

CarolMeierMusic Notes

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Welcome to the fifth issue of carolmeiermusic notes!

Blessings and peace to you, my friends.

Thank you for your interest in the music I am writing for the church. I pray this music offers new expressions of the abundant grace, endless mercy, and unfailing love God has for our world.

Song of the Light

an excerpt from one of the songs
in this issue's featured liturgy...

The Way of the Manger: An Advent Liturgy

"Do not fear
for the day draws near
when Love will come,
shining as the Sun!

Morning will dawn,
sorrow be gone,
all will belong,
singing the song of the Light!"

In this newsletter
you can learn about:

My newest text:

Creating Word

Winner of
The Hymn Society's
2025 song search contest

SAVE THE DATES
upcoming events

Summer/Fall 2025 Highlights

Featured Liturgy:
***The Way of the Manger:
An Advent Liturgy***

~Creating Word~

winning text of *The Hymn Society's 2025 song search contest



Because there's an ecumenical movement calling for
a new feast to celebrate God the Creator,
*[The Hymn Society](#)'s 2025 song search called for
new texts and songs on this theme.
I was surprised and delighted
when my new text, Creating Word, won!!

This song was shared at The Hymn Society's 2025
conference in Detroit, MI in July. It is now available
in [congregational format](#) for FREE!

I also have an [arrangement](#) of Creating Word
(for congregation, piano, and violin) available.

My prayer is that Creating Word is an expression of:
~praise and gratitude to God for the gift of creation
~lament and repentance for the harm done to creation
~prayer for all creation to be restored
to wholeness and health.

*The Hymn Society is an ecumenical community which promotes congregational
song (of multiple genres) in creative, worshipful, scholarly, and life-giving ways.



Here's a very '[homemade](#)' video of
Creating Word from The Hymn
Society conference in July. Thanks to
Am're for playing the violin!

SAVE THE DATES!!

If you're interested and in the area, consider joining us for:

Light of the World: An Ecumenical Evening Prayer & Christmas carol sing-a-long

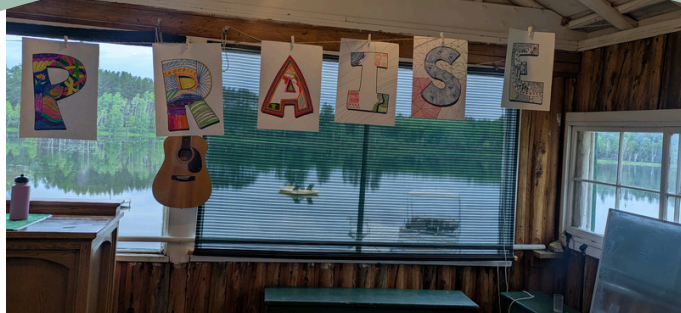
Join our
[Light of the
World
Facebook
GROUP](#)
and help us
spread the
word!

Wednesday, DECEMBER 17 at 2pm
Carrie's Chapel at Bethesda Grand, Willmar, MN



Ordinary Time at Camp House

Discover God
in the ordinary!



June 13-19,
2026 😊

Peace of the Prairie
3rd Annual Retreat for Church Musicians
Shalom Hill Farm, Windom, MN

September 24-26, 2026



Highlights - Summer 2025



What a joy it was to be the musician in June 2025 for a week of

Ordinary Time at Camp House

Camp House, a part of [Green Lake Lutheran Ministries](#) (becoming Water's Edge Ministries), sits on beautiful Lake George in Minnesota's Northwoods.

Ordinary Time offers a unique camp experience for folks of all ages. Each of the weeks features a pastor, artist, and musician.



There's nothing quite like making music with people you've just met! What a great way to make new friends!



Save the Date!

I'm excited to be returning to Camp House, along with Pastor Sherri Larson and artist Steve Thomason, for a new season of Ordinary Time June 13-19, 2026

The Hymn Society Conference in Detroit ~ July 2025

[The Hymn Society](#) conference in Detroit was a great highlight of the summer! The days were packed with nourishing worship experiences, inspiring speakers, great conversations, and amazing communal singing!! If you ever have the chance to go to one of these, I highly recommend it!

In addition to sharing Creating Word, I was able to lead [Broken and Beautiful](#) (text by S. Delores Dufner, OSB) in a workshop by GIA. I was sorry Delores couldn't be with us to introduce "our" song, but it was great fun to make this [video](#) to share with her!



Peace of the Prairie

2nd Annual Retreat for Church Musicians
September 11-13, 2025

The retreat for church musicians, held at Shalom Hill Farm in September, was a great highlight this fall!



SAVE THE DATE!
Next year's retreat:
September 24-26, 2026

In September, a wonderful group of church musicians gathered for a few blessed days of worship, prayer, rest, resource sharing, discussion and simply being together, dwelling in the peace of the prairie at Shalom Hill Farm.



Featured Liturgy: The Way of the Manger: An Advent Liturgy



[The Way of the Manger: An Advent Liturgy video*](#)

Looking for something new for Advent?

This 20 minute liturgy includes original music as well as two new texts set to familiar carol tunes. It also includes an Advent candle lighting litany; Scripture readings and prayers are structured by the trimesters of Mary's pregnancy.

Inspired and
commissioned by
[Shalom Hill Farm.](#)
Co-authored with [Rev.
Meta Herrick Carlson.](#)

Songs include:
The Way of the Manger
Christ Incarnate
Song of the Light

More details and
purchasing information
for The Way of the
Manger found [here.](#)

*Videos for browsing and
learning all of *The Prairie
Liturgies* are available!

[Shalom Daily Prayers:
Morning, Midday, Evening.](#)

[Feast of Shalom: A Holy
Communion Setting.](#)

[The Peace of the Prairie: A
Liturgy for Here and Now](#)

Recorded at Bethlehem
Lutheran Church Twin Cities
at the Prairie Liturgies Event
in September 2024.

Thanks for taking time to connect with me.
I'd love to collaborate with you in ministry!
I'm available for:

- new commissions: text, tune, arranging
- retreat/worship leadership
- dreaming about new possibilities

If you're interested in exploring ideas,
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[youtube channel](#)

In the name of Christ,
our hope and our peace,
-Carol Meier