



HYMNAL Highlight

Three articles on the new psalter

The spring 2023 issue of *CrossAccent*, Journal of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM), features three articles about the new WELS psalter. These are available by permission of ALCM on the [hymnal introduction page](#).

Paul Prange, who chaired the psalmody committee, contributes an article about the development of the psalter.

Dale Witte, a member of the psalmody committee, provides an extensive article. After an historical overview, three practical sections follow: 1) psalm-singing variety, 2) “Sixteen Ways to Use CWP in PreK–8 Christian Classrooms,” and 3) “Musical Considerations for Introducing the Psalms.”

LCMS Kantor Samuel Eatherton provides a lengthy review of the psalter and its accompaniment volumes. This begins with mention of Alexander Selkirk, whose experience was the basis for the fictional Robinson Crusoe, singing psalms during his four years on an uninhabited island. The review ends with a glowing endorsement: “The psalmody committee of CWP has put together a superbly curated collection of psalms giving us a single place in which to delve for settings to use in corporate worship and in devotions for home and school. I cannot stress enough the excellence of this resource.”