



55<sup>th</sup> Year

2025–2026

# BACH

## Cantata Vespers



**Grace Lutheran Church  
River Forest, Illinois**

**Sunday afternoons  
Lecture at 3:00 p.m.  
Prelude at 3:45 p.m.**

**September 28**

*BWV 137*

**Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren**

*Praise to the Lord, the almighty King of creation*

David Heim, Oak Park, Illinois, homilist

Samuel Barber: Toccata Festiva, op. 36; Chelsea Chen, organist

**October 26**

*BWV 79*

**Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild**    *God the Lord is Sun and Shield*

L. George Detweiler, Norristown, Pennsylvania, homilist

J. S. Bach: Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068

**November 23**

*BWV 57*

**Selig ist der Mann**    *Blessed is the man*

Katie Hines-Shah, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hinsdale, Illinois, homilist

Steven Wentz, Concordia University Chicago, organist

**December 31**

*BWV 28*

**Gottlob! nun geht das Jahr zu Ende**    *Praise God! Now the year comes to an end*

*Performed as part of Grace's New Year's Eve Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.*

David R. Lyle, Grace Lutheran Church and School, River Forest, Illinois, homilist

**January 18**

*BWV 72*

**Alles nur nach Gottes Willen**    *Everything according to God's will alone*

JoAnn Post, Lutheran Church of the Ascension, Northfield, Illinois, homilist

Kontras Quartet: Eleanor Bartsch, Sherri Zhang, Ben Weber, and Jean Hatmaker

**February 22**

*BWV 168*

**Tue Rechnung! Donnerwort**    *Settle the account! Word of thunder*

Elizabeth Palmer, The Christian Century, Chicago, Illinois, homilist

Timothy Spelbring, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Mount Prospect, Illinois, organist

**March 29**

*BWV 68*

**Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt**    *God so loved the world*

M. Daniel Carroll R. (Rodas), Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, homilist

David Cherwien, Minneapolis, Minnesota, organist

**April 19**

*BWV 146*

**Wir müssen durch viel Trübsal in das Reich Gottes eingehen**

*We must enter the kingdom of God through much sorrow*

Nathan Klein, Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, homilist

Kapelle of Concordia University Chicago, guest choir; Charles P. Brown, conductor

Michael D. Costello, Grace Lutheran Church and School, River Forest, Illinois, organist

**May 17**

*BWV 43*

**Gott fährt auf mit Jauchzen**    *God goes up with jubilation*

Robert George Moore, St. Thomas Church, Leipzig, Germany, homilist

Gerald Finzi: Violin Concerto; Eleanor Bartsch, violinist

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