

Hymn Festival

featuring **Richard Erickson**
Cantor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York City
at the Cadet Chapel, United States Military Academy, West Point, NY



*A Festival Celebrating the Great Hymns of the Faith,
Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 3:00 pm*

This is a wonderful opportunity to join with choirs and congregations from around the Hudson Valley and metropolitan region in singing favorite hymns accompanied by the largest church pipe organ in the world in the gothic splendor of the Cadet Chapel

**Sponsored by the American Guild of Organists,
Central Hudson Valley Chapter**

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RICK ERICKSON has served as Cantor and Organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church since 1992. During his tenure, Bach Vespers has continued to bring Bach cantatas and other works to life in the context of worship. Erickson began organ study at the age of fourteen. He received the Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin, Superior, and a Master's from the Eastman School of Music, in addition to the Performer's Certificate. He has performed as organist, conductor, and hymn-festival leader throughout the United States and Europe. Mr. Erickson has appeared at conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Pastoral Musicians, and Hymn Society of America. In New York, Erickson founded BachWorks in 1994. Recently, he has conducted "Bach events" in Seattle, Tulsa, and Minneapolis. He served as co-editor for the new choral edition of *Bach for All Seasons*, and has recorded for Augsburg Fortress, Naxos and JAV, among others. His choral arrangements are published by Augsburg Fortress and Kjos Publishers, and he appeared in the acclaimed film "13 Conversations About One Thing." This past year he arranged and directed music for the play *Orphan Singer*. He continues to teach at the Eastman School of Music in the summer Organ Improv Fest.