

# LUTHERAN\_REFORMATION\_MUSIC\_LIST.pdf

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In the organ loft of a church in Norden, Germany, I saw a list of the organists for that parish from the 1200s. It inspired me to create a list for my own church. We could trace our pastors back to the founding of the congregation but who directed the choirs and played the organ was lost beyond the 1930s and 1940s.

With the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation approaching in 2017, I was inspired to create a list of people who [self] identified as Lutheran and who wrote either hymn texts and/or music for Lutheran worship. Thus was born "the list."

I thought it would be a fairly simple project. It has not been. Also, it has been far more extensive than I ever dreamed. Never let it be said that the spirit of music in worship unleashed by Martin Luther is dead! Rather, it is alive and well in every place that Lutherans gather to worship.

While many write and adapt music each week for their choir or congregation, I have drawn the line at those whose music is broadly and commercially available.

This is a perpetual list, one to be added to as the years roll by and God's praises are sung in Lutheran congregations around the world.

Here is the list. The things I am looking for are:

- Who needs to be on this list that isn't?
- Who is on this list that shouldn't be? The criteria to be on here is, [self] identified as Lutheran and writing hymns or other compositions for wide congregational usage in Lutheran churches and other Lutheran settings. While many write music for use by their choirs and congregations, I am looking for people, past and present, whose work is broadly disseminated and commercially available.
- I am missing a lot of dates especially for people still living; please e-mail me any information you may have regarding them.
- Any other thoughts or suggestions?

Thanks,  
Valerie Hess

## HYMNWRITERS :

- **American—**

**John Arthur** (1970)

**Fred Baue** (b. 1946)

**Robert Bornemann** (died 2009)

**Walter Bouman** (1927-2005)

**Susan Briehl** (b. 1952)

**Herbert Brokering** (1926-2009)

**Robin Cain** (b.?) is s/he Lutheran?

**Susan Cherwein** (b. 1953)

**Gerald Coleman** (b. 1953)

**Rusty Edwards** (b.1955)

**Martin Franzmann** (1907-1976)

**Regina Fryxell** (1899 – 1993)

**Gracia Grindal** (b. 1943)

**Haldor Johan Hanson** (1856 – 1929)

**Handt Hanson** (b. 1950)

**Norbert Hattendorf** (1932-2014)

**Bernt B. Haugan** (1862 – 1931)

**Henry Eyster Jacobs** (1844 – 1932)

**F. Samuel Janzow** (b. 1913)

**Ron Klug** (b. 1939)

**Charles Porterfield Krauth** (1823 – 1883)

**Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth** (1845-1925)

**Richard Leach** (b. 1953)

**Henry Lettermann** (1932-1996)

**Matthias Loy** (1828 - 1915)

**Carl Nygard, Jr.** (b. 1947)

**Kristian Ostergaard** (1855 - 1931)

**Carl Flentge Schalk** (b. 1929)

**Olive Wise Spannaus** (b. 1916)

**Stephen Paul Starke** (b.1955)

**Herman G Stuempfle** (1923-2007)

**Jaroslav Vajda** (1919 – 2008)

**Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther** (1811 – 1887)

**John Ylvisaker** (b. 1937)

- **Denmark—**

**Hans Adolph Brorson** (1694 – 1764)

**Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig** (1783-1872)

**Bernhard Severin Ingemann** (1789 – 1862)

**Thomas Hansen Kingo** (1634 – 1703)

**Kristian Ostergaard** (1855 - 1931)

- **Finland—**

**Frans Michael Franzén** (1772 – 1847) (Swedish and Finnish poet)

**Hemminki of Masku** (c. 1550–1619)

**Julius Leopold Fredrik Krohn** (1835 – 1888) His native language was German.

**Karl Emil Liljeblad** (1876 – 1937)

**Elias Lönnrot** (1802 – 1884) ?????

**Wilhelm "Wilhelmi" Malmivaara** (until 1900 **Malmberg** Swedish name, 1854 – 1922)

**Martti (Martin) Rautanen** (1845 Tikopis – 1926)

**Johan Ludvig Runeber** (1804 – 1877) was a Finland-Swedish poet, and is the national poet of Finland. He wrote in the Swedish language.

- **German—**

**Erasmus Alberus** (c. 1500–1553)

**Martin Behm** (1557–1622)

**Karl Heinrich von Bogatzky** (1690 – 1774)

**Eckart Büchen** (b. 1943)

**Elisabeth Cruciger** (also spelled Kreuziger, Creutziger etc.; née von Meseritz) (c. 1500 - 1535)

**Johann Crüger** (1598 – 1662)

**Simon Dach** (1605 – 1659)

**Nikolaus Decius** (1480 or 1485- 1541)

**Adam Drese** (1620- 1701)

**Emilie (Ämilie, Aemilie) Juliane** (1637 – 1706)

**Michael Franck** (1609- 1667)

**Johann Fran(c)k** (1618 – 1677)

**Ahasverus Fritsch** (1629- 1701)

**Paul Gerhardt** (1607 – 1676)

**Justus Gesenius** (1601-1673)

**Andreas Gryphius** (1616 – 1664)

**Claus Harms** (1778 - 1855, in Kiel)

**Julie Katharina von Hausmann** (1826- 1901)

**Johann Heermann** (1585 – 1647) commemorated in the Calendar of Saints of the Lutheran Church on 26 October with Philipp Nicolai and Paul Gerhardt.

**Ludwig Helmbold** (1532 – 1598)

**Nikolaus Herman** (c. 1480 - 1561)

**Michael Kongehl** (1646 – 1710)

**Ulrik Vilhelm Koren** (1826 – 1910) Norwegian-American

**Martin Luther** (1483 – 1546)

**Johann Matthäus Meyfart**, also Johann Matthaëus Meyfahrt, Mayfart (1590 – 1642)

**Heinrich Müller** (1631 –1675)

**Joachim Neander** (1650-1680)

**Georg Neumark** (1621 - 1681)

**Philipp Nicolai** (1556 – 1608)

**Martin Opitz von Boberfeld** (1597 – 1639)

**Bartholomäus Ringwaldt** (1532 - c. 1599)

**Martin Rinkart**, or **Rinckart** (1586 – 1649)

**Johann von Rist** (1607 – 1667)

**Martin Schalling the Younger** (1532- 1608)

**Johann Hermann Schein** (1586 – 1630)

**Benjamin Schmolck** (1672 – 1737)

**Balthasar Schnurr** (1572 - 1644)

**Johann Schop** (c1590 - 1664 or 1665 or 1667)

**Christian Scriver** (1629 – 1693)

**Nikolaus Selnecker** (or **Selnecker**) (1530 – 1592)

**Johann Jakob Schütz** (1640-1690)

**Cyriacus Spangenberg** (1528 – 1604) son of the reformer Johannes Spangenberg (de) (1484–1550).

**Lazarus Spengler** (1479 -1534 in Nuremberg)

**Paul Speratus** (1484 – 1551)

**Gerhard Tersteegen** (1697-1769)

**Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther** (1811 – 1887)

**Johann Walter**, also known as *Johann Walther* or *Johannes Walter* (original name: *Johann Blankenmüller*) (1496 – 1570)

- **Hong Kong**

**Mabel Wu** (b. 1948)

- **Iceland—**

**Hallgrímur Pétursson** (1614 – 1674) called the Icelandic Paul Gerhardt.

- **Lithuania**

**Daniel Klein** (Lithuanian: *Danielius Kleinas*) (1609–1666)

- **Norway—**

**Berte Canutte Aarflot** (1795 – 1859)

**Petter Dass** (ca. 1647 – 1707)

**Dorothe Engelbretsdatter** (1634 – 1716)

**Anders Hovden** (1860 -1943)

**Børre Arnold Knudsen** (1937 – 2014)

**Ulrik Vilhelm Koren** (1826 – 1910) Norwegian-American author

- **Sweden—**

**Edvard Evers** (1853 -1919)

**Frans Michael Franzén** (1772 – 1847) Swedish and Finnish poet.

**Laurentius Paulinus Gothus** (1565 – 1646)

**Johan Ludvig Runeberg** (1804 – 1877) was a Finland-Swedish poet, and is the national poet of Finland. He wrote in the Swedish language.

**Lina Sandell** (full name: **Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell-Berg**) (1832–1903)

**Haquin Spegel** (Haqvin) (1645 – 1714),

**Jesper Swedberg** (1653-1735) father of scientist and mystic Emanuel Swedenborg.

**Johan Olof Wallin** (1779 – 1839)

## **Church musicians and composers:**

**Johann Rudolf Ahle** ( 1625 - 1673)

**Heinrich Albert** (1604-1651)

**Martin Agricola** (1486-1556)

**Kevin Anderson** (b.?)

**Anton Armstrong** (b. ?)

**Johann Sebastian Bach** (1685 – 1750)

**Johann Christoph Bach** (1642-1703)

**Karl Philipp Emanuel Bach** (1714-1788)

**Wilhelm Friedemann Bach** (1710-1784)

**Jeremy Bankson** (b. ?)

**Theodore Beck** (b. ?-d. 2003)

**Jay Beech** (b. 1960)

**John Behnke** (b. ?)

**Jan Bender** (1909-1994)

**Mark Bender** (b. 1951)

**Jeffrey Blersch** (b. ?)

**Paul Bunjes** (1914- 1998)

**Eddie Bonnemere** (1921-1996)

**Paul Bouman** (1918-??)

**Johannes Brahms** (1833-1897)

**Michael Burkhardt** (b. 1957)

**Donald Busarow** (1934-2011)

**Tillis Butler** (d. 2002) is he Lutheran?

**Dieterich Buxtehude** (c. 1637/39-1707)

**Jonathan Strommen Campbell** (b.?)

**James Capers** (b. 1948) is he Lutheran?

**Gerhard M. Cartford** (b. 1923)

**Victor Chan** (b. 1959)

**David Cherwien** (b. 1957)

**F. Melius Christiansen** (1871 – 1955)

**Olaf C. Christianen** (1901-1984)

**Paul J. Christiansen** (1914-1997)

**Michael Costello** (?)

**Wolfgang Dachstein** (c.1487- March 7, 1553)

**Hugo Distler** (1908-1942)

**Gallus Dressler** 1533 – 1580/9

**Max Drischner** (1891-1971)

**Johann Georg Ebeling** (1637 (or 1620) – 1676)

**Johannes Eccard** (1533 – 1580/9)

**John Eggert** (b. 1946)

**Werner Fabricius** (April 10, 1633 - January 9, 1679)

**Robert Buckley Farlee** (b. 1950)

**John Ferguson** (b. 1941)

**Frank Ferko** (b. 1950)

**Wolfgang Figulus** (1520 ? or c1525- c1591 or c1588)



**Heinrich Fleischer** (1912-2006)

**Larry Fleming** (1936-2003)

**Melchior Franck** (c. 1579 – 1639)

**Michael Franck** (1609-1667)

**Dennis Friesen-Carper** (b. 1953)

**Cornelius Freundt (Bonamicus)** (c1535 - 1591)

**Johann Anastasius Freylinhausen** (1670 - 1739)

**Friedrich Funcke** (1642 - 1699)

**Severus Gastorius** (1646 – 1682)

**Philip Gehring** (b. 1925)

**Christian Geist** (1640-1711)

**Bartholomäus Gesius** (c. 1562 – 1613)

**Henry Gerike** (?)

**Pam Gervais** (??) also, is she Lutheran?

**Gunter Martin Göttsche** (b. 1953)

**Matthias Greiter** (c. 1494 - 1550)

**Andreas Hammerschmidt** (1611- 1675)

**Georg Friedrich Handel** (1685- 1759)

**Howard Hansen** (1896-1981)

**Rawn Harbor** (b. ?) is he Lutheran?

**James Harris** (b. 1952)

**Hans Leo Hassler** (1564 - 1612)

**Moritz Hauptmann** (1792 – 1868)

**Zebulon Highben** (?)

**Kevin Hildebrand** (b. 1973)

**Richard Hillert** (1923-2010)

**Paul Hindemith** (1895 – 1963) was he Lutheran?

**Jacob Hintze** (1622 - 1702)

**Gottfried August Homilius** (1714 – 1785)

**Robert Hobby** (b. 1962)

**Egil Hovland** (1924-2013)

**Carolyn Jennings** (b. 1936)

**Kenneth Jennings** (1925 – 2015)

**David N. Johnson** (1922-1987)

**Victor Jortack** (b?) is he Lutheran?

**David von Kampen** (b. 1986) Is he Lutheran writing for Lutheran worship?

**Sigfrid Karg-Elert** (1877 – 1933) was he Lutheran?

**Thomas Keesecker** (?)

**Kenneth Kosche** (b. 1947)

**Johann Ludwig Krebs** (1713 – 1780)

**Johann Philipp Krieger** (1649 – 1725)

**Johann Krieger** (1651 – 1735)

**Johann Kuhnau** (1660 – 1722)

**John Leavitt** (b. 1956)

**Ludwig Lenel** (1914-2002) half Jewish but was the other half Lutheran?

**Anton Wilhelm Leupold** (1862-1940) was he Lutheran?

**Julie Lindorff** (b.?)

**Phillip Magness** (?)

**Ray Makeever** (b. 1943)

**Paul O. Manz** (1919-2009)

**Joel Martinson** (b. 1960)

**Cindy McTee** (b.1953)

**Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy** (1809-1847)

**Aaron David Miller** (b. 1972)

**Mark Mummert** (b. 1965)

**Ronald A. Nelson** (b. 1927)

**Kurt Nystedt** (1915-2014)

**Sylvia Oines** (?)

**Charles Ore** (b. 1936)

**Anne Krentz Organ** (b. 1960)

**Karl Osterland** (b. 1956))

**Johann Pachelbel** (1653-1706)

**William Allen Pasch** (b. 1948)

**Thomas Pavlechko** (b. 1962)

**Walter Pelz** (b. 1926)

**Johann Christoph Pezel** (also **Petzold**) (1639 – 1694)

**Christoph Peter** (1626 - 1669)

**Jerry van der Pol** (?)

**Emily Maxson Porter** (b. 1942)

**Rachel Trelstad Porter** (?)

**Hieronymus Praetorius** (1560-1629)

**Michael Praetorius** (1571-1621)

**Mary Preus** (b.?)

**Nancy Raabe** (b. 1954)

**Christine Sullivan Robbins** (?)

**Johann Rosenmüller** (1619 – 1684)

**Don Rotermund** (b. 1942)

**Christian Knorr von Rosenroth** (1631- 1689)

**José Ruiz-Alvarez** (b. 1956) is he Lutheran?

**Jake Runestad** (b. 1986) is he Lutheran?

**David Schack** (b. 1947)

**Johann Hermann Schein** (1586-1630)

**Leonhard Schroeter** (c1532 (or c1540) - 1601 (or 1595)

**Ralph C. Schultz** (b.1932)

**Heinrich Schütz** (1585-1672)

**Valerie Shields** (b. 1951)

**Friedrich Silcher** (1789-1860)

**Kile Smith** (?)

**Johann Steffens** (1560-1616)

**Caspar von Stieler** (1632- 1707)

**Andrew Tecson** (b?)

**Georg P. Teleman** (1681-1767)

**Melchior Teschner** (1584 - 1635)

**James Thiele** ( 1930-1997)

**Clara Schumann** (1819-1896)

**Robert Schumann** (1810-1856)

**Daniel Schwandt** (b.?)

**Mark Sedio** (b. 1954)

**Martin L. Seltz** (1909-1967)

**Jean Sibelius** (1865 – 1957)

**Kile Smith** (b.?)

**Ike Sturm** (b.?)

**Daniel Vetter** (1657/8 - 1721)

**Emanuel Vogt** (1925-2007) was he Lutheran?

**Melchior Vulpinus** (c.1560 or c1570 - 1615)

**Johann Walter** (1496-1570)

**Robert James Weaver** (b.1941)

**Paul D. Weber** (b. 1949)

**Scott Weidler** (b.?)

**Richard Wienhorst** (1920-2010)

**Marilyn Witte** (b.?)

Heinz Werner Zimmermann (?)

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