



Martin Luther College Choir

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota**

Thanking God for 160 Years of His Grace
Sunday, November 3, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.



The **Martin Luther College Choir** is an auditioned choir representing the various education programs offered at MLC.

The choir rehearses five times a week to prepare a program of choral music to take to various areas of the WELS. In recent years the choir has sung at congregations in Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, Tennessee, Texas, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The choir was also privileged to travel to our missions in Mexico in 2008.

In addition to this choir, Martin Luther College offers other opportunities for students to participate in ensemble performance. We have three other choirs: Männerchor, Women's Choir, and Chorale. In the instrumental area, we have a Wind Symphony and a handbell choir, the Hosanna Ringers. These ensembles are open to all students, and entry is via an audition process.

Academic programs in the area of music at MLC include programs in K-12 Vocal Music Education, K-12 Instrumental Music Education, and Parish Music. For further information about these or other programs at MLC, visit the website at mlc-wels.edu or call 507-354-8221.

If you are interested in purchasing recordings of the MLC College Choir, contact the Martin Luther College Bookstore at mlc-wels.edu/bookstore or 507-354-8221 ext. 214.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

IGLS Children: “Children’s Medley”

M: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, ✠ and God the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

M: Heavenly Father, we praise you as the Giver of every good and perfect gift.
Be gracious to us and bless us.

C: **May your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

M: Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

C: **Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths.
Then we will walk in the light of life.**

M: Holy Spirit, you alone know the thoughts of God.
Be our Counselor and guide us into all truth.

C: **Sanctify us through the gospel, that we might share in the glory
of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: Lord, we thank and praise you for not leaving us defenseless. You are our refuge and strength. You sent your Son to be pierced for our transgressions, and crushed for our iniquities. Because of Christ’s sacrifice in our place you promise that when we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

C: **Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, and I am your sin. You became what you were not - that I might become what I was not. We shall not die but live and declare the praises of God!**

M: For your saving works, O Lord, we offer our thanksgiving on this special day. You are the God of faithful grace throughout the centuries – and the God who has faithfully carried us for the past 160 years. Come, let us worship the Lord!

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Arranged by Dan Forrest, b. 1978

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; 2. Elected from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; 3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed, 4. Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One, she is His new creation by water and the Word. her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. by sacraments rent asunder, by heresies distressed, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: From heav'n He came and sought her to be his Holy bride; One holy Name she blesses par-takes one holy food, yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" O blessed heav'n-ly chor-us, Lord, save us by your grace, with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. and to one hope she presses, with every grace endowed. and soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song. that we, like saints be-fore us, may see you face to face.

Organ: Ben Foster

Trumpet: Jason Horn, Josiah Smith

Horn: Katie Ungemach

Trombone: Adam Conrad, Noah Sulzle

Tuba: Isaiah Ruddat

Percussion: Caleb Krahn, Emma Pufahl

HOPE

Zachary J. Moore, b. 1992

Alleluia!

Percussion: Joseph Panning, Caleb Krahn

LESSON

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Caleb Carlovsky, MLC senior, Pre-seminary

⁶For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

⁷The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

SPIRIT, LET ME KNOW THEE

Benjamin M. Culli, b. 1975

Spirit, let me know thee and feel thy power within,
The power that breaks my chains and rescues me from sin.
Thy gift is faith, O Spirit;
True hope and joy are surely mine.
In darkest hours thy comfort doth ever brightly shine.
Oh, how oft thy holy voice hath shed its sweetness over me.
Oh, how oft thy holy voice hath opened heaven before me and bid my heart rejoice.
May I live and may I die with spirit calm and spirit fearless,
And after death inherit eternal life on high;
May I inherit eternal life.

LESSON

Revelation 3:7-13

Luke Staude, MLC senior, Preseminary

⁷“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. ¹⁰Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

¹¹I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. ¹²The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. ¹³Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

LET THE PEOPLE PRAISE THEE, O GOD

William Mathias, 1934-1992

Let the people praise thee, O God. Yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for thou shalt judge the folk righteously
And govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God. Yea, let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

God be merciful unto us and bless us,
And show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us.
That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God. Yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Organ: Ben Foster

Stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:34-46

Ryan Boggs, MLC senior, Preseminary

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Be Seated

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Jack Noble White, 1938-2019

Choir: Surely, it is God who saves me.

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Congregation: REFRAIN



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a-fraid. For the
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

Choir: Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name."

Congregation: REFRAIN

Choir: Make his deeds known among the peoples;
See that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
And this is known in all the world.

Congregation: REFRAIN

Choir: Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Congregation: REFRAIN (sung twice)

Organ: George Hogan

Piano: Laura Stelljes

Trumpet: Caleb Jensen, Joshua Kallies

Trombone: Adam Conrad, Ben Foster

Timpani: Caleb Krahn

Handbells: Carissa Avery, Isaiah Carlovsky, Eva Doebler, Ruby Freese, Madelyn Italiano,
Grant Klas, Morgan Ritter, Bethany Schneekloth, Nicole Trapp

SERMON

Matthew 25:34-36

“The Conversation You Never Saw Coming”

Pastor Mark Kom

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. At this 160th anniversary of our congregation, we reflect on your past help and are encouraged in our hope for the future. We praise you for keeping and sustaining your people throughout the ages and for preserving the preaching of your Word and the administration of your Sacraments among us. We give you thanks for opportunities to worship and grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through your Word and Sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: O Lord, our God, bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

M: Almighty God, we ask you to give us courage and hope as we move day by day into the future. Keep safe all those who assemble here in your name. Do not permit the evil one to pluck us out of your mighty hand. Strengthen us in the confidence that you have already overcome our greatest enemies: sin, death and the devil. Increase our trust in your precious promise that you are with us always. Cause your Holy Spirit to work mightily in us and through us, so that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Be with us as we strive to pass down to our children the truths that have been passed down to us. Continue to make our congregation a beacon of your light in this sin-darkened world.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Grant that this celebration of your gracious activity in years and ages past be only the prelude to that far greater celebration we will enjoy forever in the joy and glory of the world to come. Still be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

O WORD OF GOD

Arranged by Craig Courtney, b. 1948

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

O Word of God.
The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.

O Word of God.
The Scripture is a banner, before God's host unfurled;
It is a shining beacon above the dark'ning world.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to you, O Christ, will guide.

O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations your true light as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face. Amen.

Piano: Laura Stelljes
Trumpet: Josiah Smith

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Heinrich Schütz, 1585-1672

I am the Resurrection and the Life.
He that believeth in me, yet shall he live, though he were dead.
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

Psalm 118:22 – The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

O the stone that the builders rejected
Became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

John 12:24 – Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground
And suffer through the winter's cold,
Only to rise right up again
And bear its seed a thousandfold.

Isaiah 11:6 – The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

Never can our journey fail;
A little child will lead the way,
Whose eyes are filled with a shining light,
To whom the night is bright as day.

I Corinthians 15:55-57 – “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The love that rolls the stone away
Gives us life that we may sing,
“Grave, where is thy victory?
Death, O death, where is thy sting?”

Soloists: Jason Horn, Olivia Robinson

Trio: Nicole Schumann, Morgan Ritter, Katie Ungemach

Piano: Luke Staude

BENEDICTION

Elaine Hagenberg, b. 1979

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor rest upon us from above. Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing Giver of every good gift, we beseech you to dwell continually among us with your holy Word and Sacraments, so that by grace we poor sinners may be turned to you and be saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

Be seated


LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Arranged by Carl Schalk, 1929-1991


College Choir will sing stanzas 1 & 3

Congregation will sing stanzas 2 & 4 and all refrains.


Refrain



Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



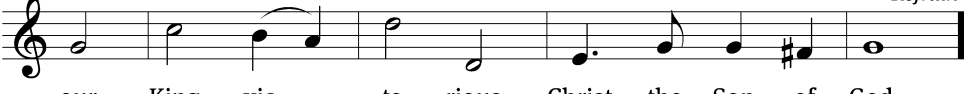
1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,

2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied

3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell

4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.

bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

of him who saves our souls from death and hell.

praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Organ: Ben Foster

Trumpet: Jason Horn, Eric Smith, Josiah Smith

Trombone: Adam Conrad, Noah Sulzle

Percussion: Caleb Krahn

The mission of Martin Luther College is to train men and women to meet the public ministry needs of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and to proclaim the Word of God faithfully and in accord with the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord. To fulfill this mission, Martin Luther College carries out all instruction and programs of student life according to the gospel as revealed in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.



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