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Please note: Some of the websites listed have shortened address names thanks to <http://tinyurl.com>. Please trust that these links will take you directly to the resource listed. Due to possible copy and pasting errors with long website addresses, we have shortened the link name for your benefit.

While every resource offers some value, not every resource or link reflects a confessional Lutheran point of view.

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Teaching Music Through Performance. <http://www.teachingmusic.org>. GIA Publications.

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Lutheran Summer Music. <http://lutheransummermusic.org>.

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Northwestern Publishing House. Milwaukee, WI. www.nph.net.

Royal School of Church Music. www.rscm.com.

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Singing the Faith: Living the Lutheran Musical Heritage. Good Shepherd Institute, Fort Wayne, IN. <http://www.goodshepherdinstitute.org/dvd/index.php>.

A product of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, this DVD and accompanying material provides a history of congregational singing in our church. It could be used in various ways for teaching youth about our musical heritage or for congregational instruction. It is a powerful witness to a Lutheran understanding of music—something useful for decisions we make about WHAT we will do with our children's education.

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Education Through Music. <http://richardsinstitute.org/>.

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