

Keynote Presentation II:

**Spiritual Care as the Aim of Church Music**

Our work and our choices so easily become ends in themselves. The aim of our charge must not be forgotten. It is the aim of the Word of God by the power of the Spirit, as laid out in the third article of the creed: the forgiveness of sins, the sanctification of the Church, and the resurrection at the last day. For pastors, this charge is a familiar and welcome reminder. This presentation will argue that it belongs also to the charge of the Lutheran church musician. By focusing the kantor's task again on the spiritual care of Christians, pastors will also grow in appreciation of their pastoral responsibilities for worship. Finally, recognizing this common aim, these differing "ministries" will learn better how to work and sing in harmony.