

Philosophy of Music

Christian education is committed to providing a complete education for God's people. The goal of Christian education is to help children know Jesus Christ as their Savior, to grow in their faith, and to develop their talents to be used in this life to bring glory to God.

Music plays a vital role in people's lives today because it is a source of emotional, intellectual, physical, aesthetic, recreational, and spiritual satisfaction. Music is not something separate from daily living, but is part of a person's daily experience.

Christian education seeks to develop the whole child (Physically, Mentally, Spiritually). Music's many facets can contribute to this development. Music can enrich and vitalize all parts of the curriculum. Music can provide some activity for everyone whether it is singing, playing, listening or rhythmic response. It is a source of enjoyment and satisfaction in leisure time. It provides for self-expression. Music instruction can provide for the development of future musicians.

In Christian Lutheran education, music plays a special role and therefore has greater importance. It is an effective means for helping the child gain a deeper spiritual understanding and offers opportunity for religious expression. Music is an integral part of a child's worship, and when combined with sacred texts, it becomes an appropriate means for proclaiming the truths of the Gospel message. Music that is taught, used, and performed in this manner should always stress the clear Gospel truths of Scripture. Christian Lutheran music education thus serves not itself, but its Creator, His will, and His Word.