



56th Year

2026–2027

BACH

Cantata Vespers



**Grace Lutheran Church
River Forest, Illinois**

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

September 27

BWV 148

Bringet dem Herrn Ehre seines Namens

Bring to the Lord the glory due his name

Bruce K. Modahl, Elmhurst, Illinois, homilist

J. S. Bach: Concerto No. 1 in D minor, BWV 1052; **Jory Vinikour**, Chalon-sur-Saône, France, harpsichordist

October 25

BWV 194

Höchsterwünschtes Freudenfest *Most highly desired festival of joy*

Brian E. Konkol, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, homilist

J. S. Bach: Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043; **Betty Lewis and Paul Zafer**, violinists

Richard Hillert: Prelude to Evening Prayer

November 22

BWV 71

Gott ist mein König *God is my king*

Carla Thompson Powell, Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, homilist

Catherine R. Rodland, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, organist

January 24

BWV 3

Ach Gott, wie manches Herzeleid *Ah, God, how much heartache*

Dan Heim, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Oak Park, Illinois, homilist

Kontras Quartet, Chicago, Illinois

February 28

BWV 159

Sehet! Wir gehn hinauf gen Jerusalem *Behold! We go up to Jerusalem*

Craig Mueller, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois, homilist

Steven Wente, Concordia University Chicago, organist

March 20, 21

BWV 245

Johannes-Passion *St. John Passion*

Admission is free; free-will offering

Saturday, March 20, 7:00 p.m. (Preview lecture at 6:00 p.m.)

Sunday, March 21, 4:00 p.m. (Preview lecture at 3:00 p.m.)

Bach Cantata Vespers Chorus and Orchestra in collaboration with **Consonance—Chicago Choral Artists**

Grace Cantor Michael D. Costello, conducting

April 25

BWV 134

Ein Herz, das seinen Jesum lebend weiß *A heart that knows its Jesus is living*

Robert L. Shaner, Hinsdale, Illinois, homilist

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

Scott M. Hyslop, Zion Lutheran Church and School, Dallas, Texas, organist

May 23

BWV 129

Gelobet sei der Herr, mein Gott *Praised be the Lord, my God*

Jennie English-Dumont, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois, homilist

Richard Hillert: Three Pieces for Brass, Timpani, and Organ

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