange CA	Bruce Bengtson	Schirmer 9138
Kevin Hildebrand	Oh, How Blest Are They	LSB 679, ELW 526, CW 554	SATB, oboe, organ, cong, opt strings	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Shirley Raabe	
Marie Rubis Bauer	People Look East	ELW 248	SATB, organ, cong, opt handbells	First Presby, Topeka	Margaret Raabe	Hinshaw HMC-1822

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Donald Busarow	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	LSB 793 ELW 864,865	SATB, organ, cong, brass choir	St Paul, Milwaukee	Jill Raabe	MorningStar MSM-60-7023-A,B
Robert Hobby	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	LSB 790 ELW 858,859	SATB, organ, cong, timpani, cymbals, brass quintet		Richard Raabe, Ruth Raabe, Ronald Semmann	MorningStar MSM 60-9023, 9023A, 9023B
Kevin Hildebrand	Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng	LBW 553 LSB 813 ELW 873	TTBB, organ, percussion, cong, brass choir	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Bill and Nancy Raabe	
Kevin Hildebrand	Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers	LBW 25, LSB 515, ELW 244	TTBB, brass quintet, timpani, organ, cong	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Bill and Nancy Raabe	
John Behnke	Rise O Church, Like Christ Arisen	ELW 548	Organ partita		Nancy Raabe	
Charles Ore	Rise, Shine You People	LSB 825 ELW 665	SATB, trumpet, cong		Bill and Nancy Raabe	CPH 97-7762
John Behnke	Road to Calvary	Original organ suite for Holy Week	Organ		Marilyn Bartz	CPH 97-7072
John Behnke	Road to Bethlehem	Original organ suite for Advent	Organ		Jill, Dana, Lydia Raabe	CPH 97-7071
Kevin Hildebrand	Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses	LSB 667	Cong, organ, TTBB, brass quintet, timpani	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Walter Bouman	
Tom Mueller	See Amid the Winter's Snow	LSB 373	Acoustic ensemble, voices	Concordia University Irvine	Bill and Nancy Raabe, 35 th anniversary	
Jonathan Kohrs	Shine in Our Hearts	Original anthem, general	TTBB, viola	Concordia Seminary (MO)	Concordia Seminary (MO) Chorus	
Donald Busarow	Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good	ELW 871, LSB 819, LBW 542	Cong, organ, SATB, brass quartet	Wittenberg University (OH)	Tom Leeseberg- Lange	
David Schack	Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good	ELW 871, LSB 819, LBW 542	Organ partita		William Raabe	
Kevin Hildebrand	Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good	ELW 871, LSB 819, LBW 542	Cong, organ, SATB, brass quintet, timpani	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Lisa Dahill	CPH 98-3983

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Kevin Hildebrand	Sing With All the Saints in Glory	LSB 671, ELW 426	Trumpet, organ, cong, opt two-part choir	Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne (IN)	Ann Lee	
Marie Rubis Bauer	Take My Life and Let It Be	LSB 783, ELW 583,685; original tune	SATB, organ, cong, soprano, flute			Hinshaw HMC- 1673
Robert Hobby	The Church's One Foundation	Original organ suite on LSB 644, ELW 654	Organ, opt cong		Elmer Neitzel	MorningStar MSM-10-527
Gary Foxe	The Lord Remembers Faithful People	Original text on St Clement	SAB, organ, cong, opt flute	St Paul, Skokie	Paula Raabe	
Larry Long, Susan Palo Cherwien	There is the Love of God	Original text and tune	Unison choir or solo, organ, flute		Van Nichols	
Anne Krentz Organ	The Son of God Our Christ	ELW 584	SATB, cong, piano, flute	Grace, Hatfield PA	Nancy Raabe ordination, 5 th anniversary	Augsburg 9798889835240
Thomas Keesecker	The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve	Original text on Chesterfield	SATB, organ, brass quintet, cong		William and Nancy Raabe	
David Cherwien	Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels	LSB 491	SAB, organ, cong, opt trumpet	Peace, New Berlin	Nancy Raabe	Augsburg 11- 11020
Thomas Keesecker	What Feast of Love	Original tune, arrangement	SAB or SATB, 2 pt handbells		William and Nancy Raabe	MorningStar MSM-50-7510
John Behnke	What Wondrous Love	LSB 543 ELW 666	SATB, organ, opt cong	St Paul, Skokie	David and Paula Raabe, 20 th anniversary	CPH 98-3598
Charles Ore	When in Our Music God is Glorified	LSB 796 ELW 851	SATB, organ, cong, brass choir, double bass	Mt Olive, Milwaukee	Lutheran A Cappella Choir of Milwaukee	CPH 97-6988
Larry Long	When Long Before Time	ELW 861	SATB, organ, cong	Denver ALCM	Nancy Raabe	
Paul Bouman	While Shepherds Lately Knelt	LSB 369	TTBB, strings, organ	Concordia Seminary (MO)	David Koch	

PIECES RECEIVING ALCM [RAABE PRIZE](#) FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMPOSITION

Year	Composer	Title	Requires	Published
1998	Robert Buckley Farlee	Solemn Reproaches of the Cross	SATB, soloists, piano	Augsburg 0800674723
2000	Richard Proulx	We Adore You O Christ	SATB	Paraclete PPM09836
2002	Paul Weber	Arise, Shine!	SSAATTBB	Augsburg 0800677366
2005	John Ferguson	Who Is This?	SATB and viola	MSM 50-6509

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2007	David Cherwien	The Souls of the Righteous	SSAATTBB	MSM 50-6066
2009	Dan Forrest	In Paradisum	SATB div	HMC2224
2011	Zebulon Highben	Love is the Key	SATB div, a cappella	MSM-50-5215
2013	Jake Runestad	Nada te Turbe	SSAATTBB, a cappella	JRMusic JR0028
2015	David Ashley White	Spirit, Moving Over Chaos	SATB, oboe, percussion, opt handbells	Selah 405-633
2017	Erik Meyer	St John Passion	SATB, soloists, organ, opt cong	Musicspoke.com
2019	Timothy Shaw	Jesus, Refuge of the Weary	SATB, piano	Beckenhorst BP2098
2021	Jacob B. Weber	Festival Gloria	SATB, organ, brass quartet	CPH 977884
2023	Tom Trenney	From Generation to Generation	SATB, piano, opt oboe, flute, organ, strings	Augsburg 9781506486482
2025	Mark Sedio	Nada me falta: Psalm 23	SATB, organ, opt percussion, assembly	Augsburg 9781506495309

PIECES COMMISSIONED BY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ASSN OF MILWAUKEE, WHEN WILLIAM RAABE WAS BOARD CHAIR, AS ARRANGEMENTS OF THE SCHOOLS' OFFICIAL HYMN, SCHALK/GRINDAL, "HOW GOOD IT IS TO PRAISE THE LORD"

Composer	Requires
John Behnke	SATB, cong, organ
Jonathan Kohrs	SATB, cong, organ
Kenneth Kosche	Unison or two-part choir, cong, keyboard, c instr

PIECES COMPOSED AS A GIFT TO BILL AND NANCY RAABE

Date	Composer	Title	Requires	Notes
1994	Emily Maxson Porter	I Sing the Birth	Organ, baritone	Christmas, text by Ben Jonson
1996	Emily Maxson Porter	A Child My Choice	Organ, horn, baritone	Christmas, text by Robert Southwell
1999	Emily Maxson Porter	Jesus I Will Ponder Now	Organ	Calfaria 99-103
2010	Thomas Keesecker	As Rain From the Clouds	SATB, piano, flute, rainstick, opt childrens choir	Augsburg 978-14514-0160-8
2011	Kevin Hildebrand	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	SATB, cong, trumpets, timpani, opt violin, opt cello	CPH 984088, 97-7427 Opt V2 is homage to cantata BWV 137
2014	Linda C Kempke	Christ, Be Our Light	2-part choir, cong, piano, opt handbells, flute	Concordia Chicago Kapelle touring piece 2018

Date	Composer	Title	Requires	Notes
2024	Linda C Kempke	Christ, Mighty Savior	Organ partita	For Nancy's 70 th birthday