

ABOUT MR. AIDAN MENUGE – Music and Chorale

WHY I BECAME A TEACHER

BACKGROUND

• Aidan Menuge was born to Angus and Vicki Menuge in Wisconsin, the first of two sons. A lifelong Lutheran, he engaged with music in worship from a young age through piano, handbells, and eventually organ. Aidan met his wife, Katelyn, at church, and both attended UW-Milwaukee for their undergraduate and graduate degrees. Work brought them both to Idaho, and Mr. Menuge found opportunities to continue praising God through music as an organist and now a teacher at Zion Lutheran School.



EDUCATION

- George D. Warriner Charter High School
- UW-Milwaukee Peck School of the Arts, BFA in Music Composition and Technology
- UW-Milwaukee Peck School of the Arts, MM in Music Composition and Technology

EXPERIENCE

- Undergraduate Tutoring, UW-Milwaukee, Music Theory
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, UW-Milwaukee, Music Theory
- Private Lesson Teacher, Music Composition and Theory
- Organist, Christ Lutheran Meridian, and Good Shepherd Boise

FAMILY AND OUTSIDE INTERESTS

- I was born and raised by my parents, Angus and Vicki, alongside my brother, Corin.
- I married my wife, Katelyn, in 2014, and together we enjoy walking and traveling with our two dogs, Evie and Enzo.
- Outside of work, I enjoy music, video games, and a good book, and I dabble with moderate success in gardening.

WHY I TEACH or AT ZION LUTHERAN

- I have always loved music, and I think it's important to bring that love to children.
- In that same vein, I want to impart knowledge of good music and how it is constructed to those who will live on after me.
- Before high school, my mother educated me and my brother in a classical style, and I believe it is one of the best modern and historical methodologies for teaching.

CLASSROOM MISSION STATEMENT

- From my great-grandfather (but also Oscar Wilde and the Greek philosophers), "everything in moderation, including moderation," or more succinctly, "temperance." Learning should be fun, but it should not only be fun. Learning should be challenging, but it should not overwhelm the students.