

ADVENT LUTHERAN 2022-2023 CONCERT SERIES



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“The Organ: A One-Man Band”

Concert Series 10th Anniversary kick-off
Enjoy music by Elgar, Bach, Widor, Sousa and more!

Sunday, August 28, 3:00 p.m.

Samuel Backman currently serves as Director of Sacred Music at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Minneapolis, MN, where he chairs a multi-faceted music program, functioning as principal organist and conductor of the Holy Cross Choir, St. Helena Singers, and Tenebrae Choir. An active performer, Sam and has been featured as an organ recitalist for conferences hosted by the American Guild of Organists and the Church Music Association of America. His performances have been featured on Pipedreams, a National Public Radio Broadcast service hosted by Michael Barone. He is also a composer and arranger of music for choir, organ, piano, and chamber ensembles, and his compositions have been published by Paraclete Press.

Sam holds degrees from Saint Olaf College (B.M.), the Yale School of Music (M.M.), and the University of Oklahoma, (D.M.A.) He completed his organ studies in performance and improvisation with John Ferguson, Catherine Rodland, Martin Jean, Damin Spritzer, and John Schwandt, and he studied conducting with Anton Armstrong, Christopher Aspaas, Maguerite Brooks, and Timothy Mahr. Sam is a recipient of many distinguished scholarships and awards, including Saint Olaf College's G.Winston Cassler Scholarship, Yale University's Mary Baker Award for excellence in organ accompaniment, the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago's Ruth and Paul Manz Scholarship Competition.