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They sing a new song:  
**“You are worthy”**



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Sundays at 10:30 am  
*followed by Fellowship at 11:45 am*

### Bible Study

For children, Sundays at 9:00 am  
For adults, Sundays at 9:00 am and  
Thursdays at 10:00 am

### Choir

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm through May

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# CALENDAR

MAY						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### May

- 6 Property Committee 12:00 pm
- 19 Discipling Committee 10:00 am  
Community Meal 12:00 pm
- 20 Executive Committee 12:00 pm  
Outreaching Committee 12:00 pm
- 22 Council 7:00 pm
- 27 Fellowship Committee 12:00pm

### June

- 3 Property Committee 12:00 pm
- 10 Executive Committee 12:00 pm
- 16 Discipling Committee 10:00 am  
Community Meal 12:00 pm
- 17 Outreaching Committee 12:00 pm
- 19 Council 7:00 pm
- 24 Fellowship Committee 12:00 pm

### Support Groups

- Sun Alanza Club 7:00 pm
- Mon Serenity Circle 7:00 pm
- Tue 2 Be Free 7:00 pm  
Round Robin 7:30 pm
- Fri Men to Men in Recovery 6:00 pm
- Sat SIA 9:00 am
- M-Sa Eastside Early Birds 6:30 am

# Foreword to Georg Rhau's Collection, "Symphoniae iucundae"

*Editor's note: The regular meditation from Pastor Scott is taking a one-issue hiatus. Instead we hear from Martin Luther himself writing about music. This theme was selected in celebration of the completion of our organ console restoration project. Georg Rhau was a composer, contemporary of Luther, and teacher at the University of Wittenburg. This forward was written in 1538.*

**I** Doctor Martin Luther, wish all lovers of the unshackled art of music grace and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ!

I truly desire that all Christians would love and regard as worthy the lovely gift of music, which is a precious, worthy, and costly treasure given to mankind by God.

The riches of music are so excellent and so precious that words fail me whenever I attempt to discuss and describe them.... In summa, next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits...

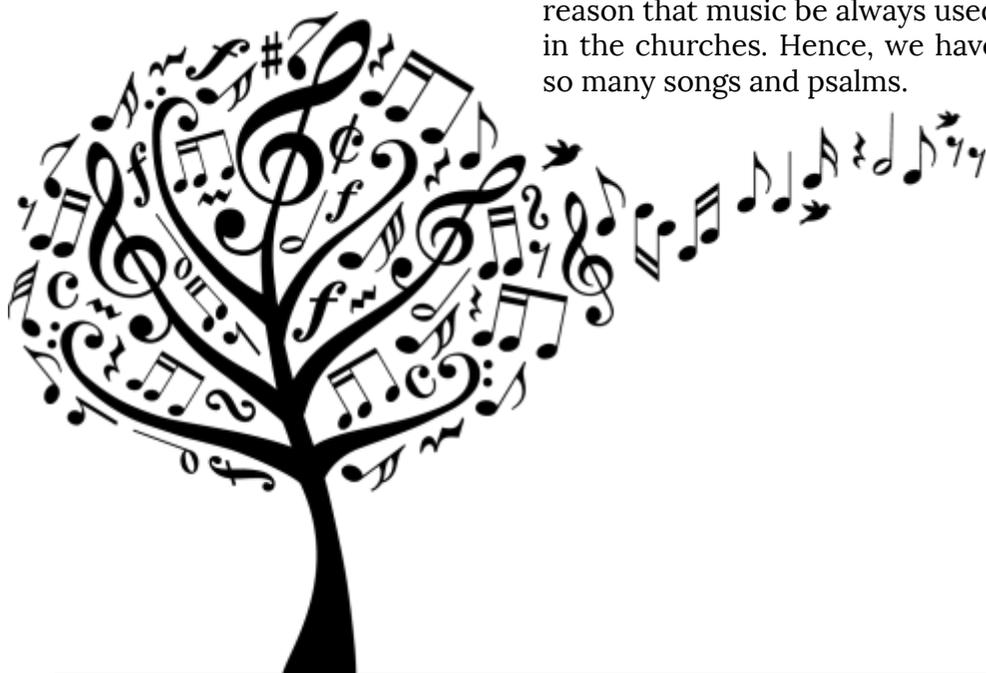
Our dear fathers and prophets did not desire without reason that music be always used in the churches. Hence, we have so many songs and psalms.



This precious gift has been given to man alone that he might thereby remind himself that God has created man for the express purpose of praising and extolling God.

However, when man's natural musical ability is whetted and polished to the extent that it becomes an art, then do we note with great surprise the great and perfect wisdom of God in music, which is, after all, His product and His gift; we marvel when we hear music in which one voice sings a simple melody, while three, four, or five other voices play and trip lustily around the voice that sings its simple melody and adorn this simple melody wonderfully with artistic musical effects, thus reminding us of a heavenly dance, where all meet in a spirit of friendliness, caress and embrace.

A person who gives this some thought and yet does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God, must be a clodhopper indeed and does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of asses and the grunting of hogs.



# Organ Console Renovation



**W**ith profound gratitude, I'd like to thank everyone that has made our organ console renovation project a reality. This is a project that has been materializing for nearly two and a half years. Now it is quickly coming to a close. As of this writing there are just a few finishing details to be completed. Without your words of encouragement as well as your financial support, this never would have been possible.

In undertaking this project, we have completely overhauled the electrical system of the organ, much the same way that you might replace all of the electrical cables in a house during a major remodel. We've also replaced all of the drawknobs that control the different sounds of the organ. And we've freshened up the finish. The result is something that is both beautiful to look at and performs impeccably.

One of the most distinctive characteristics of the pipe organ that set it apart from all other instruments is its ability to produce a wide variety of tonal colors. Sometimes you hear flutes, sometimes strings, and other times trumpets. Skillful variation of these colors within context of even just one song can make the music sing in a rather profound way.

This project has directly impacted our organ's ability to sing by making it exponentially easier for the organist to switch from one tonal color to another. For about the last 100 years, organs have been equipped with programmable memory buttons that can change the tonal setting of the organ with a single touch.



**Above:** Organist, Dr. Tom Mueller takes a bow following his performance on April 14.

Prior to the renovation, the organ was equipped with seven such programmable memory buttons. Since the renovation, the organ is now equipped with 16 memory buttons. On top of that, those 16 buttons can be programmed as a set in 5,000 different ways, effectively giving the organ 80,000 possible memory settings.

During the month of April, we have had several opportunities to showcase our updated console. I performed a dedication program on Easter Sunday. On April 14, concert organist, Tom Mueller, presented a concert as part of the Trinity Concert Series. And on April 17, six local organist, Laura Dickey, Mark Milliren, Russell Litchfield, Lee Lassetter (Trinity organist in the mid 1980's), David York, and myself presented a program for the Long Beach chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

We were all able to practice and set up our memories without having to worry about re-setting them again later. This was not only a great convenience to all of the organists but it

also enabled a new level of variety.

Many other enhancements have also been included. The organ bench has been reconstructed so now it is height adjustable, which is really appreciated by taller organists such as myself. We also have the ability to record our performances and play them back. As an organist, this is a wonderful feature because I can listen to my songs out in the room and hear them how you would hear them and make sure that sound balance is correct. As you may have noticed on Easter Sunday, this also has the benefit of being able to have the organ accompaniment pre-recorded to play with the choir, as was done during our anthem that day.

This truly has been an incredible blessing to this congregation and the community!

—Trevor Wolter, Trinity Organist

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## Council Meeting Notes February 20, 2018

### Officer Report Highlights

- PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
  - Our new Parish Administrator, Cookie Quinlan, began work on Monday, February 19.
  - Council members who need or desire can have an @trinityclcb.org email address set up for them.
  - The church bank account signators are being updated to be President Robert Pedder, Financial Secretary, Marilyn Bohl, and Treasurer Trevor Wolter
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:
  - Working capital (available funds for operating expenses) at the end of the month was \$12,650.92
  - During the interim before the new Parish Administrator was hired, a part-time receptionist worked in the office. Her compensation was attributed to the Parish Administrator budget line item

### Committee Report Highlights

- DISCIPLING COMMITTEE: Midweek Lenten soup suppers and devotions were scheduled back to Wednesday evenings.
- FELLOWSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE: A potluck was scheduled for Sunday, April 15

- **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**
  - Painting of the church interior was completed
  - Work on re-finishing the floors would begin shortly
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Options for re-investing the certificates of deposit, which matured in December 2017, was still being investigated

### **Continuing Business**

- Funding of the church floor refinishing project was allocated from the Special Gifts Project account
- A draft for “Procedures for County Money” was presented and discussed.

### **New Business**

- Treasurer, Trevor Wolter, distributed a calendar and presented a plan for adjusting employee pay periods beginning April 1, 2018 to provide more time for the treasurer to write checks between the end of the pay period and pay day.

## **Council Meeting Notes March 20, 2018**

### **Officer Report Highlights**

- **PASTOR’S REPORT:**
  - A special service will to be held on April 4 at St. Luke’s on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.
  - Pastor will be on vacation the week after Easter. Pastor Tom will be leading worship on April 8.
- **PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**
  - Member information sheets should be completed by all church members.
  - The Executive Committee will review the employee vacation schedule.
- **FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT:**
  - Envelope giving has been lower than previous.
  - Options for CD re-investment is still being studied.
  - The Parish Administrator will soon begin work entering invoices into Quickbooks.

### **Committee Report Highlights**

- **DISCIPLING COMMITTEE:** A grant from the Long Beach Arts Council was awarded to cover \$250 of the appearance fee for the concert presented by Dr. Tom Mueller.
- **OUTREACHING COMMITTEE:**
  - We are working to ensure that the calendar on the church website is always up to date.
  - In cooperation with the Property Committee, we are investigating options to replace the chimes system on the exterior of the church.
  - The White Zone in the street in front of the church has been re-painted by the City.
- **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:**
  - Work on re-finishing the floors has been completed.
  - There is a need to replace some cast iron sewer lines serving the restrooms.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** One of the three CDs that matured in December 2017, which comprised unrestricted funds was authorized to be transferred into the Special Gifts Project account

### **New Business**

- Council members were asked to sign printed statements affirming their personal reading and understanding of Trinity’s Harassment Policy.
- Delegates are need for the Synod Assembly to be held June 1-2 at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks.

## The Last Page Cookie Quinlan

*Editor's note: I asked our new Parish Administrator, Cookie, to share a little bit about herself so that we could get to know her a little better as the newest part of the Trinity family.*

**M**y name is Cookie Patricia Quinlan and very pleased to be part of Trinity Lutheran Church as the Parish Administrator. I have met some wonderful and interesting people associated with Trinity, and look forward to meeting you all!

Trinity Staff has been very warm and kind welcoming

me into my new role. It has been refreshing coming here, where the atmosphere is very positive and upbeat! Pastor Scott, is great with his history knowledge, which I find fascinating, Dalerond, is wonderful with his laughter and humor, Mr. Pedder, Mr. Jackson, Marilyn... all absolutely wonderful to work with. Trevor, who I'm sure, I must make crazy with tackling on the bulletin... this is challenging for me having NEVER done anything like this, and working with a perfectionist.

I am originally from Holland, The Netherlands and came

here when I was 2 years old. My Family was sponsored by The Presbyterian Church in the San Fernando Valley in the 60's. I grew up in the valley, Porter Ranch, Calabasas, Agoura Hills. I became a United States citizen last year in July, I am a wife, mother and grandmother residing in East Long Beach, and bought the home where my husband grew up as a child. My church is St Cornelius where my husband went to school when he was a child. Outside Trinity, I have 2 corporations and an LLC.

## MORE of the Last Page Marilyn Bohl



Sincere thanks to all for your help in the planning, preparing for, and carrying out of the Celebration of Life honoring Jim Young, both the service and the lite lunch that followed, at Trinity March 24th. Thanks especially, too, for your caring and prayers. — Marilyn Bohl

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