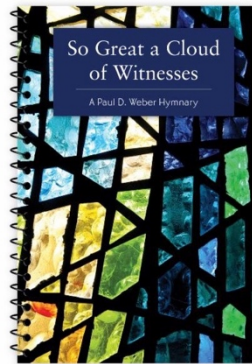


“HYMN SINGS” SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE SYNOD



So Great a Cloud of Witnesses A Paul D. Weber Hymnary

A new collection of 91 texts and tunes patterned after Luther's understanding of the importance of congregational song for faith and worship.

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A new expansive hymn collection, *So Great a Cloud of Witnesses*, by The Reverend Dr. Paul Weber, has been published by Augsburg Fortress and will be introduced throughout the state in several “Hymn Sings” for lay persons, clergy, musicians, and all who love to sing hymns. These “Hymn Sings” are underwritten by a grant from the Michael Peeler Fund of the North Carolina Synod. Participants will enjoy hearing the background of new hymns before they are sung and will affirm the importance of congregational song for faith and life. Weber’s collection spans the years from seminary to retirement and includes songs commissioned by several synod churches. His original music beautifully portrays his own texts and those of prominent hymn writers such as Brian Wren, Gracia Grindal, and Jaroslav Vajda. You and your parishioners are invited to participate in a “Hymn Sing” at any of these locations:

Monday, September 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, Salisbury
Tuesday, September 26, 3:05-4:20 p.m., Duke University Divinity School, Durham
Tuesday, September 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Salem United Methodist Church, Reidsville
Saturday, September 30, 10:00-11:30 a.m., Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory
Sunday, October 1, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Hickory
Sunday, October 1, 5:00-6:30 p.m., First ARP Church, Statesville
Monday, October 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m., St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Asheville
Thursday, October 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church, Boone

Weber is a pastor of the North Carolina Synod (ELCA) with twenty years of parish experience. He is also Prof. Emeritus of Church Music at Lenoir-Rhyne University and Conductor of the Lenoir-Rhyne University A Cappella Choir. His hymn *Founded on Faith* appears in *All Creation Sings*, and his tune for Routley’s *All Who Love and Serve Your City* is found in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. Accompanist for the Hymn Sing will be Florence Jowers, a Deacon of the Virginia Synod (ELCA) who served as Lenoir-Rhyne University Organist and Conductor of the Lenoir-Rhyne Youth Chorus for many years. During the 2022-2023 academic year Florence and Paul were Visiting Professors of Church Music in the School of Theology at The University of the South, Sewanee, TN. Married for forty-five years, they have retired to Staunton, VA, and travel often to visit their three children and six grandchildren.

Permission for use of the hymn texts may be secured at onelicense.net and graphics will be available in the future at sundaysandseasons.com or by contacting the composer at his website: pauldweber.com. Copies of the collection will be provided for the workshop and will also be available for purchase by participants or may be ordered directly from Augsburg. If you would like to sponsor a future “Hymn Sing,” please contact Dr. Weber at his website.